



# UTD HLTRI at TAC 2019: DDI Track

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Multi-task neural model for:

- Task 1: entity identification
- Task 2: relation identification
- Task 3\*: concept normalization
- Task 4: normalized relation identification

## Problem

- Sentence-level
- Binary Relation identification

## Our Approach

- Multi-task learning
  - Sentence classification
  - Mention boundary detection
  - Relation extraction
  - PK effect classification
- Pre-trained Transformer for **shared representation**

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# The Approach

## FDA Label Drug-Drug Interaction Pipeline

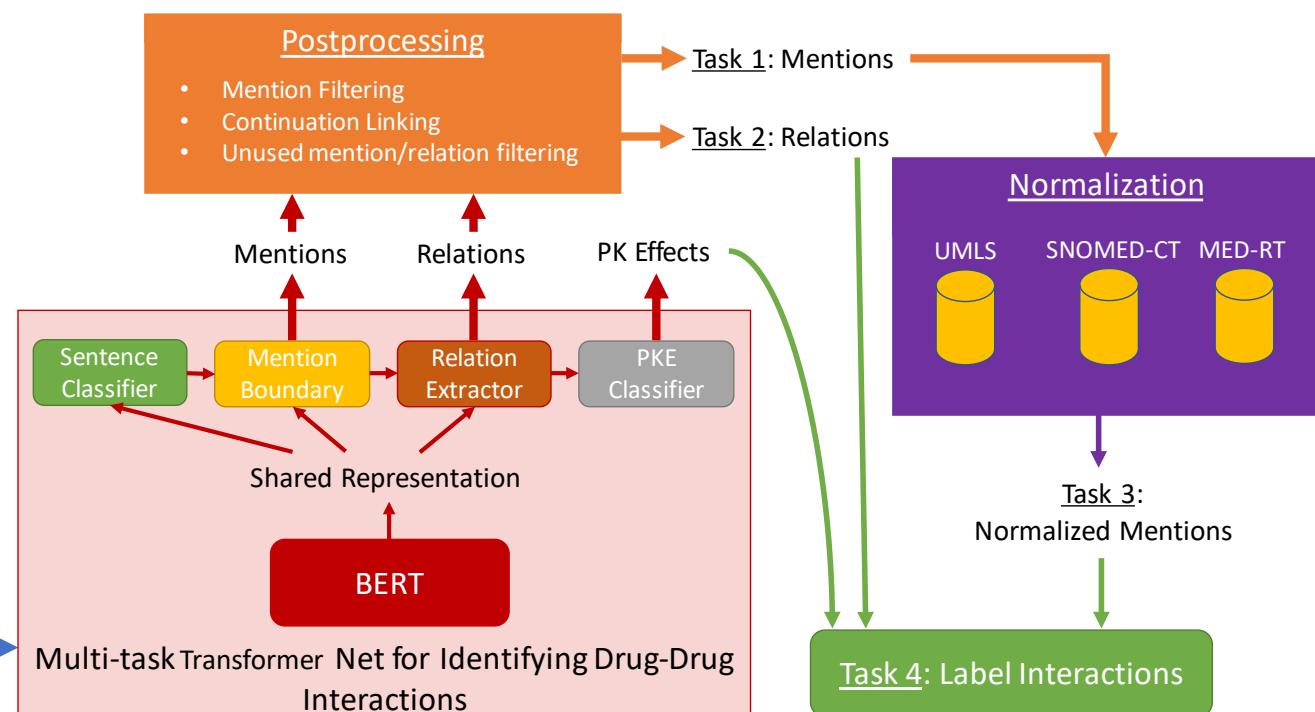
Structured Product Labels



### Preprocessing

- Annotation Propagation
- Mentions
  - Relations
  - Pseudo-triggers

- Tokenization
- Spacy
  - Word-piece



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- Binary Relations
  - (Trigger, Precipitant, Effect) ->
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    - (Trigger, Effect)
  - Pseudo-triggers for SIs in some PDIs
  - PK effects as attributes
- Mention annotation propagation
  - Ease the learning problem

