

# Syntax-Based Statistical MT

- Terminology
- Mathematical Framework
- Translation Model
- Language Model
- Decoder

这 7人 中包括 来自 法国 和 俄罗斯 的 宇航 员 。

**cstring**



**estring**

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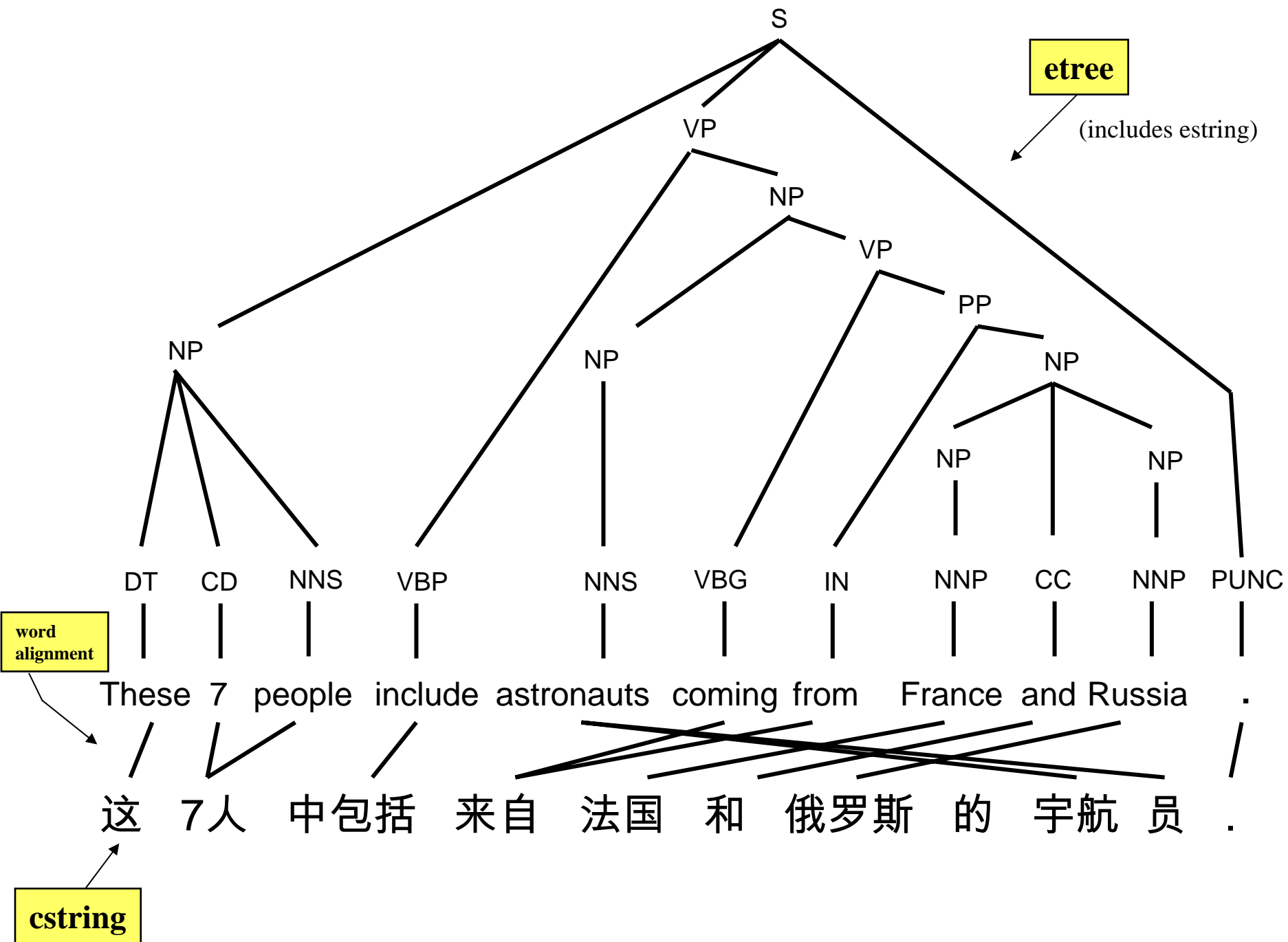
**word alignment**

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# Mathematical Framework

- String-based system

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{e,a} P(e, a, c)^\alpha \cdot P(e)^\beta \cdot |e|^\gamma \cdot \dots$$

