

BlendX : Complex Multi-intent Detection with Blended Patterns

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Abstract

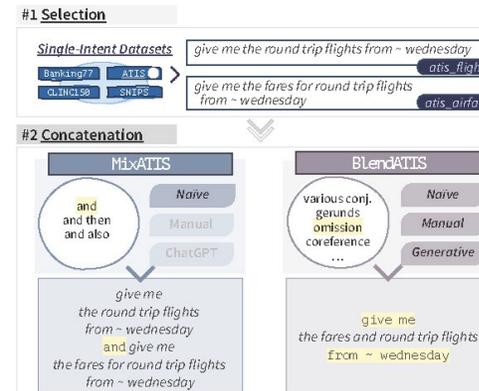
Task-Oriented Dialogue (TOD) systems typically suppose that a user utterance corresponds to a single intent. This assumption may be misaligned with real-world scenarios where users often express multiple intents simultaneously. While there is an emerging interest in Multi-Intent Detection (MID), existing in-domain datasets such as MixATIS and MixSNIPS have limitations in their formulation. To address these issues, we present BlendX, a suite of refined datasets featuring more diverse patterns than their predecessors, elevating both its complexity and difficulty. For dataset construction, we utilize both rule-based heuristics as well as a generative tool—OpenAI’s ChatGPT—which is augmented with a similarity-driven strategy for utterance selection. To ensure the quality of the proposed datasets, we also introduce three novel metrics that assess statistical properties of an utterance related to word count, conjunction use, and pronoun usage. Extensive experiments on BlendX reveal that state-of-the-art MID models struggle with the challenges posed by the new datasets, highlighting the need to reexamine the current state of the MID field.

Keywords: Multi-Intent Detection, Task-Oriented Dialogue

1. Introduction

The successful implementation of Task-Oriented Dialogue (TOD) systems begins with the precise recognition of user intents. By accurately discerning the queries embedded in user inputs and routing them to the relevant components, the systems can adeptly respond, thereby effectively fulfilling user requests. In general, such systems are constructed on the assumption that each user utterance correlates exclusively with a single intent, which often diverges from practical scenarios.

Contrary to the conventional setting, the task of **Multi-Intent Detection (MID)** presents a more nuanced and comprehensive challenge for TOD



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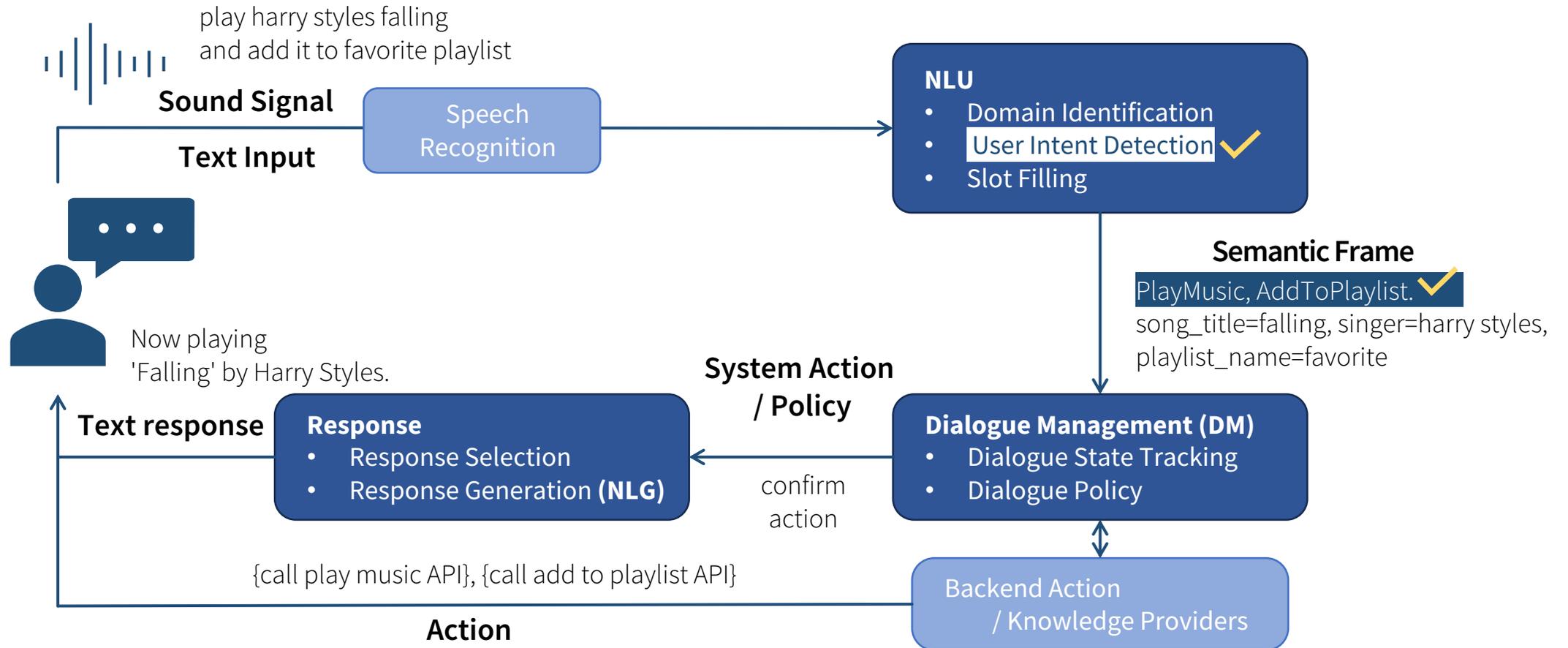
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PRE-REQUISITE

Task-oriented Dialogue System

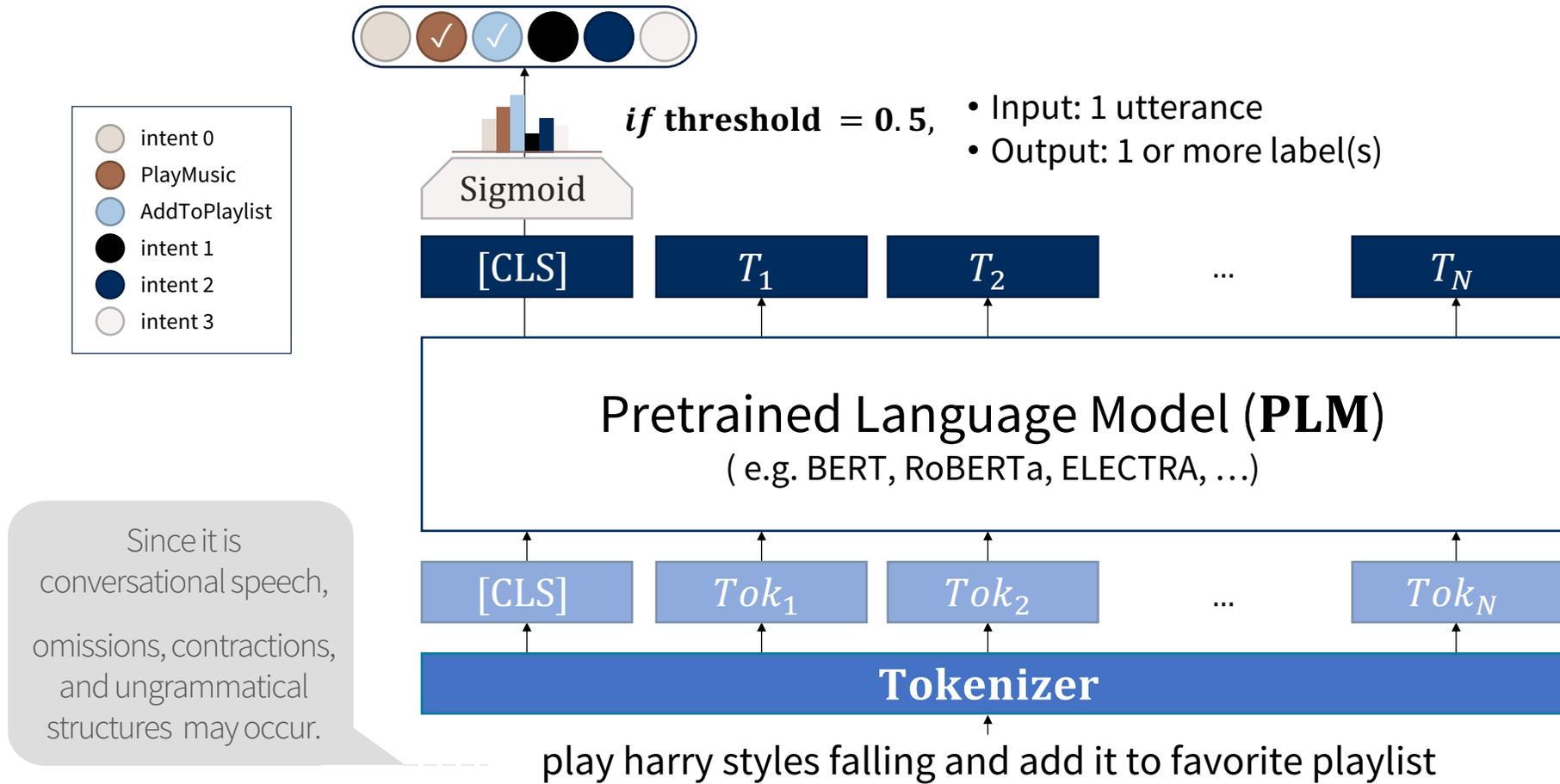
Multi-intent Detection

Task-oriented Dialogue System



- Help users achieve their specific goals
- Focus on **understanding users**, tracking states, and generating next actions

Multi-intent Detection

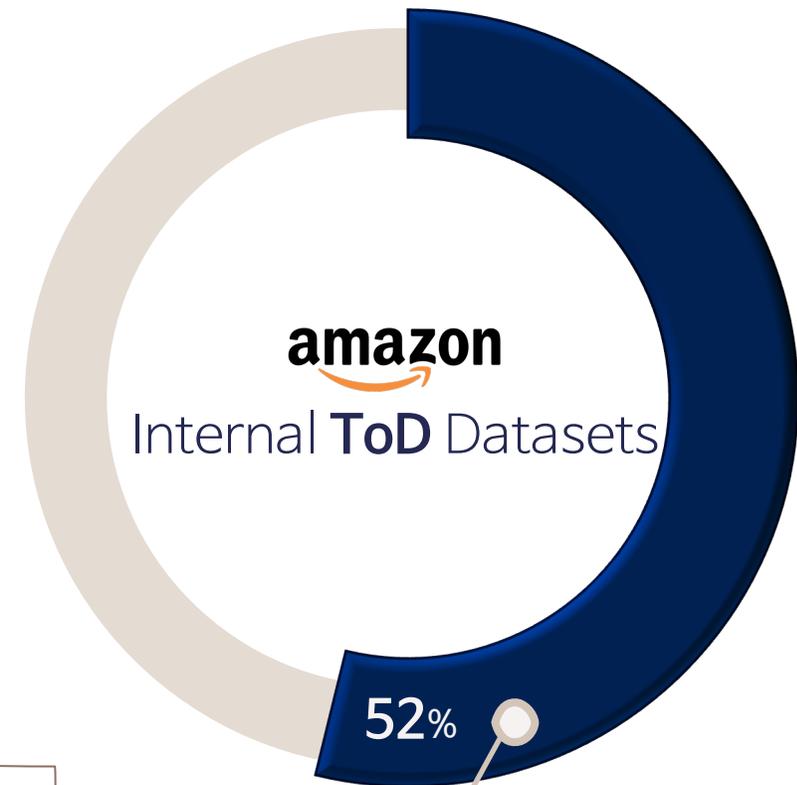


Identify and respond to multiple intentions or requests within a single user utterance

According to a 2019 paper published by AWS AI, Amazon,

52%

more than half of its internal data utterances had multiple intentions.