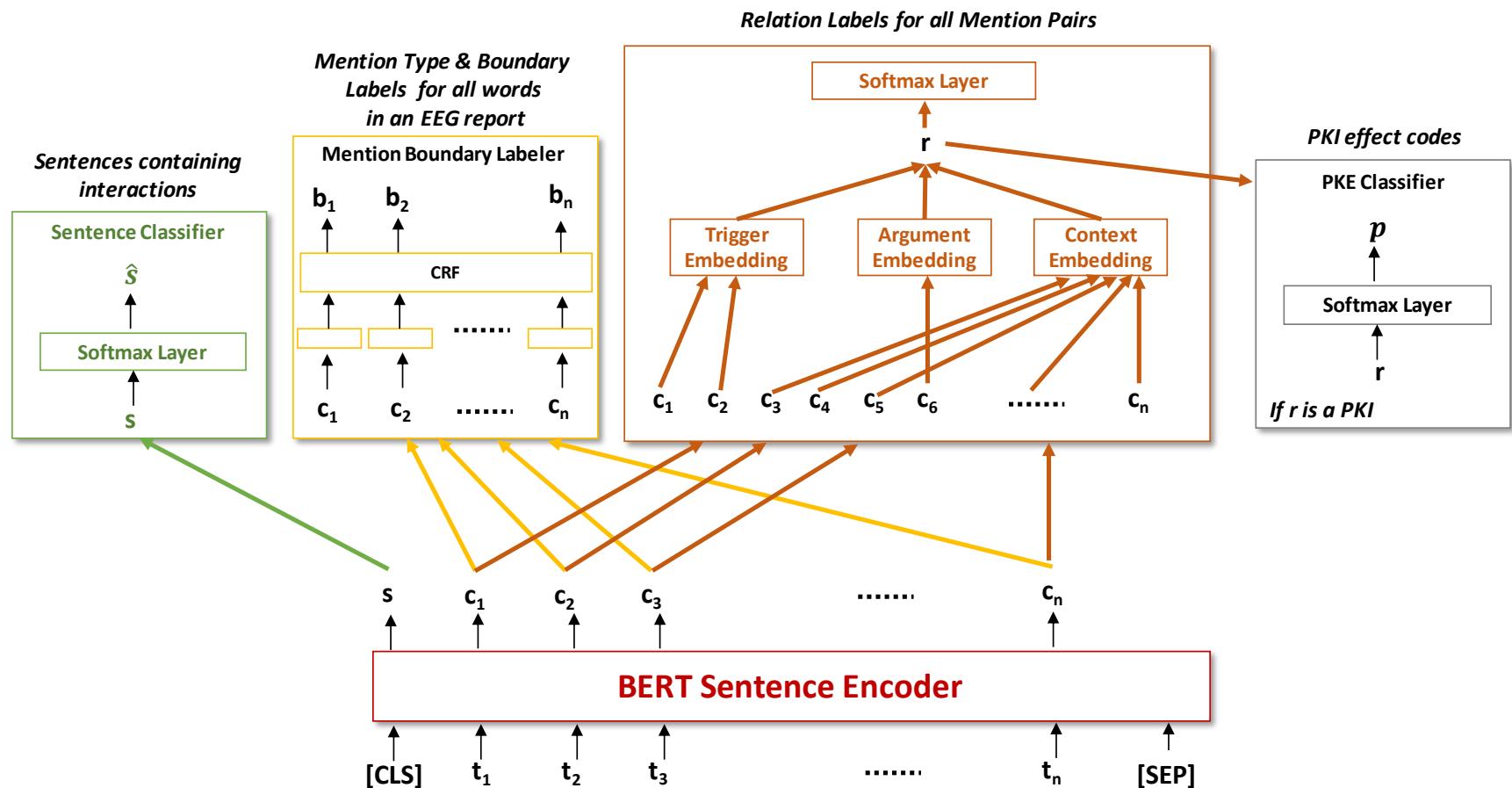
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- Tokenization
  - spaCy
  - WordPiece using BERT vocab
- C-IOBES tagging
  - Continuation necessary for disjoint spans

