# Updated Headline Generation: Creating Updated Summaries for Evolving News Stories

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### Task

Nottingham. The vehicle was reported stolen from Bobbers Mill Road and ¦ Nottingham. The vehicle was reported stolen from Bobbers Mill Road and was spotted by officers on the A52 at about 01:20 BST on Thursday. Gavin was spotted on the A52 at about 01:20 BST on Thursday. Gavin Fouracres, of Briar Court, Long Eaton, has been charged with theft of a motor vehicle. Mr Fouracres is due to appear at Nottingham Magistrates' Court later. He has also been charged with driving without due care and attention, driving without insurance, driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence, and failing to stop for police.

A 22-year-old man has been charged after an ice cream van was stolen in A 22-year-old man has admitted stealing an ice cream van in Fouracres, of Briar Court, Long Eaton, admitted taking a vehicle without authority, driving without insurance and driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence. At Nottingham Magistrates' Court he was sentenced to a community order with an unpaid work requirement of 60 hours. Fouracres was also disqualified from driving for 18 months, given a curfew with electronic monitoring, and ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £95 and fine of £85.

Updated headline generation as dynamic text summarization:

- Capitalize on what is already known
- Highlight important changes

**Old** Headline

Man charged with theft of ice cream van in Nottingham

**Old** Body

as static text Model summarization New Headline

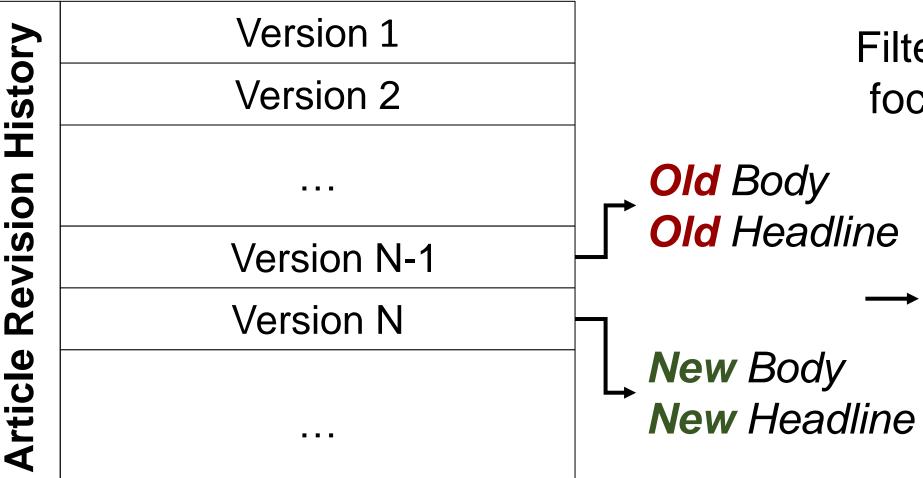
Man admits theft of ice cream van in Nottingham

4.67 **4.71** 4.64 **4.71** 

Focus



**NewsEdits** [Spangher et al., 2021]



Filtering (heuristics, learned classifier) to focus on substantive headline changes Old Body ≠ New Body AND **Old** Headline ≠ **New** Headline

Human Evaluation (3 annotators, including reference)

4.88 4.90 4.81 **4.92** 

**Headline Revision for Evolving News (HREN)** Valid Train **Test** 

5,769 6,189 57,285

4.97 4.95 4.95 **4.98** 

Headline generation

**Curated dataset for updated** headline generation

Headlinese Grammaticality

# **Experiments & Results**

- New Body [Headline Generation] **Old** Headline
- Old Headline + New Body Old Headline + Edits in Body

<REPLACE OLD> been charged after <REPLACE NEW> admitted stealing <REPLACE END> <DELETE> was stolen <DELETE END>

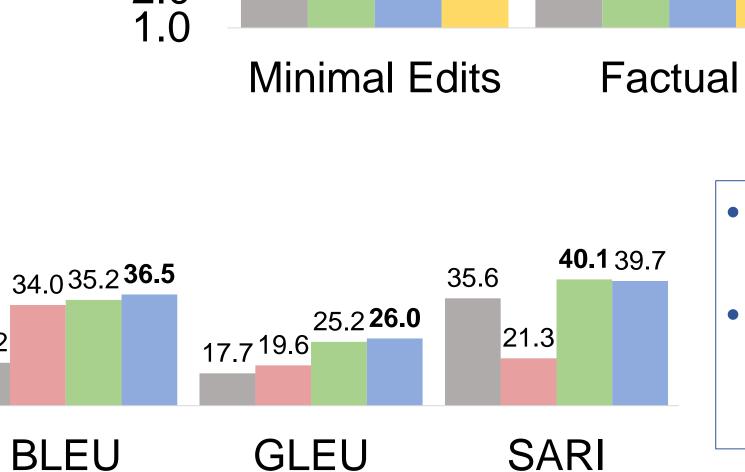
<DELETE> by officers <DELETE END>

context representations with BART 48.8 51.5 **52.4** 

29.4<sup>32.6</sup>**34.0** 35.2

40

Evaluating various input



3.15 **3.35** 

1.86

2.30

5.0 4.0

Including Old Headline, Edits in Body improve performance across automated metrics

4.96 **4.98** 4.96 4.96

With Old Headline + Edits in Body, a model makes fewer unnecessary edits while maintaining factuality, focus, headlinese, and grammaticality

## Analysis

The White House is asking Congress for nearly \$12 billion more than \$14 billion as a down payment on Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts, sending Republican leaders a request late Friday for \$5.9 7.8 billion in immediate aid...