- Tree-based system

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\text{etree},a} P(\text{etree}, a, c)^\alpha \cdot P(\text{etree})^\beta \cdot |\text{etree}|^\gamma \cdot \dots$$

translation  
model

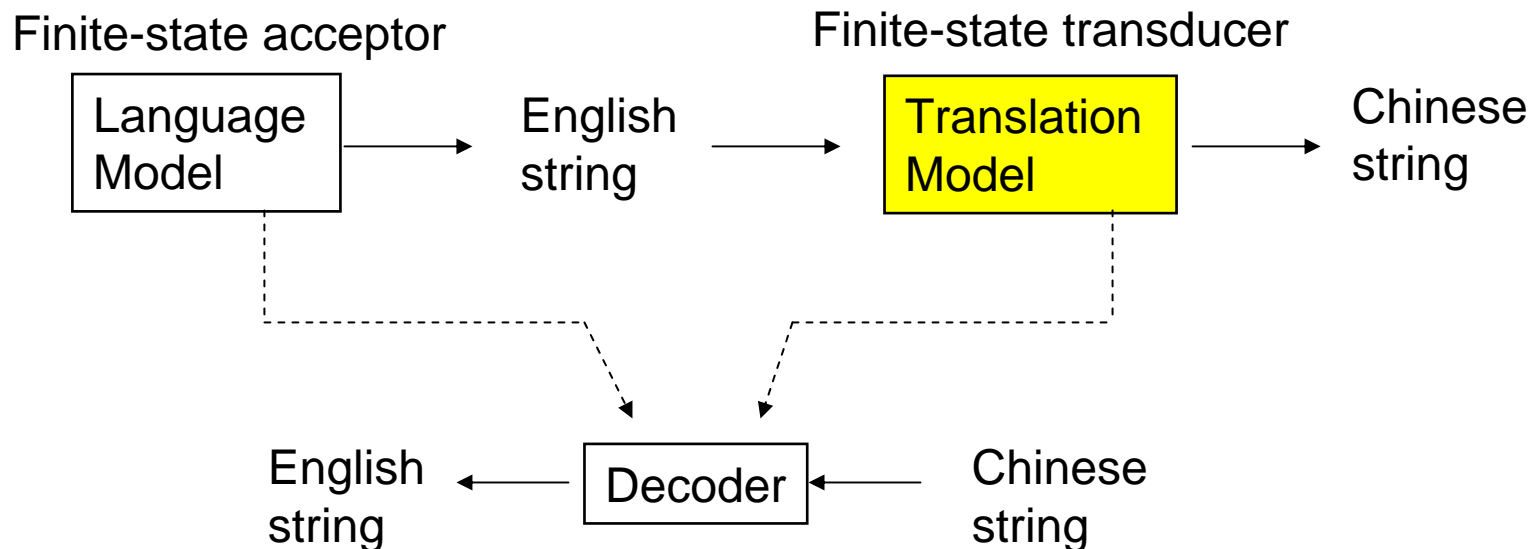
language  
model

length  
bonus

# String-to-Tree

- Mathematically, we want a weighted relation with pairs drawn from:
  - (the infinite) set of Chinese strings
  - (the infinite) set of English trees
- Good pairs should have a high weight
- Bad pairs should have a low weight
- Probabilistic generative modeling approach
  - How does a Chinese string become an English tree (or vice-versa)?