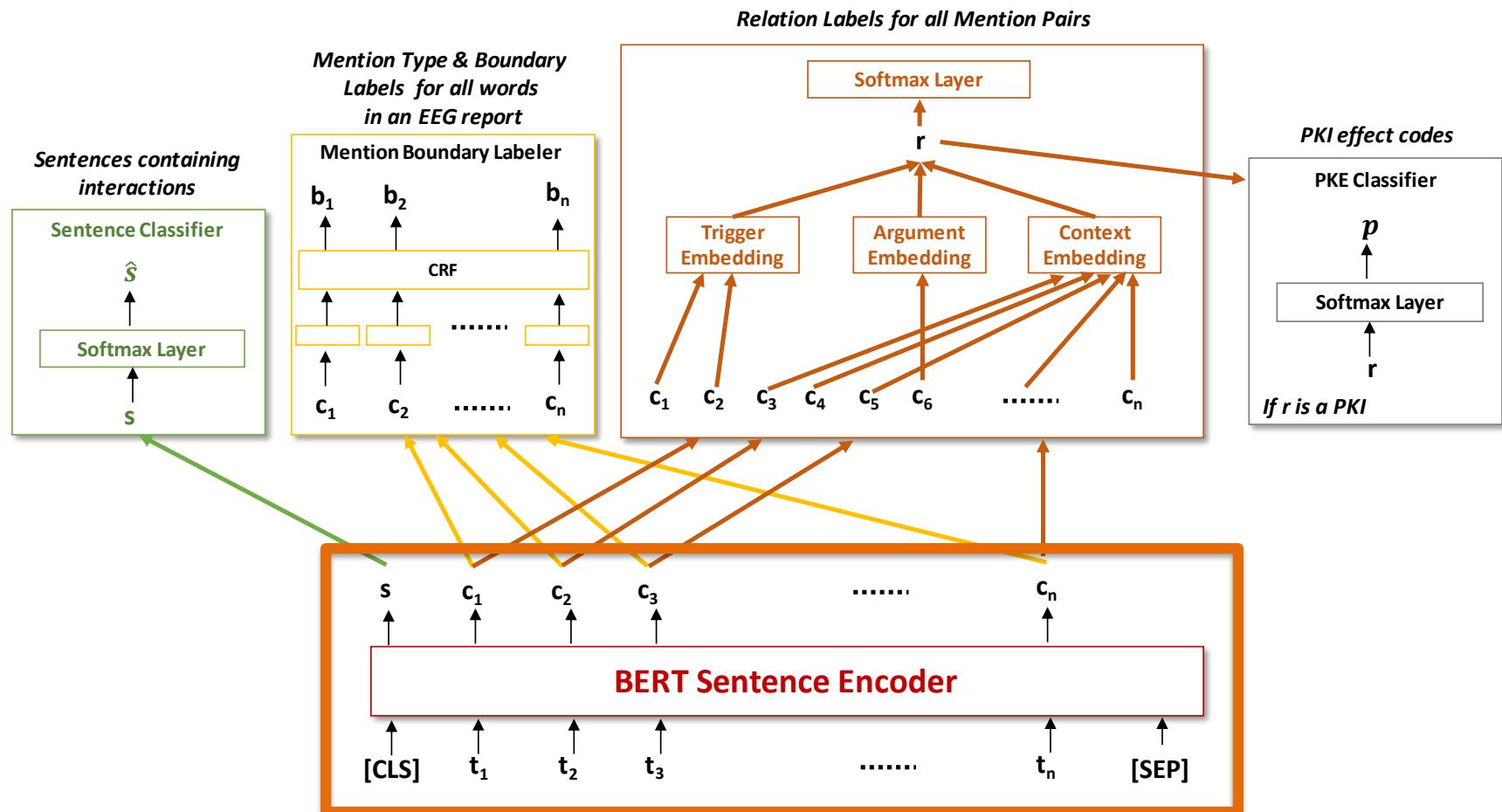
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