Rashmi Gangadharaiah and Balakrishnan Narayanaswamy. [Joint Multiple Intent Detection and Slot Labeling for Goal-Oriented Dialog](#). NAACL. 2019

Introduction

Problem States

Background

Related Works

• Literature Review

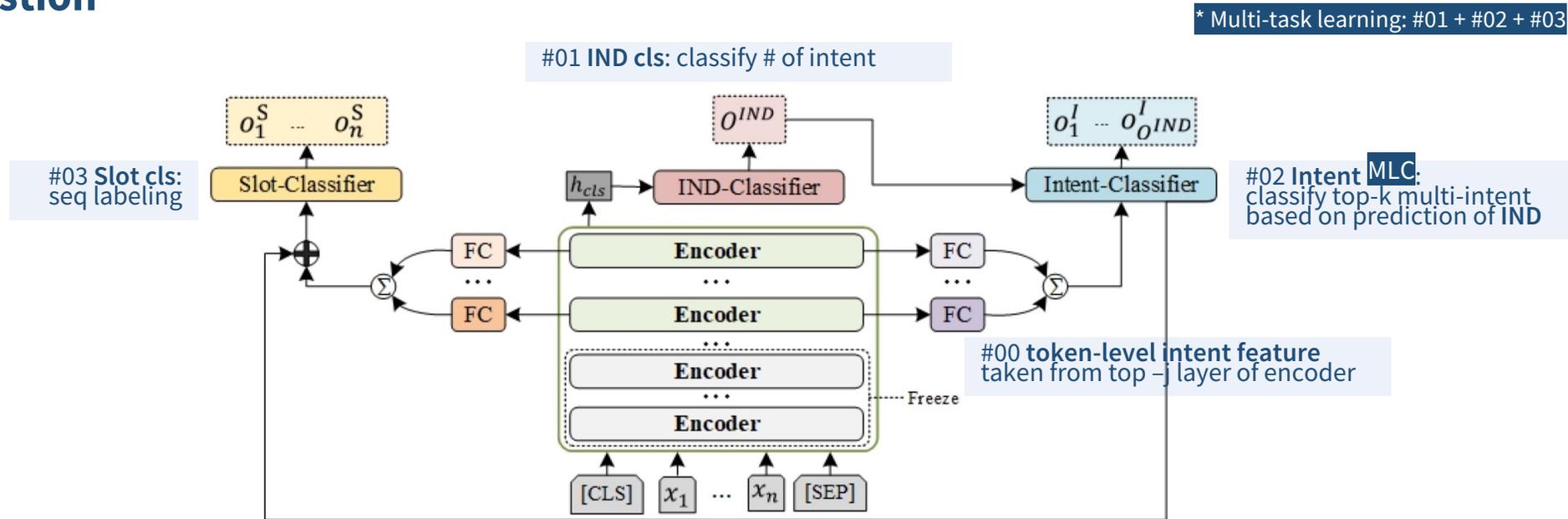
- MID, Jointly-learning (w/ Slot Filling), MLC (Multi-Label Classification), Dataset

Acronyms	Title	Authors	Released	Datasets	Categories	Date
CIBA	Multi-Point Semantic Representation for Intent Classification	Jinghan Zhang, et al.	AAAI2020	CCL, CitySrv, ECOM, TELE	MID	4/27
AGIF	AGIF: An Adaptive Graph-Interactive Framework for Joint Multiple Intent Detection and Slot Filling	Libo Qin, et al.	EMNLP2020 Findings	MixATIS, MixSNIPS	Jointly-learning	4/27
GL-GIN	GL-GIN: Fast and Accurate Non-Autoregressive Model for Joint Multiple Intent Detection and Slot Filling	Fuxuan Wei, et al.	ACL-IJCNLP 2021	MixATIS, MixSNIPS	Jointly-learning	4/27
MCT&ALR	Few-shot Learning for Multi-label Intent Detection	Yongkui Lai, et al.	AAAI2021	StanfordLU, TourSG (DSTC-4)	MID w/ dynamic threshold	4/27
SDJN	Joint Multiple Intent Detection and Slot Filling via Self-distillation	Lisong Chen, et al.	ICASSP 2022	MixATIS, MixSNIPS	Jointly-learning	4/27
ReLa-Net	Group is better than individual: Exploiting Label Topologies and Label Relations for Joint Multiple Intent Detection and Slot Filling	Bowen Xing, et al.	EMNLP2022	MixATIS, MixSNIPS	Jointly-learning	4/27
AIK	Towards Multi-label Unknown Intent Detection	Yawen Ouyang, et al.	COLING2022	MixSNIPS, MultiWOZ 2.3	MID w/ out-of-scope	4/27
HBGL	Exploiting Global and Local Hierarchies for Hierarchical Text Classification	Ting Jiang, et al.	EMNLP2022	WOS, NYT, RCV1-V2	MLC w/ label semantics	5/11
Balanced LossNLP	Balancing Methods for Multi-label Text Classification with Long-Tailed Class Distribution	Yi Huang, et al.	EMNLP2021	Reuters-21578, PubMed	MLC w/ class imbalance	5/11
MULTI-CONVFIT	Multi-Label Intent Detection via Contrastive Task Specialization of Sentence Encoders	Ivan Vulić, et al.	EMNLP2022	MixATIS, NLU++	MID w/ contrastive learning	5/11
KCOD	Watch the Neighbors: A Unified K-Nearest Neighbor Contrastive Learning Framework for OOD Intent Discovery	Yutao Mou, et al.	EMNLP2022	Banking, CLINC, HWU64	ID w/ contrastive learning	5/11
GISCo	Enhancing Joint Multiple Intent Detection and Slot Filling with Global Intent-Slot Co-occurrence	Mengxiao Song, et al.	EMNLP2022	MixATIS, MixSNIPS	Jointly-learning	5/11
DialogUSR	DialogUSR: Complex Dialogue Utterance Splitting and Reformulation for Multiple Intent Detection	Haoran Meng, et al.	EMNLP2022 Findings	*propose the datasets: DialogUSR	Dataset	5/11

Related Works ; Baseline

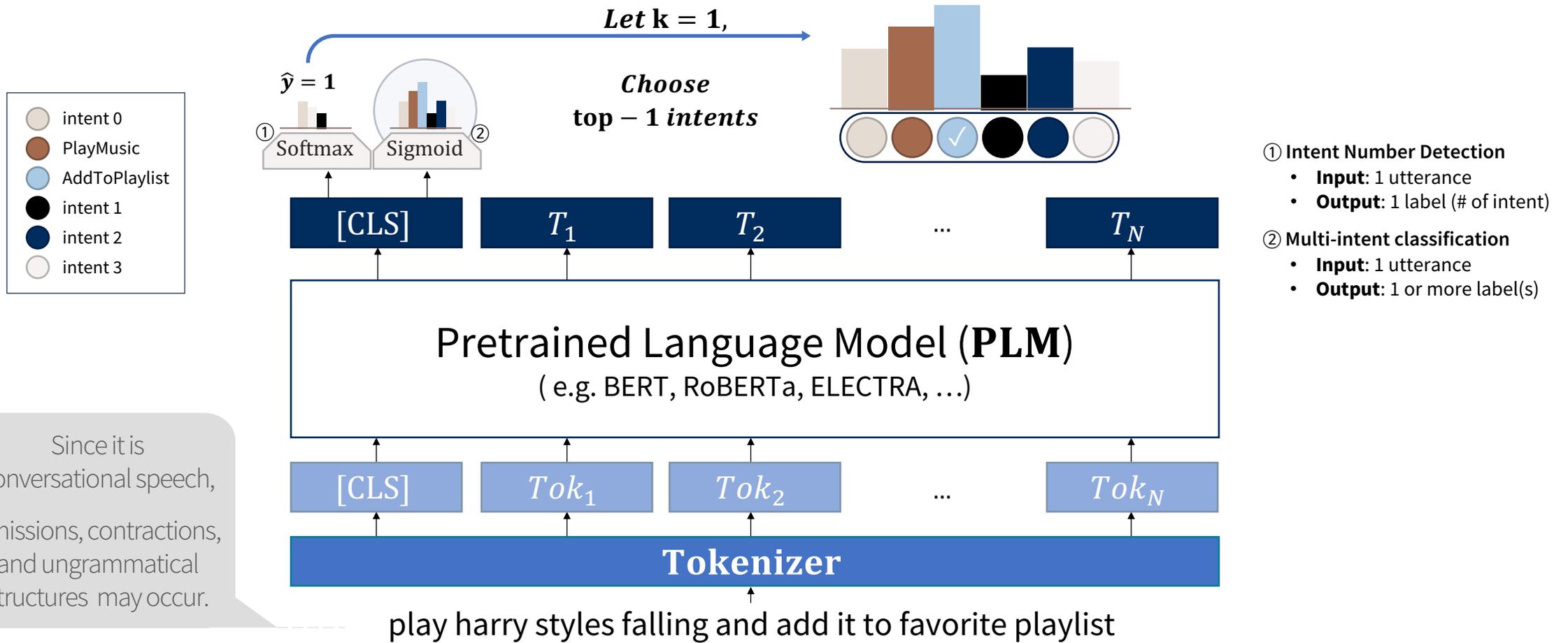
TFMN) Chen et al. A Transformer-based Threshold-Free Framework for Multi-Intent NLU, COLING, 2022

• Suggestion



- Transformer-based thresholdless multi-intent NLU framework w/ 3 multi-task learning
 - Intent cls, IND cls*, Slot cls
- The output of each upper j-layer in the encoder is used to generate multi-grain representations at different levels of granularity (passed through FC and just sum them up)

Related Works ; Baseline



IND : an auxiliary task, model detects the number of intents in each utterance

Related Works ; Baseline

Model	MixATIS			MixSNIPS		
	Slot (F1)	Intent (Acc)	Overall (Acc)	Slot (F1)	Intent (Acc)	Overall (Acc)
SF-ID (<i>concat</i>) (2019)	87.4	66.2	34.9	90.6	95.0	59.9
Stack-Propagation (<i>thresh</i> = 0.5) (2019)	87.8	72.1	40.1	94.2	96.0	72.9
Joint Multiple ID-SF (<i>thresh</i> = 0.5) (2019)	84.6	73.4	36.1	90.6	95.1	62.9
AGIF (<i>thresh</i> = 0.5)(2020)	86.7	74.4	40.8	94.2	95.1	74.2
GL-GIN (<i>thresh</i> = 0.5)(2021)	88.3	76.3	43.5	94.9	95.6	75.4
SDJN (<i>thresh</i> = 0.5)(2022a)	88.2	77.1	44.6	94.4	96.5	75.7
SDJN+BERT (<i>thresh</i> = 0.5)(2022a)	87.5	78.0	46.3	95.4	96.7	79.3
Bert-baseline (<i>thresh</i> = 0.3)	83.1	74.8	42.6	95.5	95.7	80.2
Bert-baseline (<i>thresh</i> = 0.5)	86.3	74.5	44.8	95.5	95.6	80.1
Bert-baseline (<i>thresh</i> = 0.8)	85.6	75.8	43.5	95.2	96.7	80.6
TFMN (Bert-base)	88.0	79.8	50.2	96.4	97.7	84.7

- **Transformer-Based** Models in MID: Achieving Unprecedented High Performance.
- Competitive Edge: Latest Models Contending in Subtle Decimal Point Differences.
- MID and Slot Filling: **Jointly-learning** (multi-task learning) in Advanced Research Fields.

Related Works ; MixSNIPS & MixATIS

• MixSNIPS (Introduced by Qin et al. 2020)

- Advanced SNIPS for multi-intent classification
- Just concatenate sentences using “and” with different intents
 - Ratio of sentences: [1, 2, 3] intents [0.3, 0.5, 0.2]
- Size: 50,000 utterances
- Label: 7 intents (up to 3-label)

* Leaderboard

- Intent Detection: 97.7 (accuracy)
- Slot Filling: 96.4 (F1)

• MixATIS (Introduced by Qin et al. 2020)

- Advanced ATIS for multi-intent classification
- Just concatenate sentences using “and” with different intents
 - Ratio of sentences: [1, 2, 3] intents [0.3, 0.5, 0.2]
- Size: 20,000 utterances
- Label: 22 intents (up to 3-label)

* Leaderboard

- Intent Detection: 76.3 (accuracy)
- Slot Filling: 88.3 (F1)
- Semantic Frame Parsing: 43.5 (accuracy)

sample ▾

→ BookRestaurant

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89 book 0
90 a 0
91 reservation 0
92 for 0
93 my B-party_size_description
94 mommy I-party_size_description
95 and I-party_size_description
96 i I-party_size_description
97 at 0
98 a 0
99 restaurant B-restaurant_type
100 in 0
101 central B-country
102 african I-country
103 republic I-country

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→ PlayMusic

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104 and 0
105 then 0
106 play 0
107 the 0
108 newest B-sort
109 melody B-music_item
110 on 0
111 last B-service
112 fm I-service
113 by 0
114 eddie B-artist
115 vinson I-artist

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BookRestaurant#PlayMusic

* intents (indicator: '#')

Related Works

 **DialogUSR)** Meng et al. DialogUSR: Complex Dialogue Utterance Splitting and Reformulation for Multiple Intent Detection, EMNLP Findings, 2022