### **Predicted Headline:**

white house to ask for \$14.8 billion down payment for harvey relief

#### **Analyzing BART Attention**

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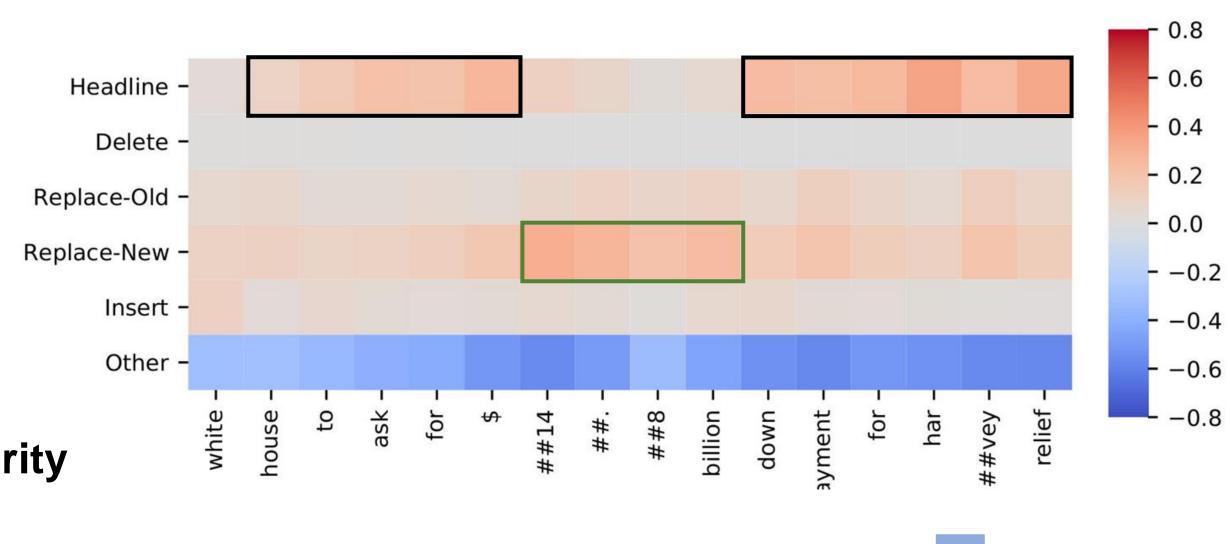
- Attending to **Old Headline** when retaining content
- Attending to **Edits in Body** when generating new content

20.2

#### **Old Headline:**

**METEOR** 

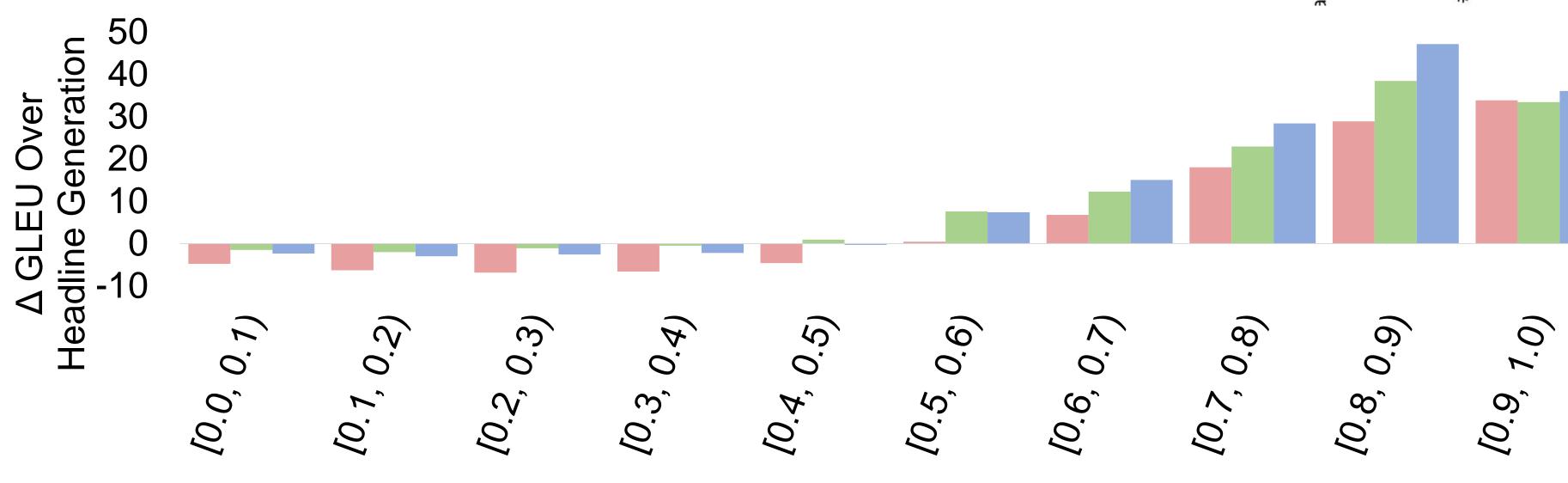
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Jaccard Similarity (Old Headline New Headline)

#### **Case Study Input Context Prediction** Representation Original man charged with theft of ice cream van in nottingham gavin fouracres admits stealing ice New Body cream van in nottingham **Old** Headline man remanded over theft of ice cream van in nottingham man, 22, admits theft of ice cream **Old** Headline + New Body van in nottingham **Old** Headline + man admits theft of ice cream van **Edits** in Body in nottingham Reference man admits theft of ice cream van

### **ΔGLEU** for Varying Jaccard Similarity



#### **Analyzing Best Model for Varying Levels of Edits**

in nottingham

- Large # of edits: New Body is sufficient
- Medium # of edits: Old Headline + New Body
- Small # of edits: Old Headline + Edits in Body