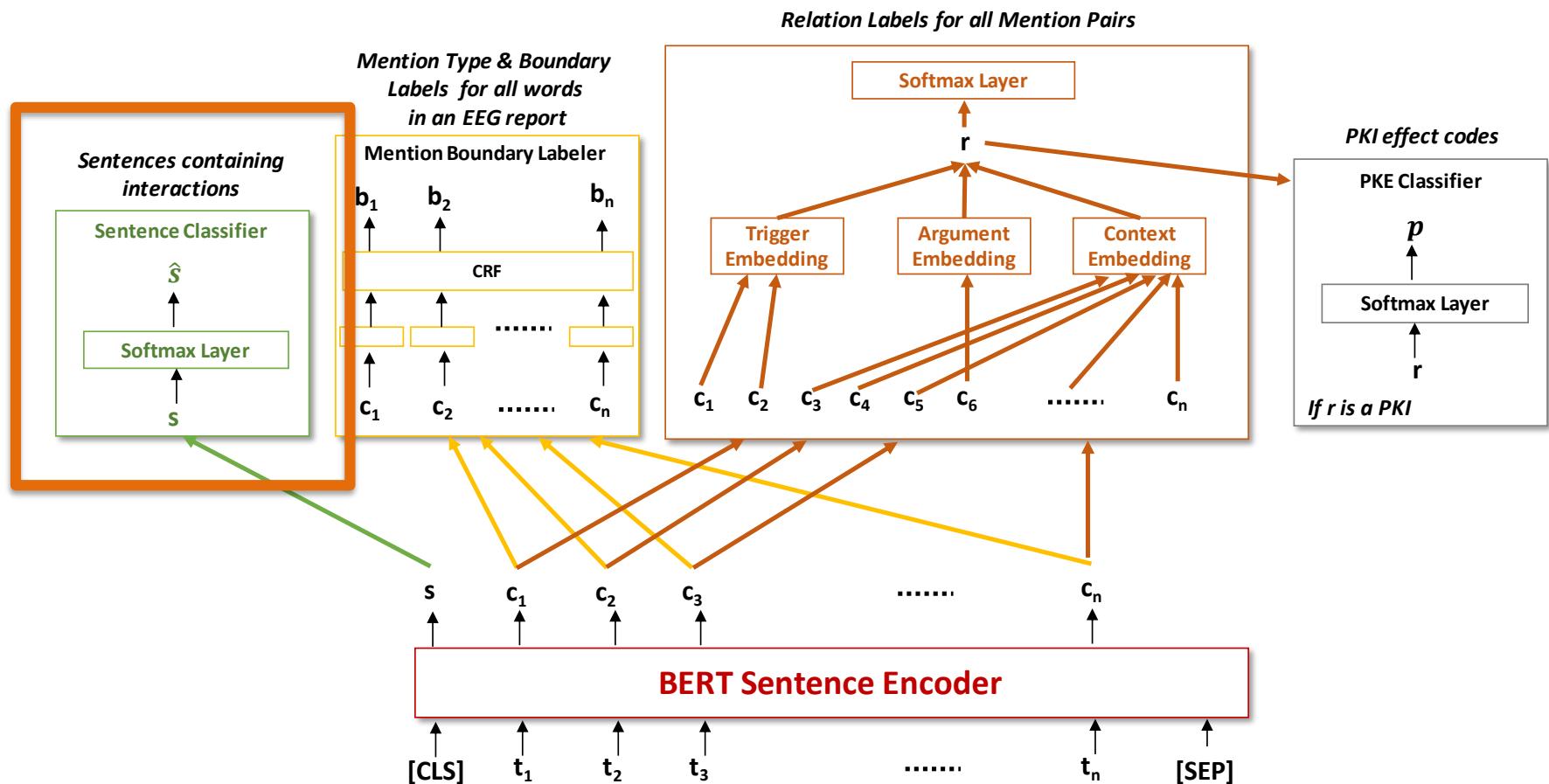