• Overview

선정 이유	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multi-intent utterance 데이터를 구축하려는 시도 조사 : 기존 MixATIS, MixSNIPS에 대한 한계를 인지하고, 보다 현실적인 setting을 제안한 데이터셋 조사
특징	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multi-step human-annotated dataset - 중국에서 구축, 중국어 사용 현실을 우선적으로 반영 - 후속 쿼리 (follow-up query) 생성시 crowd-worker가 의도적으로 유관한 내용을 생성하도록 유도한 점이 데이터 품질을 향상시켰을 것으로 추측
프로젝트 기여 가능성	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DialogUSR: initial query에 연결되는 follow-up query를 human-annotation → queries를 모두 merge한 utterance에 대한 데이터셋 제안 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intent detection 대상 utterance를 한 문장으로 제한하지 않고, 여러 문장의 연속으로 처리 - 후속 쿼리 생성 시 자연스럽게 주제 전환이 발생한다는 등, 데이터 구축 시 참고 가능한 일부 통계 확인 - 중국어 setting을 우선하여 구축된 데이터 → 영어 또는 한국어 등 다른 언어 현실에 general하게 반영될 수 있는 내용인지 확인 불가 - Slot filling에 대한 labeling에 대해서는 future work으로 제안 - 의미적으로 동시 발생 가능성이 높아 현실적인 multi-intent utterance가 구축됨 - 기존 setting보다는 다양한 접속사를 활용 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DialogUSR의 inference: multi-intent 발화를 single-intent로 분리 → SID 진행 (현업에서 쉽고 간편한 확장성을 목적으로 함) → split이 쉽도록 query들이 연결된 경향이 있음 - 이 논문에서는 데이터셋 제안을 위한 구축 과정 설명 및 split 성능에 대해서만 보고됨 (MID 성능에 대해서는 보고하지 않음)

Related Works

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• Summary

- Multi-intent Detection Dataset (**w/o slot-filling**) contains 11.6k high quality instances that cover 23 domains
- Single-intent user input → Multi-intent user input (reformulation)
- Multi-step human-annotation ( samples)

Domain	Query1	Query2	Query3	Query4	Query
Attraction	Recommend fun and cheap places near Kunshan	Where is Kunshan Miaofeng Pagoda	Navigate to Kunshan Miaofeng Pagoda	None	Recommend fun and cheap places near Kunshan. In addition to this, where is the Kunshan Miaofeng Pagoda? Navigate to Kunshan Miaofeng Pagoda.
TV	Hunan Satellite TV entertainment program	Is there any funny variety show on Hunan Satellite TV	Is there any program hosted by he Jiong on Hunan Satellite TV	Does Hunan Satellite TV have any funny movies at 8:00 pm	Hunan Satellite TV entertainment program. Are there any funny variety shows? Is there any program hosted by he Jiong? Are there any funny movies at 8 pm?
Train	Tomorrow's train to Zhengzhou	What is the latest train number to Zhengzhou	How much is the train fare to Zhengzhou	How many trains are there a day to Zhengzhou?	The train to Zhengzhou tomorrow. I would also like to know what time is the latest train? And how much is the fare? How many trains are there a day?
Weather	What is the weather in Linyi	How is the air quality in Linyi	What is the temperature in Linyi in the next week	Will it rain in Linyi	What is the weather in Linyi? In addition, I would like to know how is the air quality in Linyi? And what about the temperature in the coming week? Besides this, will it rain?
Restaurant	Search for nearby western restaurants	Which is the closest western restaurant to me	Which western restaurant has the highest score	None	Search for nearby western restaurants. Also I would like to know which one is closest to me? Which has the highest rating.
Flight	Shanghai to Beijing flights	Buy me the earliest flight from Shanghai to Beijing	Buy me the cheapest flight from Shanghai to Beijing	How many flights are there from Shanghai to Beijing every day	Flights from Shanghai to Beijing. Buy me the earliest flight. Buy me the cheapest ticket. How many flights are there in a day?

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- **Suggestion**

- Dataset Construction

1. **Initial Query Collection**

- Based on Single-intent datasets: SMPEC DT2, RiSAWOZ3
- Except queries that have excessive length or too verbose/repetitive in terms of semantics

2. **Follow-up Query Creation**

- Ask for “imagine they are eliciting multiple intents in a single complex user query”
- Instruct annotators to write ~3 subsequent queries on what they need or would like to know about according to the initial query
- 37.3% multi-intent queries involve topic switching
 - * conforms to the user behavior in the real-world

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• Suggestion

- Dataset Construction

1. Initial Query Collection

2. Follow-up Query Creation

3. Query Aggregation

- Findings of Pilot Study

- Lack of variations in the conjunctions btw sub-queries: ‘and’, ‘or’, ‘then’, ‘also’, ...

- Lack of diversity & naturalness of the derived query in the human-only annotation

- Connect sub-queries

- Concatenate 2 consecutive queries w/ or w/o text filler (50% chance)

- pre-define templates: “first of all”, “I also would like to know”, “finally”, ...

- Even being locally coherent, the derived multi-intent query may still exhibit some global incoherence and syntactic issues

- Post-check the sentence fluency of aggregated queries by GPT-2 (117M) model

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• Suggestion

- Dataset Construction

1. Initial Query Collection

2. Follow-up Query Creation

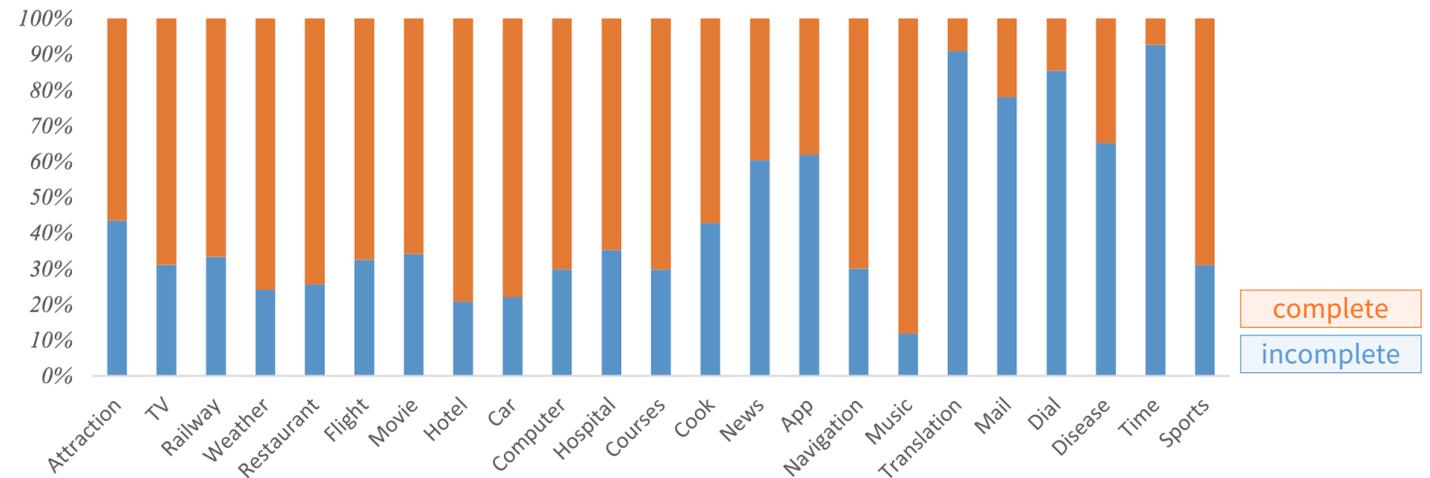
3. Query Aggregation

4. Query Completion

- 62.5% follow-up queries occur coreferences(2.4%) and omissions

* do NOT explicitly ask the annotator to use incomplete queries in 2. follow-up query

- recover missing information by annotators, correctly annotating 8 out of 10 cases



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• Suggestion

- Dataset Construction
- Annotation Settings
 - Be paid 0.6\$ per datapoint, which is more than prevailing local minimum wage
 - split the entire annotation procedure into multiple rounds
 - hire another group judges to post-check the quality of annotated dataset
 - filter unqualified instances after each round
- Statistics: Total 11,669 instances
 - Aggregated multi-intent complex query is assembled 3.6 single-intent and comprise 36.7 Chinese characters.
 - Initial query/1st/2nd/3rd follow query's length: 11.9/12.3/12.4/10.8

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• Suggestion

- Dataset Construction
- Annotation Settings
- Task Overview
 - Q1: Multi-intent query in DialogUSR
 - Q2: Split Multi-intent query to Single-intent queries
 - Q3: Delete Conjunctions / Q4: Recover Missing Info. (coreference, omission)
 - Q5: Recover 1st split-query independent!
 - Q6: Recover 2nd split-query and concatenate w/Q5
 - Q7: Recover 3rd split-query and concatenate w/Q6
- End-to-end Generative Models: Q1 → Q4
- 2-stage Generative Models
 - (once) 2-stage model: Q1 → Q2 → Q4
 - (casual) 2-stage model: Q1 → Q2 → [Q5 → Q6 → Q7]

sequence generation task

almost 100% split

Model	MixSNIPS		MixATIS	
	BLEU	EM	BLEU	EM
T5-base	99.46	95.13	96.94	74.88
T5-large	99.60	97.64	98.52	88.77
T5-xl	99.62	98.14	99.87	98.55

Input (Q1): 查询周五下午厦门到南京的动车需要多长时间然后查一下那边的特色美食

Check the high-speed train from Xiamen to Nanjing on Friday afternoon, how long does the journey take, then check out the special food there.

Split (Q2): 查询周五下午厦门到南京的动车 [SP] 需要多长时间 [SP] 然后查一下那边的特色美食

Check the high-speed train from Xiamen to Nanjing on Friday afternoon [SP] how long does the journey take [SP] then check out the special food there.

Delete (Q3): 查询周五下午厦门到南京的动车 [SP] 需要多长时间 [SP] 查一下那边的特色美食

Translation is the same as above

Complete (Q4): 查询周五下午厦门到南京的动车 [SP] 厦门到南京的动车需要多长时间 [SP] 查一下南京的特色美食

Check the high-speed train from Xiamen to Nanjing on Friday afternoon [SP] How long does it take to travel from Xiamen to Nanjing in high-speed train [SP] Check out the special cuisine in Nanjing

Causal Complete:

Step1 (Q5): 查询周五下午厦门到南京的动车 => 查询周五下午厦门到南京的动车

Check the high-speed train from Xiamen to Nanjing on Friday afternoon => Translation is the same as above

Step2 (Q6): 查询周五下午厦门到南京的动车 [SP] 需要多长时间 => 厦门到南京的动车需要多长时间

Check the high-speed train from Xiamen to Nanjing on Friday afternoon [SP] how long does the journey take => How long does it take to travel from Xiamen to Nanjing in high-speed train

Step3 (Q7): 查询周五下午厦门到南京的动车 [SP] 需要多长时间 [SP] 然后查一下那边的特色美食

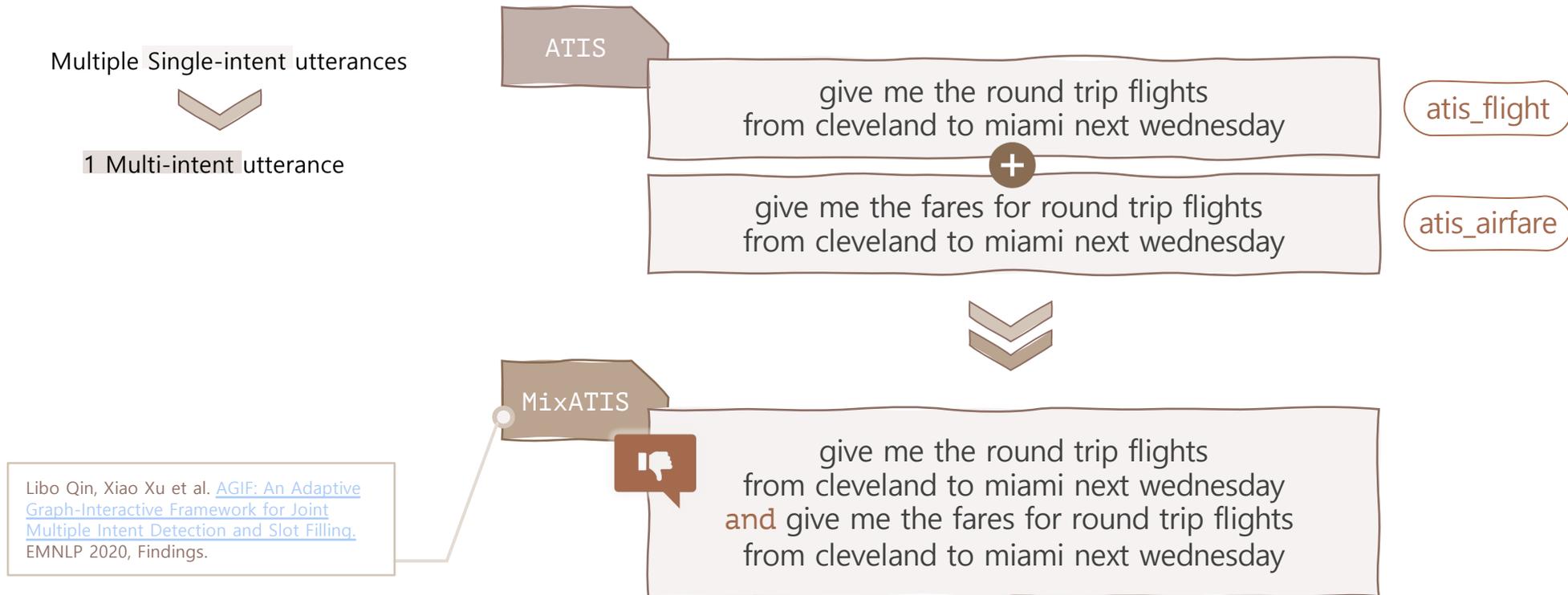
=> 查一下南京的特色美食
Check the high-speed train from Xiamen to Nanjing on Friday afternoon [SP] how long does the journey take [SP] then check out the special food there => Check out the special cuisine in Nanjing