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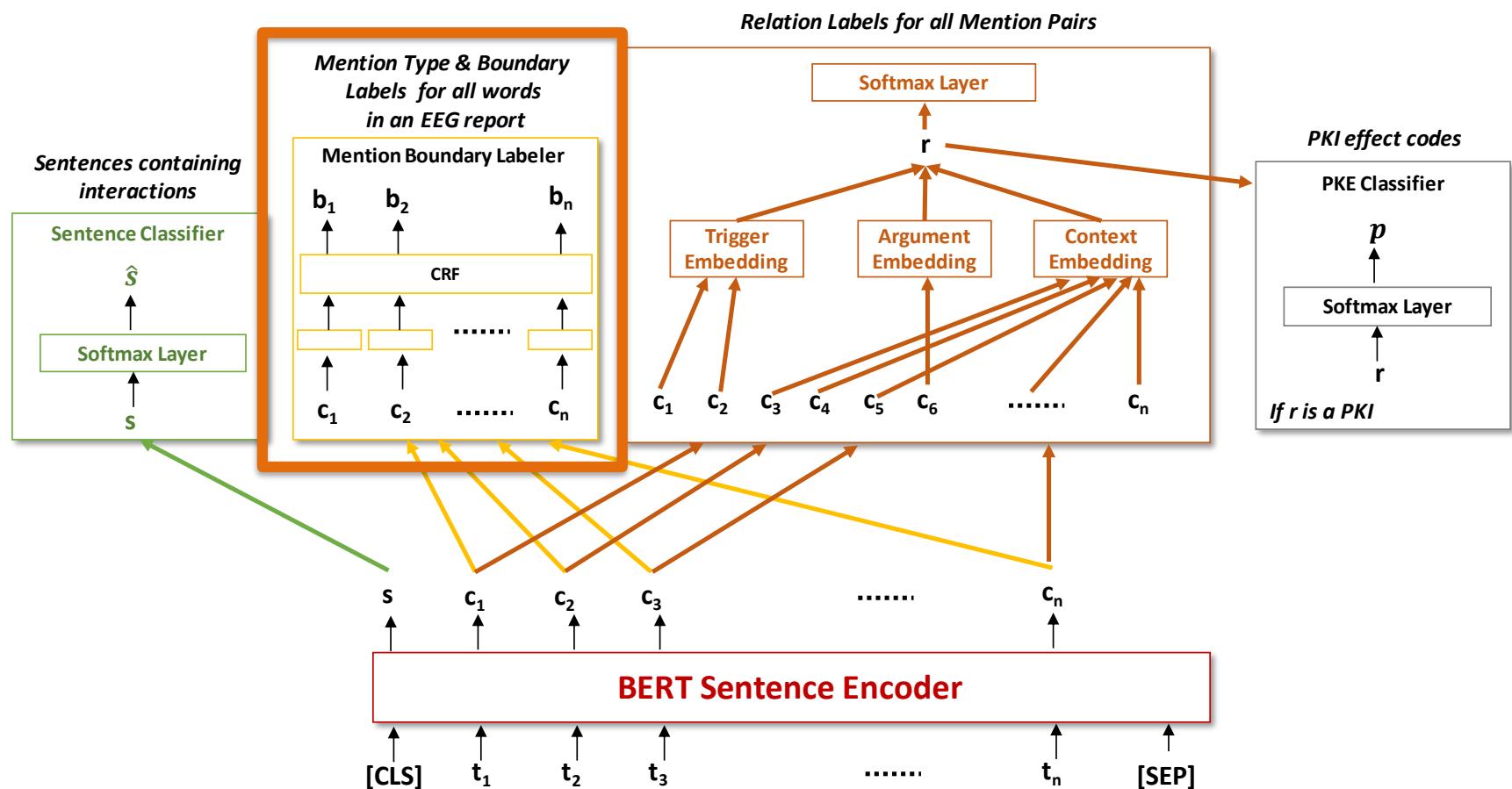