End-to-end (E2E): Q1 → Q4

Two-stage (Once): Q1 → Q2 → Q4

Two-stage (Casual): Q1 → Q2 → [Q5 → Q6 → Q7]

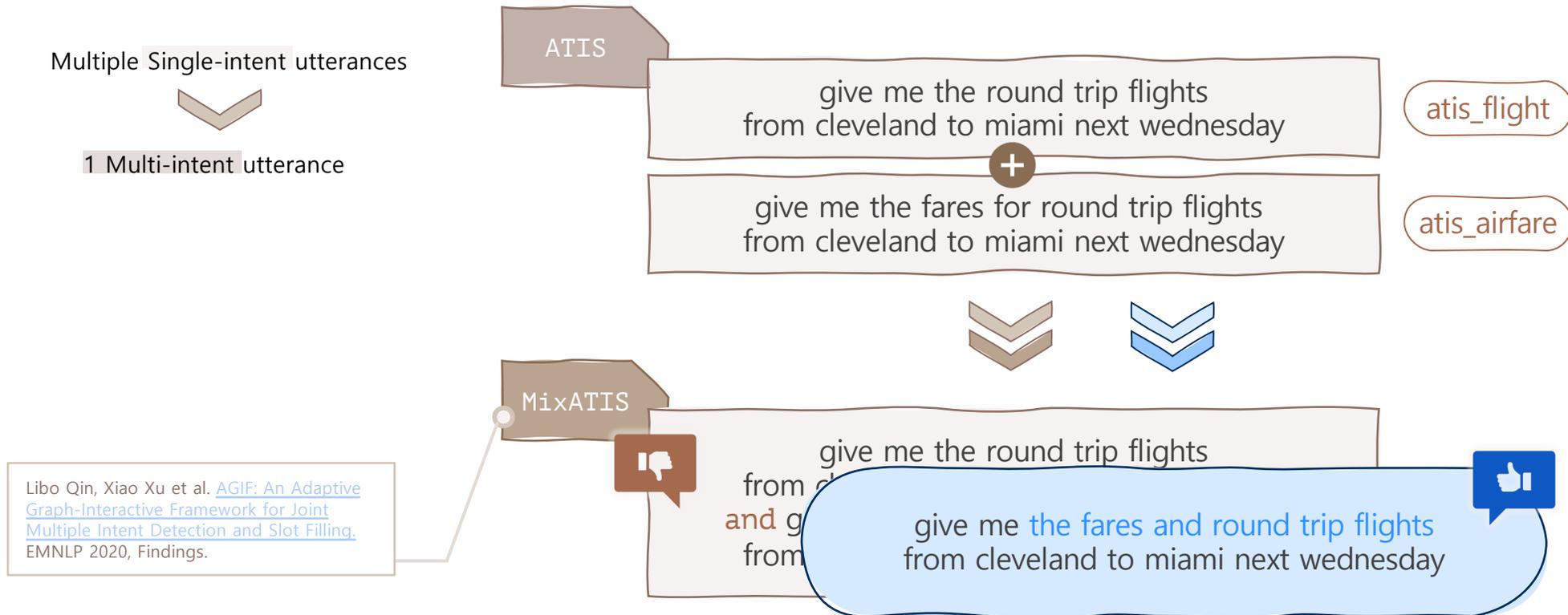
Benchmark Datasets Analysis (1/2)



The dataset relies on **only** a few specific **connectors** ("and", "and then", "and also") when concatenating 2 or more single-intent utterances.

→ Real-world conversations often involve **more varied and complex ways of combining intents**

Benchmark Datasets Analysis (2/2)



We are focused on constructing our own set that better mirrors natural language usage to provide more **challenging** and **realistic** resources for training and testing multi-intent detection models.

Discussion 1

Concatenation: Single- to Multi- intent utterance

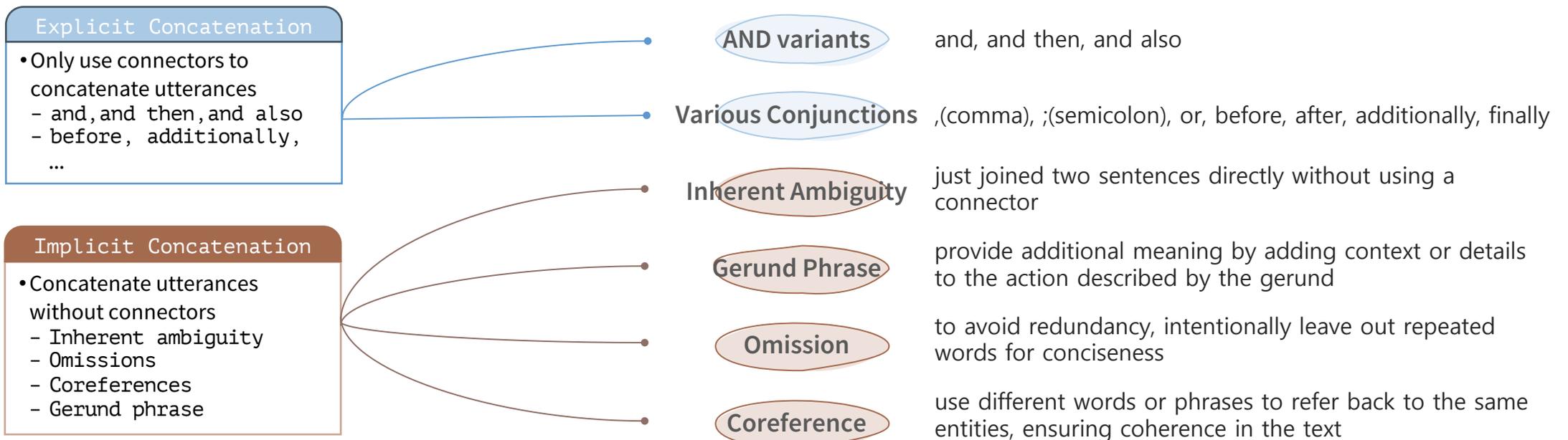
Utterance Selection

Categories of Concatenation Complexity-side

• Complexity side

- Explicit Concatenation: use connectors during concatenation
 - AND variants / Various Conjunctions
- Implicit Concatenation: do NOT use connectors during concatenation
 - Inherent Ambiguity / Gerund Phrase / Omission / Coreference

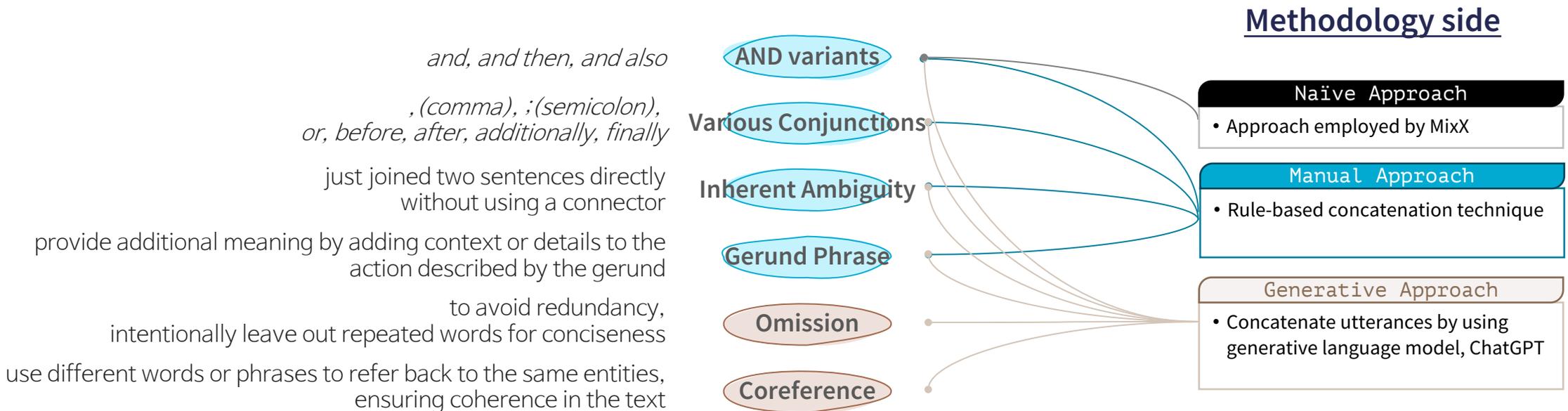
Complexity side



Categories of Concatenation Methodology-side

• Methodology side

- Manual Concatenation: rule-based concatenation approach
 - AND variants / Various Conjunctions / Inherent Ambiguity / Gerund Phrase
- Generative Concatenation: concatenation by using generative language model
 - Omission / Coreference

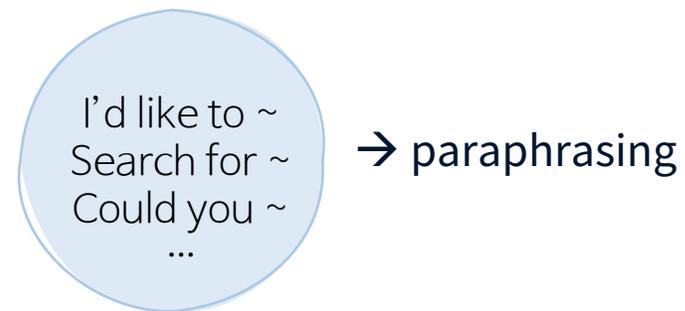


Categories of Concatenation Methodology-side

• Example for each concatenation approach

	utterance1	utterance2	intent1	intent2	Concatenation result
Naïve	i want to put this song in my new boots playlist	what films are going to be playing at harkins theatres at zero a m	AddToPlaylist	SearchScreeningEvent	i want to put this song in my new boots playlist and what films are going to be playing at harkins theatres at zero am
Manual	please show me all airports in denver	can you list costs of denver rental cars	atis_airport	atis_ground_fare	please show me all airports in denver listing costs of denver rental cars
Generative	play some theme songs from 1974	play the movie white christmas	PlayMusic	SearchCreativeWork	play some theme songs from 1974 and the movie white Christmas
	clear my to do list	repeat my to do list	todo_list_update	todo_list	i need to clear my to-do list and then repeat it

- Connectors excluded from Manual Concatenation



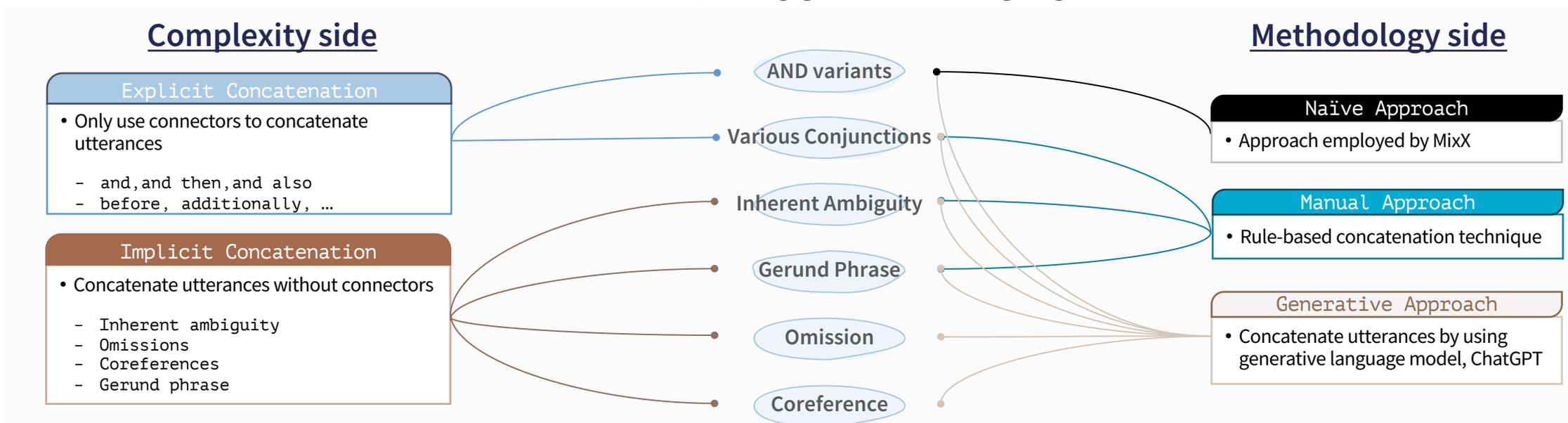
Categories of Concatenation Methodology-side

• Complexity side

- Explicit Concatenation: use connectors during concatenation
- Implicit Concatenation: do NOT use connectors during concatenation

• Methodology side

- Manual Concatenation: rule-based concatenation approach
- Generative Concatenation: concatenation by using generative language model



(Intuitive) ChatGPT for Concatenation (1/2)

• Prompt Engineering for ChatGPT Concatenation

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You are a native English speaker.
[Task Definition] Combine 2 or 3 sentences as one single sentence.
[Goal] The focus is on creating a single sentence that captures the essence of both ideas without unnecessary redundancy.
[Instructions] - Avoid adding just punctuation.
               - Don't paraphrase.
               - Don't compromise the meaning of each sentence.
               - Don't capitalize all characters.
               - Don't replace numbers with radix.
               - Maintain the intent of each sentence.
               - Don't forget that if a sentence starts with a verb, it's a statement.
               - Do NOT use conjunctions like 'and'
               - Don't print '[Good Answer]'
               - Don't print intent directly.

[Example 1]
My dog is playful (dog's feature) + My dog loves chasing balls (dog's feature)
[Good Answer] My playful dog loves chasing balls
[Bad Answer] My dog is playful, and my dog loves chasing balls
[Bad Answer] My dog is playful, and also loves chasing balls.

[Example 2]
They finished the project(project done) + They had time(taking time)
[Good Answer] With time on their hands, they finished the project
[Bad Answer] They finished the project, and they had time
[Bad Answer] They finished the project and had time

[Example 3]
She answered the phone (answering)) + She was making dinner (cooking)
[Good Answer] While answering the phone, she was making dinner
[Bad Answer] She answered the phone, and She was making dinner

Combine the following sentences naturally. Inside the parentheses is the intent of each sentence. :
{utt1} (intent: {intents[0]}) + {utt2} (intent: {intents[1]})
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Returning results that don't follow the explicit constraints we gave ChatGPT

Few-shot setting

(Intuitive) ChatGPT for Concatenation (2/2)

• Failure of Using ChatGPT

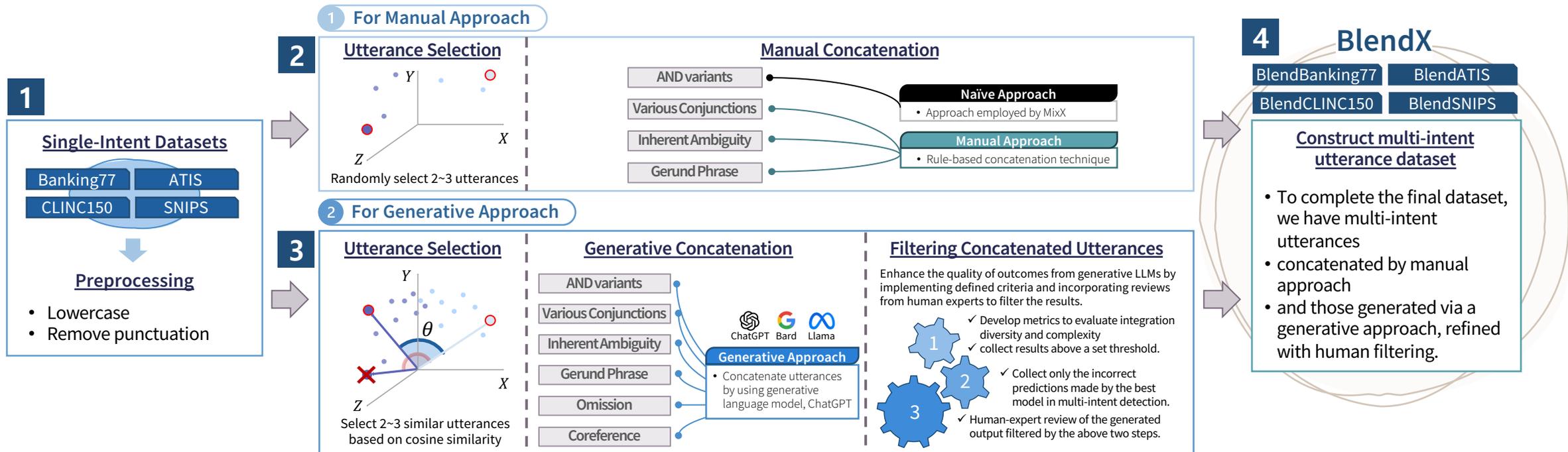
- Over 90% of the 100 randomly sampled instances were connected by 'and'
- Failed to maintain intent in at least 15 instances
 - Intent removed / changed
 - Fail to merge the utterances

	Utterance 1	Utterance 2	Concatenation	Implication
failed	weather for frankfort (GetWeather)	3 out of 6 for the last album (RateBook)	frankfort's weather gets a 3 out of 6 rating for the last album	Intent removed
	what day of the week do flights from nashville to tacoma fly on (atis_day_name)	flight number from houston to dallas (atis_flight_no)	flights from nashville to tacoma fly on what day of the week and what is the flight number from houston to dallas	Intent changed
	what is mci (atis_abbreviation)	list la (atis_city)	combine the sentences: "what is mci?" and "list la".	Failed to merge
succeeded	play the playlist funtime activity (AddToPlaylist)	add adele onto funtime activity playlist (PlayMusic)	play the playlist, adding adele to the funtime activity playlist	Gerund phrase
	how do i freeze my bank account (account_blocked)	do you know why my bank account is frozen (freeze_account)	how do i freeze my bank account, and do you know why it is frozen	Coreference

Table 1: Failed (Top) and succeeded (Bottom) results of the **Generative Approach** and their implications.

Only **few cherry-picked examples** were, brilliantly, implicitly concatenated, which is what we intended.

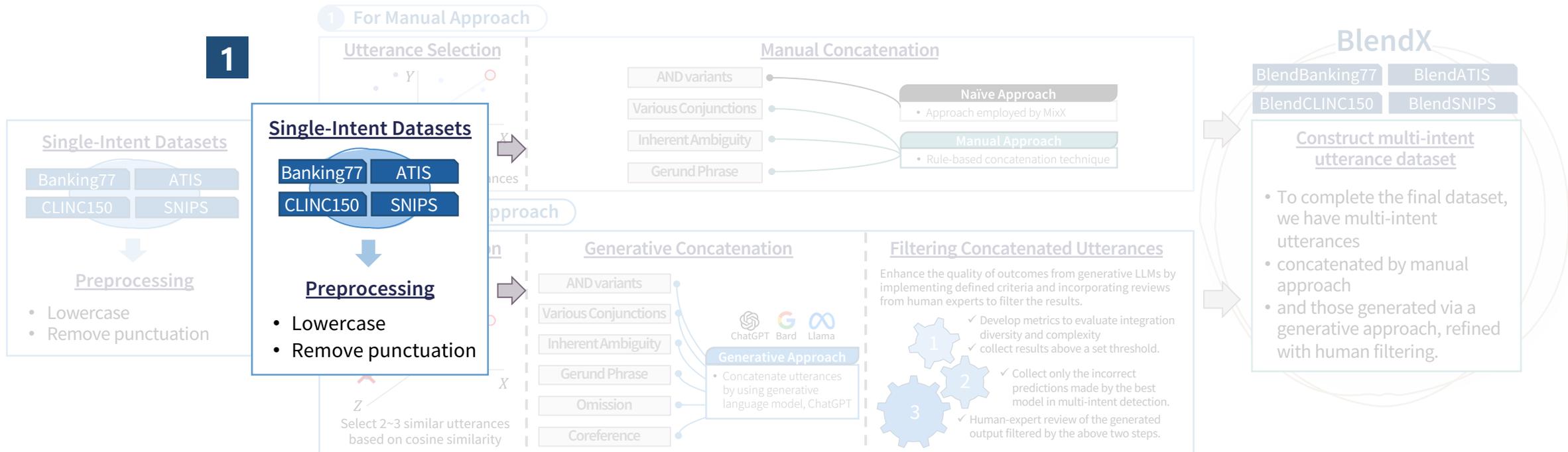
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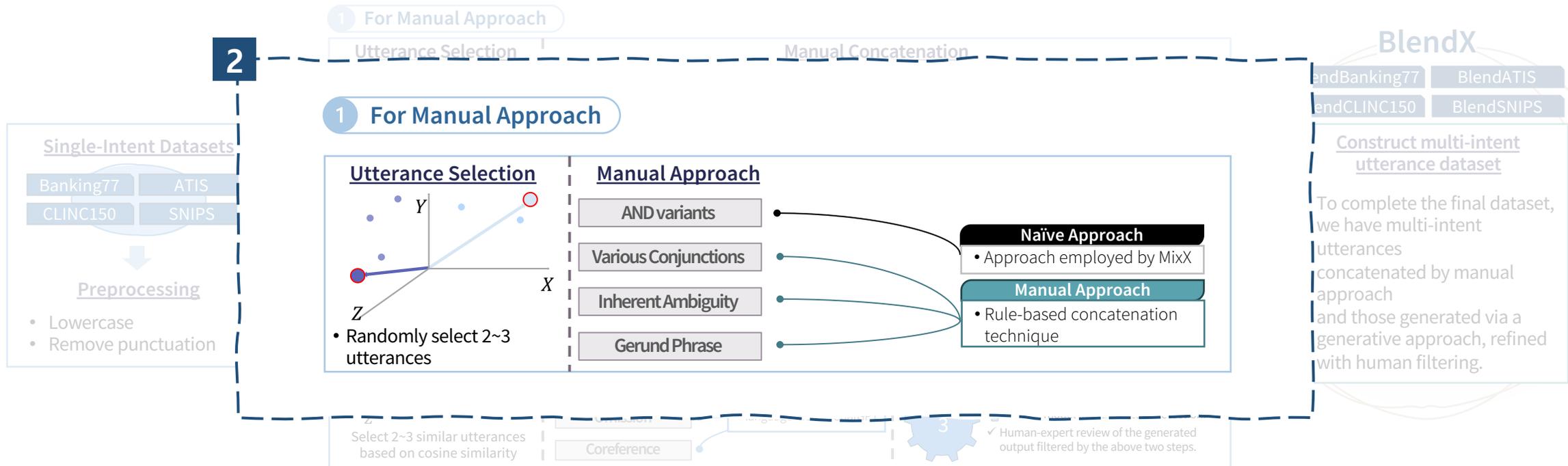
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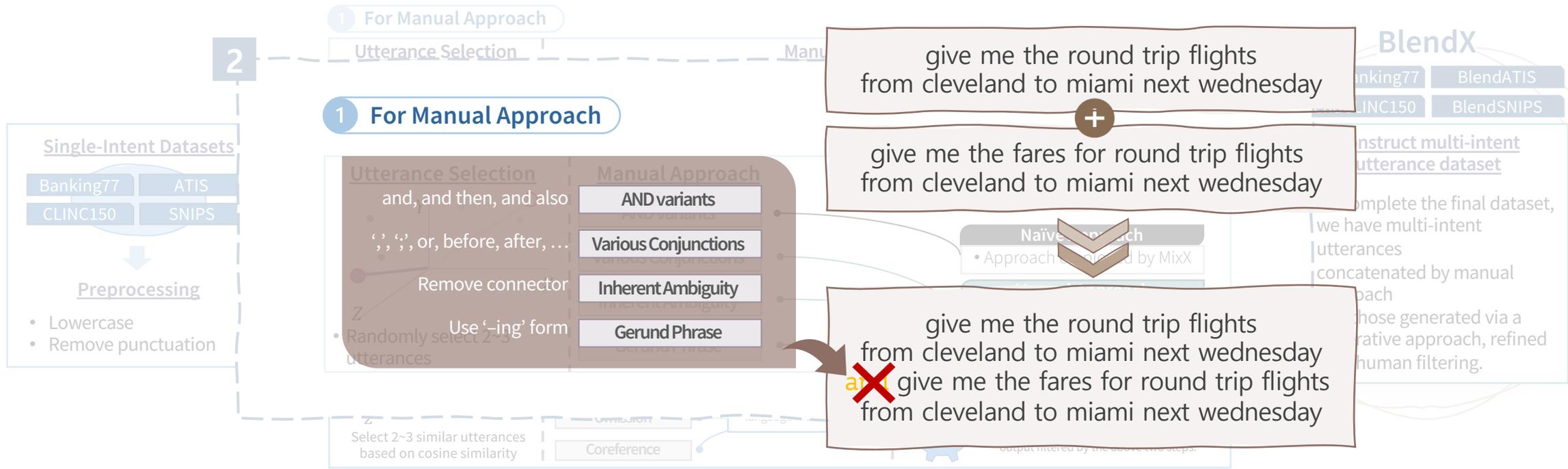
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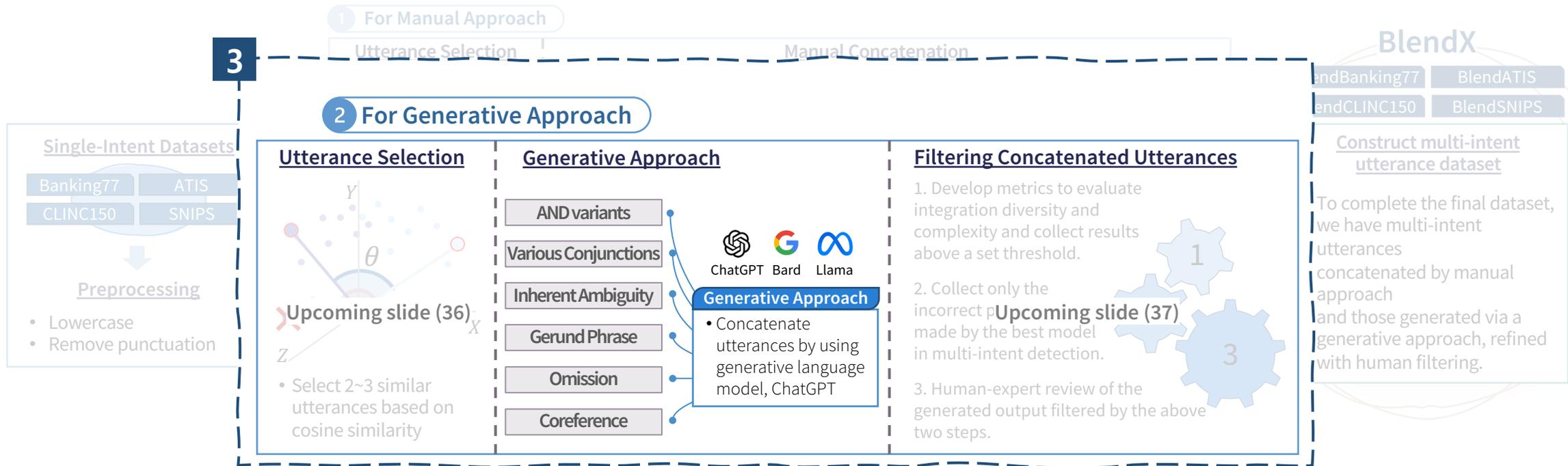
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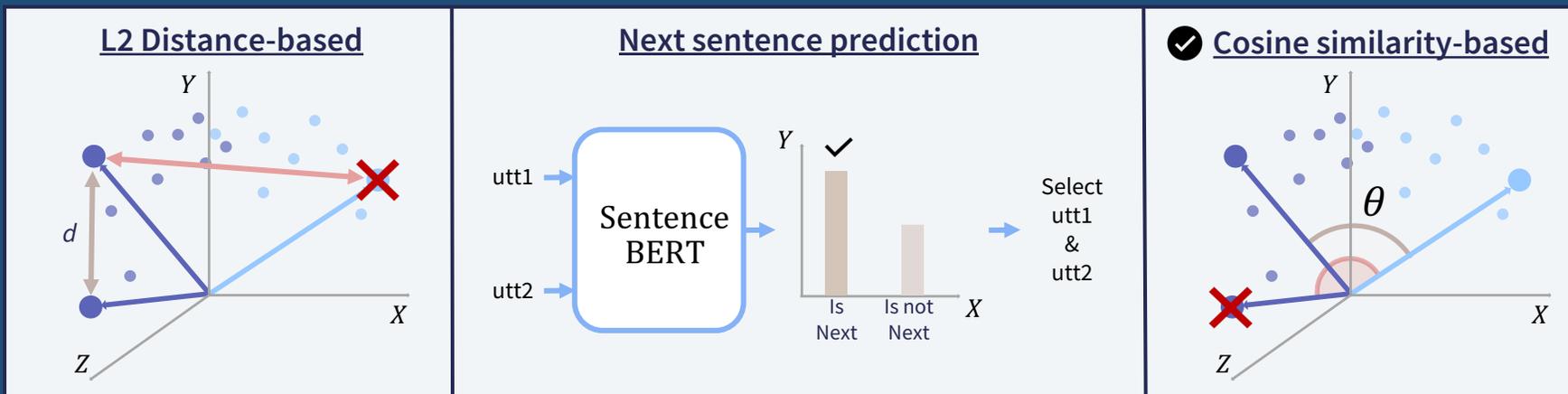
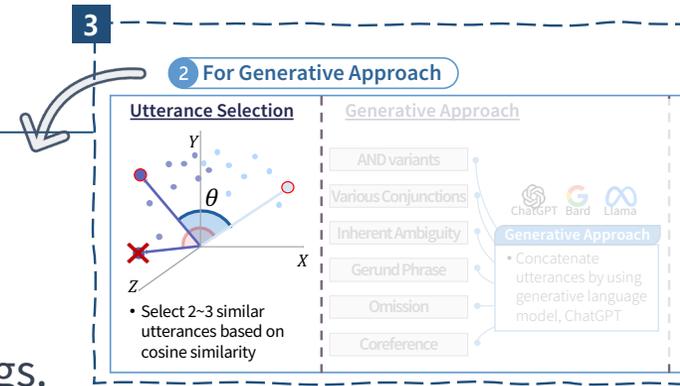
Utterance Selection for ② Generative Approach