# Sentence Classifier

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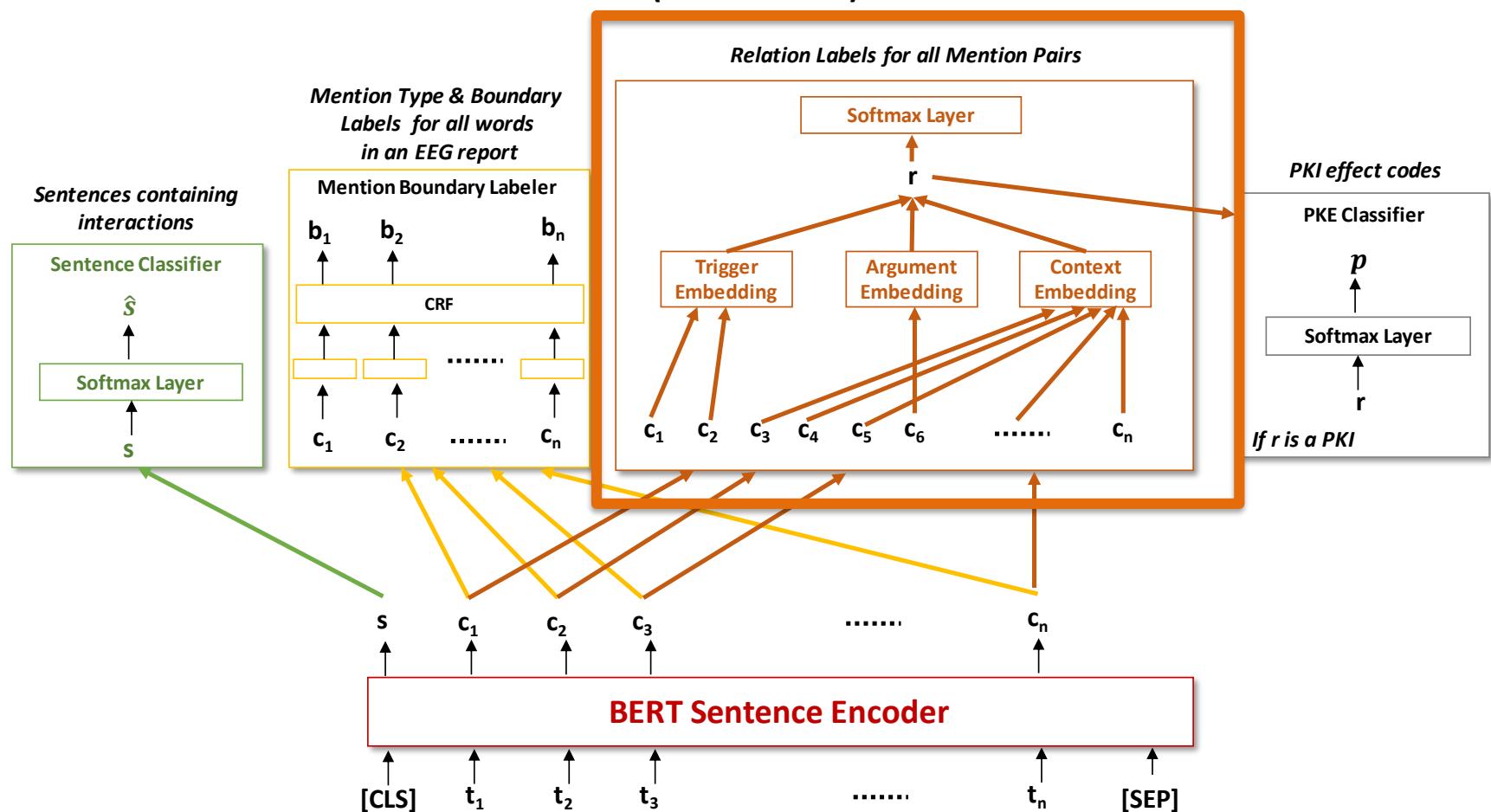