• Process

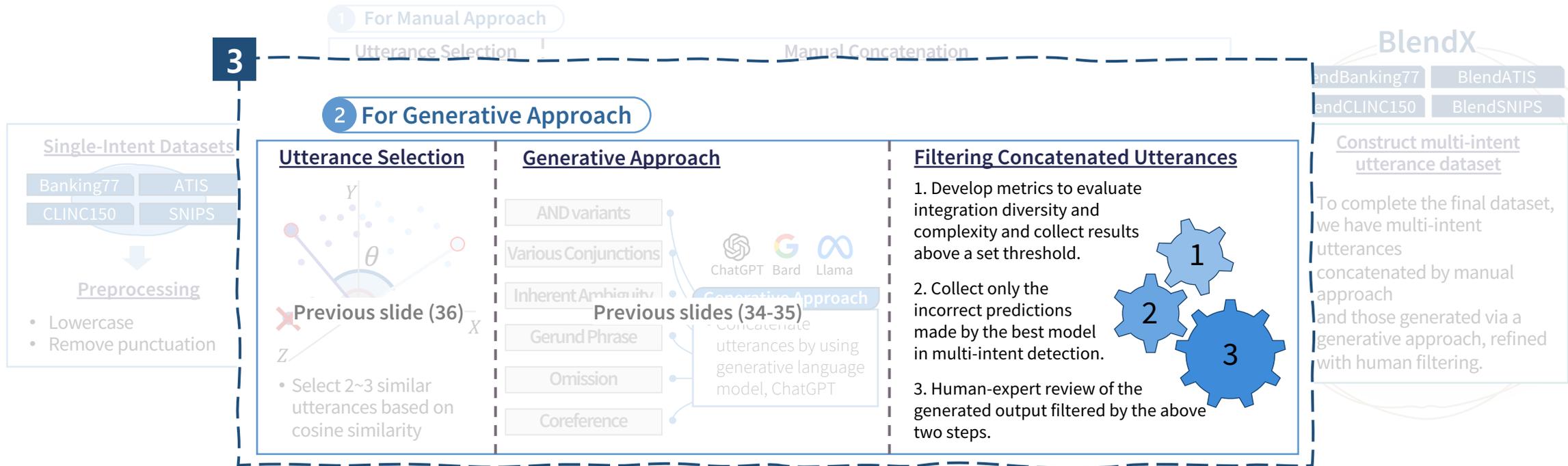
1. Generate embeddings for each single-intent utterance using SentenceBERT.
2. Select utterances for concatenation based on high similarity between embeddings.
 - * Chosen utterances will have different intents.

• Selection approach

- L2 Distance-based: Select utterances with close proximity in embedding space.
- Next sentence prediction: Binary classification of whether a given pair of utterances are sequential.
- ✔ - Cosine similarity-based: Choose utterances with high cosine similarity between embeddings.



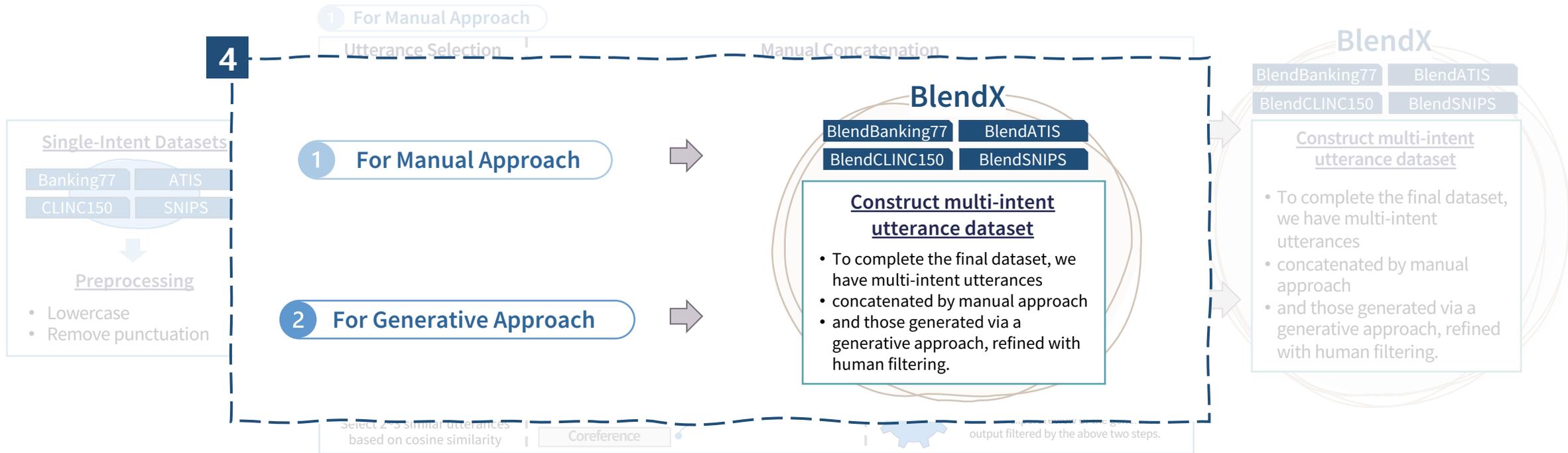
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Overview of 2 Methods to Utterance Concatenation



BlendX : Complex multi-intent detection with blended patterns

Dataset	# of intents	Training	Dev	Test	Total
BlendSNIPS	7	50,625	2,613	2,615	55,853
BlendATIS	18	20,250	1,125	1,125	22,500
BlendBanking77	77	36,390	2,009	2,021	40,420
BlendCLINC150	147	54,899	2,889	2,977	60,765

\sum (total) = 179,538

- Source Dataset : SNIPS, ATIS, Banking77, CLINC150
- Random selection for **Manual** Concatenation Approach
- Cosine Similarity-based selection for **Generative** Concatenation Approach

Discussion 2

- # 1) 3 Custom Metrics
- # 2) Comparison BlendX to MixX with SOTA baselines
- # 3) Verify semantics differences in vector space

Evaluation #1 – 3 Custom Metrics (1/4)

• 3 Custom Metrics

- *utt*: concatenated utterance with 2 or more intents
- *n*: Number of single-intent utterances used for concatenation

$W(utt, n)$

Word count

$$W(utt, n) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{Z}-\mathbb{N}} \left(|utt|_{word} - \sum_{i=1}^n |utt_i|_{word} \right).$$

Check if the **word count** difference before and after an utterance concatenation is zero or negative

(to ascertain a decrease in word count)

$C(utt, n)$

Conjunction

$$C(utt, n) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{Z}-\mathbb{N}} \left(|utt|_{conj} - \sum_{i=1}^n |utt_i|_{conj} \right).$$

Verify if the number of **conjunctions** before and after an utterance changes to zero or less

(to determine the elimination or reduction of conjunctions)

* **conjunctions** such as:
and, or, before, after,
additionally, finally, ‘,’ ‘;’

$P(utt, n)$

Pronoun

$$P(utt, n) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{N}} \left(|utt|_{pron} - \sum_{i=1}^n |utt_i|_{pron} \right).$$

Assess if the difference in **pronoun count** before and after an utterance is one or more

(to identify the usage of pronouns)

* **pronoun** such as :
it, them, their, theirs, this, that,
those, these

An **implicitly** concatenated utterance is likely to receive **1** in the metrics evaluation.

Evaluation #1 – 3 Custom Metrics (2/4)

• Example of applying 3 metrics

	Concatenation	utt1	utt2	Difference	Metric
example #1	add another song to my 88 keys playlist playing it	play my 88 keys playlist	add another song to my 88 keys playlist		
Words	10	5	8	$10 - (5 + 8) = -3$	$W(\cdot, 2) = 1$
Conjunctions	0	0	0	$0 - (0 + 0) = 0$	$C(\cdot, 2) = 1$
Pronouns	1	0	0	$1 - (0 + 0) = 1$	$P(\cdot, 2) = 1$
example #2	i need to clear my to-do list and then repeat it	clear my to do list	repeat my to do list		
Words	11	5	5	$11 - (5 + 5) = 1$	$W(\cdot, 2) = 0$
Conjunctions	1	0	0	$1 - (0 + 0) = 1$	$C(\cdot, 2) = 0$
Pronouns	1	0	0	$1 - (0 + 0) = 1$	$P(\cdot, 2) = 1$

Utterance 1	play my 88 keys playlist (PlayMusic)			
Utterance 2	add another song to my 88 keys playlist (AddToPlaylist)			
Strategies	Concatenation Results	$W(utt, 2)$	$C(utt, 2)$	$P(utt, 2)$
Explicit Concatenation	play my 88 keys playlist and also add another song to my 88 keys playlist	0	0	0
Implicit Concatenation				
Inherent Ambiguity	play my 88 keys playlist add another song to my 88 keys playlist	1	1	0
Omissions	play my 88 keys playlist and add another song	1	0	0
Coreferences	play my 88 keys playlist and add another song to it	1	0	1
Gerund Phrase	add another song to my 88 keys playlist playing it	1	1	1

Table 3: Various concatenation classes, accompanied by their examples and respective metric values.

Evaluation #1 – 3 Custom Metrics (3/4)

- Results using 3 metrics for each approach (Naïve, Manual, Generative)

Metric	SNIPS			ATIS			Banking77			CLINC150		
	Naïve	Manual	Generative	Naïve	Manual	Generative	Naïve	Manual	Generative	Naïve	Manual	Generative
$W(utt, 2)(\uparrow)$	0%	37%	29%	0%	36%	18%	0%	46%	37%	0%	48%	28%
$C(utt, 2)(\uparrow)$	0%	56%	10%	0%	52%	15%	0%	50%	27%	0%	56%	32%
$P(utt, 2)(\uparrow)$	0%	0%	7%	0%	0%	8%	0%	0%	13%	0%	0%	6%

↘ MixX

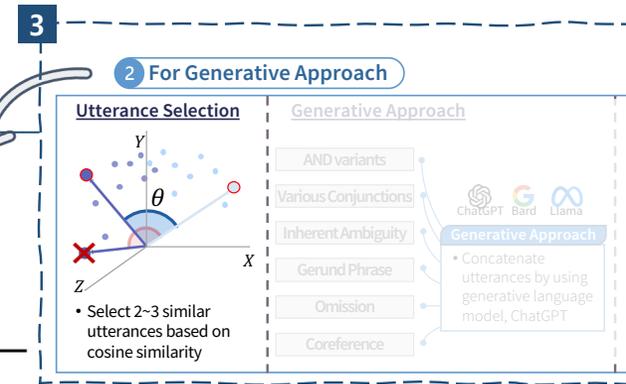
Table 4: Comparative analysis of the three concatenation approaches: Naïve, Manual, and Generative. Notably, the Manual method demonstrates pronounced efficiency in reducing utterance length.

Our approach, incorporating both **manual** and **generative** methods, achieves a more **diverse range** of explicit and **implicit** concatenation compared to existing techniques.

- Notably, **MixX** did not involve **implicit** concatenation.
- “**Naïve**” refers to the original construction method of **MixX**, meaning concatenation using only **and**, **and then**, **and and also**.
- Particularly, **manual concatenation** often resulted in shorter utterance lengths.
- Conversely, **generative concatenation** uniquely led to the use of pronouns.

Evaluation #1 – 3 Custom Metrics (4/4)

• Results using 3 metrics for Generative approach w/ utterance selection



Metric	SNIPS		ATIS		Banking77		CLINC150	
	Random	Sim.	Random	Sim.	Random	Sim.	Random	Sim.
Cosine sim.	0.105	0.746	0.214	0.758	0.212	0.748	0.093	0.749
ChatGPT Concatenation Failure Rate Error rate (↓)	16%	→ 14%	41%	→ 10%	22%	→ 9%	19%	→ 13%
$W(utt, 2)(\uparrow)$	27.38%	44.87%	10.17%	27.78%	34.62%	30.77%	30.86%	31.03%
$C(utt, 2)(\uparrow)$	8.33%	1.28%	3.39%	4.44%	28.21%	15.38%	25.93%	3.45%
$P(utt, 2)(\uparrow)$	3.57%	10.26%	1.69%	12.22%	10.26%	20.88%	3.70%	14.94%

Table 2: Comparison of Random and Similarity-Based (Sim.) utterance selection across datasets when applied to ChatGPT. We find that Sim. leads to a reduced error rate in ChatGPT's data generation.

- Compared to random selection, **similarity-based selection**
 - reduces the error rate** by anywhere from 2% to as much as 31%. □
 - increases the use of pronouns** □ and **decreases the word count** in most cases.
- Increased frequency of implicit concatenation, especially omission or coreference, which naturally leads to increased use of simple conjunction 'and' variants to ensure semantic clarity. □

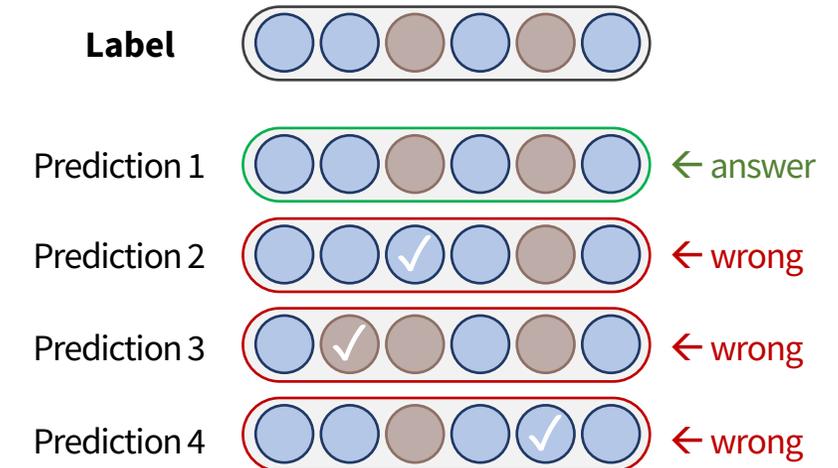
Evaluation #2 – BlendX vs. MixX (1/2)

• Comparison BlendX to MixX (SOTA baselines)

Model	Option		Dataset (Metric: accuracy)			
	Training	Test	SNIPS	ATIS	Banking77	CLINC150
TFMN	MixX	MixX	95.68* \pm 0.57	77.98* \pm 0.57	76.61 \pm 1.17	85.88 \pm 1.03
	MixX	BlendX	52.51 \pm 1.86	42.51 \pm 1.48	37.31 \pm 0.81	42.45 \pm 2.40
	BlendX	BlendX	94.93 \pm 0.85	76.50 \pm 0.83	63.99 \pm 0.81	77.96 \pm 0.82
SLIM	MixX	MixX	95.97* \pm 0.23	77.10* \pm 0.28	83.71 \pm 0.88	88.67 \pm 0.56
	MixX	BlendX	93.51 \pm 0.18	72.80 \pm 1.48	69.89 \pm 0.46	73.39 \pm 2.46
	BlendX	BlendX	95.73 \pm 0.86	76.92 \pm 0.84	75.30 \pm 0.71	85.62 \pm 0.51
gpt-3.5-turbo	-	MixX	81.68	40.30	30.90	49.22
	-	BlendX	76.18	38.84	22.67	37.55

• Accuracy in Multi-label Classification

: only considered it correct in cases of a **exact match**.



For various SOTA models, we consistently observe a **huge performance drop** on our **BlendX** datasets with explicit as well as implicit concatenations.

- 3-Baseline: implemented without slot-filling part
 - ✓ **TFMN** : predict # of intents k , and then top- k intents over the probability distribution
 - ✓ **SLIM** : threshold-based classification model using sigmoid function
 - ✓ **ChatGPT** : OpenAI's generative model (**gpt-3.5-turbo-0613**)

Evaluation #2 – BlendX vs. MixX (2/2)

• ChatGPT ICL prompt

- prompts as simple and easy to understand as possible.

You are an Intent Detection Model on single utterance.

[Task Definition]

Detect single or more intent(s) of each utterance, but **you can only classify UP TO 3 most plausible intents** on 1 utterance.

[Labels] atis_airport, atis_ground_service, atis_abbreviation, atis_city, atis_aircraft, atis_ground_fare, atis_flight, atis_airfare, atis_meal, atis_distance, atis_cheapest, atis_capacity, atis_restriction, atis_quantity, atis_airline, atis_flight_no, atis_flight_time, atis_day_name

[Answer format]

If more than one, **concatenate with '#'**, such as {Label}#{Label}.
e.g. atis_ground_fare#atis_distance

[Example 1]

[Utterance] what is restriction ap80

[Answer] atis_restriction

[Example 2]

[Utterance] what does the fare code qx mean , what is the distance between Pittsburgh airport and downtown pittsburgh and what is restriction ap80

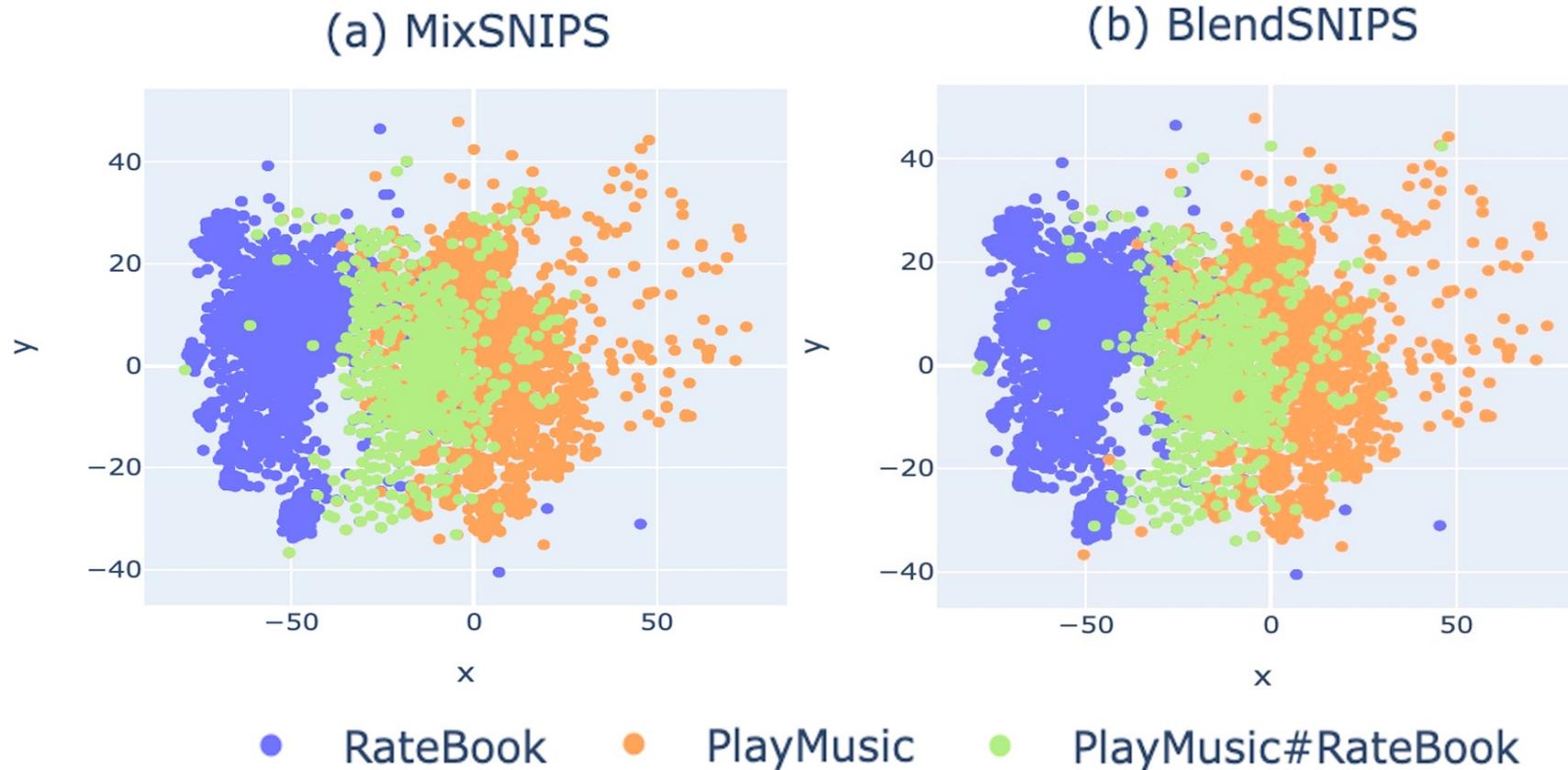
[Answer] atis_abbreviation#atis_distance#atis_restriction

Detect a single or **up to 3 intent(s)** on this following utterance: utt

If ChatGPT returned results that did not follow explicit constraints (maximum 3 intents, answer format, etc.), we post-processed and measured performance.