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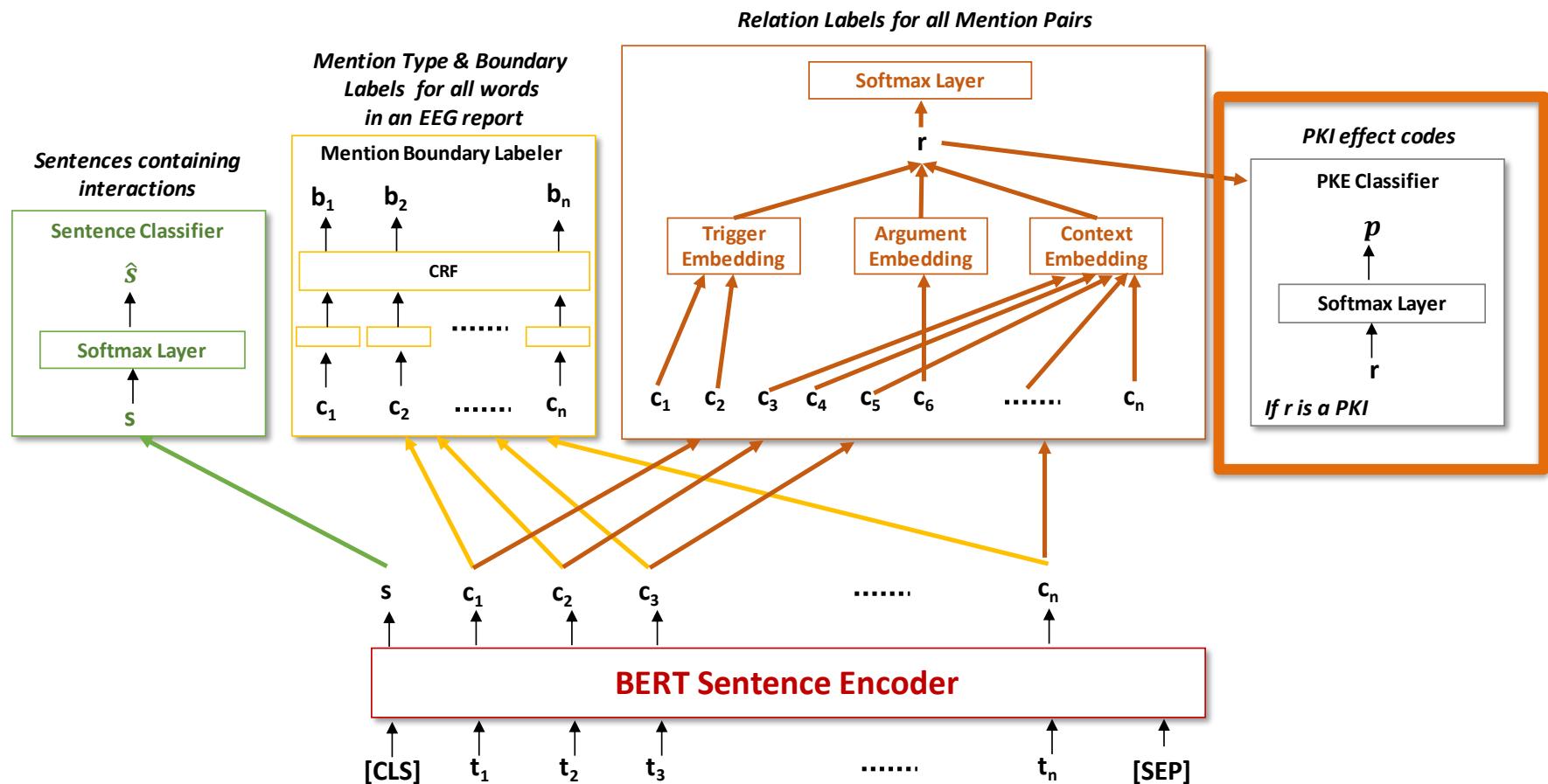


# Relation Extractor

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- Filtering
  - Invalid boundary tag sequences
  - Repeated mentions
  - Mentions not involved in an interaction
- C-spans linked to closest mention
- Reconstruct ternary interactions from binary through shared trigger

- Normalization
  - String matching
  - SNOMED-CT
    - Specific interactions
  - MED-RT
    - Drug classes
  - UNII
    - precipitants
  - Augmented with atoms from UMLS
- Map precipitants first to MED-RT, then to UNII if no match was found

## Task 4

- inferred from unique interactions between normalized mentions
- PK effect codes from MTTDDI

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# Results

Evaluated MTTDDI against two alternate configurations:

- **UTDHLTRI Run3**: No sentence filtering/targeted training
- **Run3 + Filtering**: Dedicated Learners

System	Task1	Task2	Task3	Task4
<b>Best Submission</b>	<b>65.38</b>	<b>49.03</b>	<b>62.39</b>	17.56
<b>Median</b>	48.97	37.13	45.53	17.56
<b>UTDHLTRI Run3</b>	35.04	27.48	28.66	17.56
<b>Run3 + Filtering</b>	<i>56.03</i>	<i>42.29</i>	<i>45.73</i>	24.07
<b>MTTDDI</b>	54.39	41.34	44.08	<b>25.20</b>

\* Bold indicated best score. *Italics* indicates best score among LDIIP systems.

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# Questions

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