Evaluation #3 – Visualization

- Visualization of MixX and BlendX utterances on 2-dimensional space
 - BlendX's concatenated utterances preserve the semantics of both source utterances.



Conclusion

Main Findings

Limitation

Future Work

Main Findings

- **Identified limitations in existing multi-intent datasets**

- **MixX**: Reliance on explicit concatenation through the 'and' connector.

- **BlendX**: Constructing a more complex and realistic multi-intent dataset

- Proposed 3 novel concatenation approaches : Naïve, Manual, Generative

- Beyond random sentence selection, applied a similarity-based strategy in the **generative** concatenation approach.

- Designed 3 statistical metrics for comparing and validating **BlendX** against the existing **MixX**: W, C, P

- Upcoming dataset release : Extensions of **MixX** (CLINC150/Banking77) and new publication of the **BlendX** dataset.

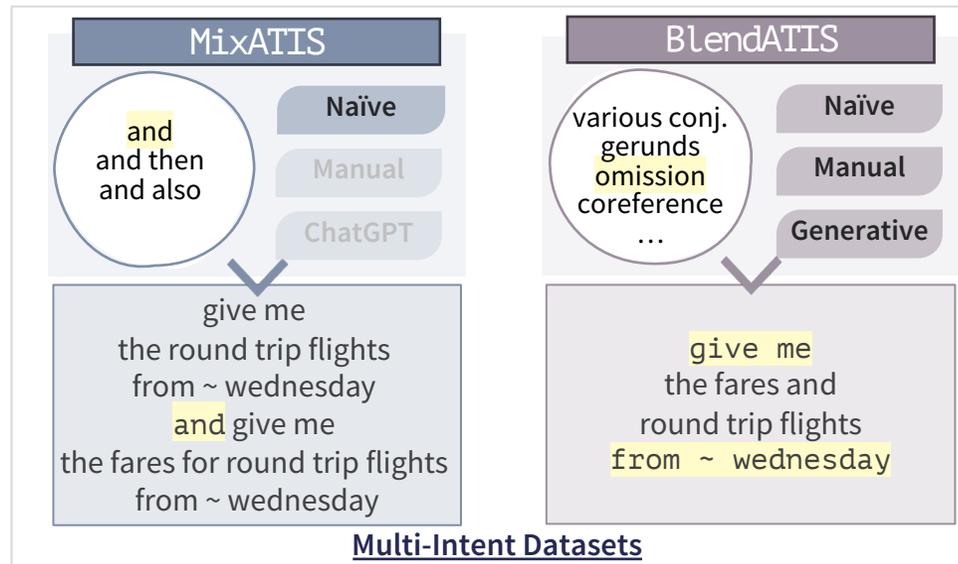
#1 Selection

Single-Intent Datasets

Banking77 ATIS ✓
CLINC150 SNIPS

give me the round trip flights from ~ wednesday **atis_flight**
give me the fares for round trip flights from ~ wednesday **atis_airfare**

#2 Concatenation



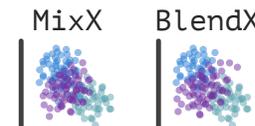
#3 Evaluation

	Mix	Blend
$W(utt)$	0	1
$C(utt)$	0	0
$P(utt)$	0	0

custom metric



baseline evaluation



visualization

Limitations

• 3 Custom Metrics

- Semantic Complexity is **not** considered.
 - : Even though these metrics have improved, we cannot determine if this utterance is **semantically** complex.
e.g. i'd like to improve my credit score (*improve_credit_score*) + can you help me find my credit score (*credit_score*)
→ i'd like to improve my credit score can you help me find it
- Correlation between metrics is **not** considered.
 - If there is a pronoun in the concatenated utterance, does the word count decrease after concatenating?
 - If there are no conjunctions in the concatenated utterance, does the word count decrease after concatenating?
 - If the word count is reduced after concatenating, does the concatenated utterance have pronouns or no conjunctions?

• Single dataset issue: Label overlapping

- CLINC150: *improve_credit_score*, *credit_score*
- Banking77: *getting_virtual_card*, *get_disposable_virtual_card*

Cecilia Ying and Stephen Thomas. [Label Errors in BANKING77](#).
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Limitations

• Limitation of Manual approach

utt1	utt2	concatenation	implication
what is the least expensive fare from boston to salt lake city (atis_fare)	what are the fares for ground transportation in denver (atis_ground_fare)	what is the least expensive fare from boston to salt lake city finally what are the fares for ground transportation in denver	두 의문문을 finally로 연결
why isn't my id being verified (unable_to_verify_identity)	my top up was denied in the app (top_up_failed)	why isn't my id being verified or my top up was denied in the app	의문문과 평서문을 or로 연결

• Limitation of Generative approach

utt1	utt2	concatenation	implication
weather for Frankfort (GetWeather)	3 out of 6 for the last album (RateBook)	frankfort's weather gets a 3 out of 6 rating for the last album	'RateBook' 삭제
what day of the week do flights from nashville to tacoma fly on (atis_day_name)	flight numbers from houston to dallas (atis_flight_no)	flights from nashville to tacoma fly on what day of the week and what is the flight number from houstom to dallas	'atis_day_name' → 'atis_flight'
what is mci (atis_abbreviation)	list la (atis_city)	combine the sentences: "what is mci" and "list la"	결합 실패

Future Work (ongoing, 1/3)

1. Multi-intent utterance Split → Intent Detection

End-to-end Generative Models: Q1 → Q4

2-stage Generative Models

(once) 2-stage model

: Q1 → Q2 → Q4

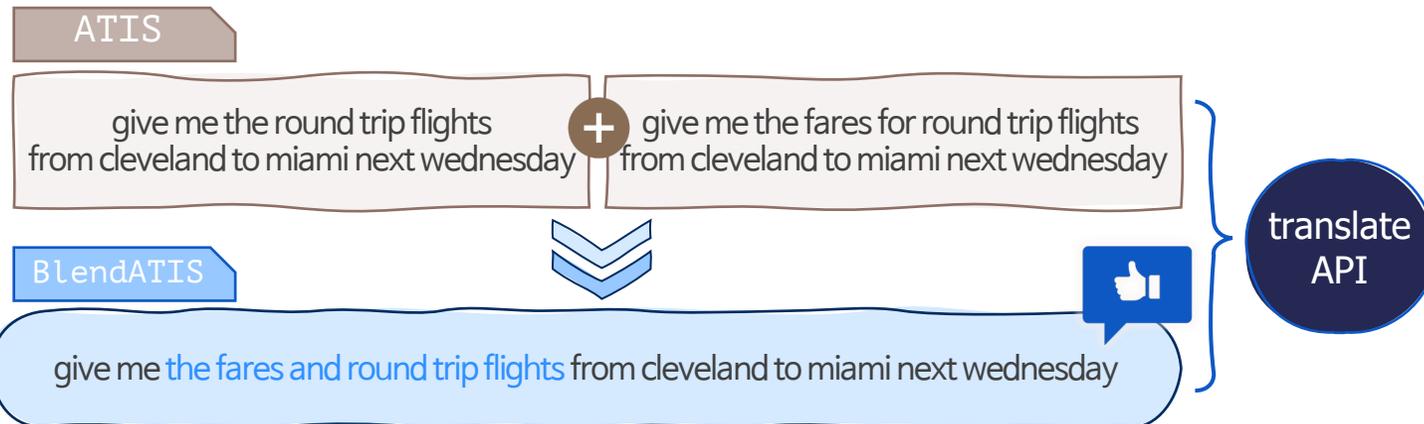
(casual) 2-stage model

: Q1 → Q2 → [Q5 → Q6 → Q7]

almost 100% split

Model	MixSNIPS		MixATIS	
	BLEU	EM	BLEU	EM
T5-base	99.46	95.13	96.94	74.88
T5-large	99.60	97.64	98.52	88.77
T5-xl	99.62	98.14	99.87	98.55

2. Complex multi-intent utterance in Korean (w/ 지수, 정민, 정연)



1. ‘~하고’, ‘~하고 나서’와 같은 접속사(연결 어미)가 문장에 포함된 경우의 처리
 - ‘에어컨 켜고 18도로 설정해줘’ → ‘에어컨 켜고’ + ‘18도로 설정해줘’
2. **Complex multi-intent 발화의 한국어 적용**
 - ‘밖에 미세먼지 좋으면 창문 다 열어줘’

Future Work (ongoing, 2/3)

3. ICL for Multi-intent Detection (w/ 정연, 영우)

- model: gpt-3.5-turbo-0613
- dataset: MixATIS
- Experiment (3-shot)
 - Naïve Prompt (from BlendX)
 - Role-assigned Prompt
 - Dynamic Few-shot Prompt
 - Multi-step

Model	MixATIS			MixSNIPS		
	Slot(F1)	Intent(Acc)	Overall(Acc)	Slot(F1)	Intent(Acc)	Overall(Acc)
Stack-Propagation (Qin et al., 2019)	87.8	72.1	40.1	94.2	96.0	72.9
AGIF (Qin et al., 2020b)	86.9	72.2	39.2	93.8	95.1	72.7
GL-GIN (Qin et al., 2021b)	87.2	75.6	41.6	93.7	95.2	72.4
SDJN (Chen et al., 2022)	88.2	77.1	44.6	94.4	96.5	75.7
CLID (Huang et al., 2022)	88.2	77.5	49.0	94.3	96.6	75.0
SSRAN (Cheng et al., 2023)	89.4	77.9	48.9	95.8	98.4	77.5
SDJN(BERT)	87.5	78.0	46.3	95.4	96.7	79.3
CLID(Roberta)	85.9	80.5	49.4	96.0	97.0	82.2
ChatGPT (5-shot)	64.0	54.1	14.6	62.9	83.9	12.7
Vicuna-7B-v1.5 (Peng et al., 2023)	83.3	79.5	47.3	95.7	97.6	78.9
Llama-2-7B-chat (Touvron et al., 2023)	86.5	82.4	51.1	95.7	96.9	78.9
Vicuna-13B-v1.5 (Peng et al., 2023)	87.9	83.6*	50.8	95.9	97.5	80.7
Llama-2-13B (Touvron et al., 2023)	87.9	81.0	49.5	96.7	97.8	83.3*
Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.1 (Jiang et al., 2023)	88.7	80.6	53.4*	95.6	97.6	79.8

Experiment settings		Accuracy
Naïve Prompt	Same as the prompt using in the experiments on BlendX paper	33.60
Role-assigned Prompt	According to OpenAI Official Document	40.00
Dynamic Few-shot Prompt	Use a {utterance, label} pair as a demonstration	55.20
Multi-step Prompt	Same as TFMN, but in-context learning setting	79.90

4. Improving BlendX (w/ 학부생 졸업프로젝트 #2)

- Thesis: N-gram 기반 similarity 측정을 통해 생략, 상호참조를 발생시키는 multi-intent 발화 데이터셋 구축
- Process
 1. Spacy 라이브러리를 사용하여 문장별 품사 및 구문분석 진행 → 명사/동사에 가중치 부여
 2. **1-gram** 기반 문장 별 유사도 계산
 3. 높은 순으로 pair 생성 (top-10)

- 유사도가 높고, 문장 합치기에 유리한 경우

list all the airlines that fly into general mitchell international

list all the airlines that fly into general mitchell international

0.9

list all the flights that arrive at general mitchell international

0.6

what is the earliest flight from boston to san francisco

what is the cheapest fare from boston to san francisco

0.8

- 유사도가 높지만, 문장 합치기에 불리한 경우

what flights are there from cleveland to miami on us air that arrive in miami before 4 pm

what round trip tickets are there from cleveland to miami on us air that arrive before 4 pm

0.72

what is the cheapest first class fare from cleveland to miami on us air on february twenty fourth

0.39

Thank You

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