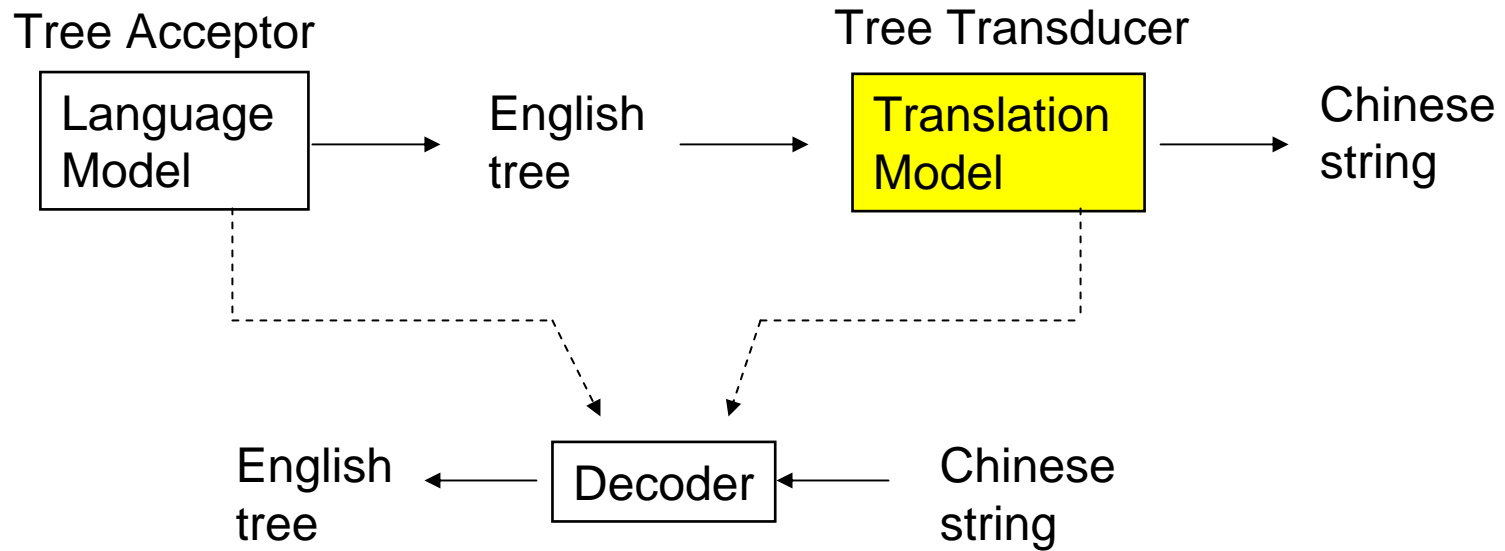
# Phrase-Based



- Grab a chunk of English string
- Decide how to translate it (using phrase pair inventory)
- Recurse on remaining input
  - Can be modeled by finite-state string transducer
  - [Mealy, 1959] → [Kumar & Byrne, 2003, HLT]



# Syntax-Based

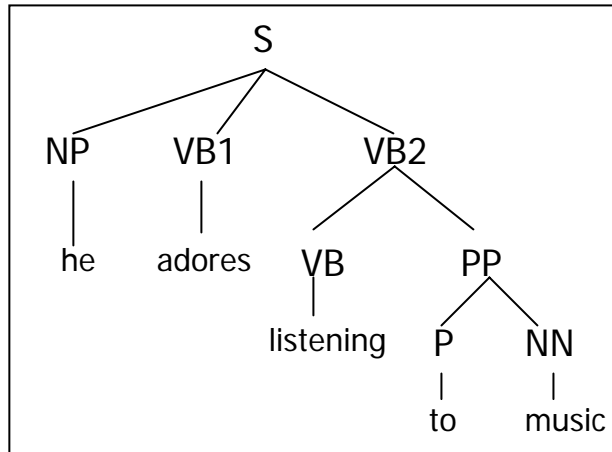


- Grab a chunk of English input tree
- Decide how to translate it
- Recurse of remaining subtrees
  - Can be modeled by tree transducer
  - [Rounds, 1970] → [Graehl & Knight, 2004, HLT]

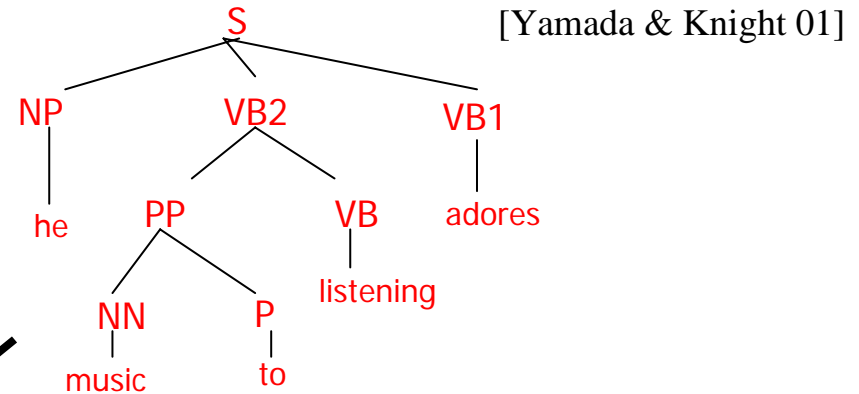
# An Early Syntactic Model of Translation

[Yamada & Knight 01]

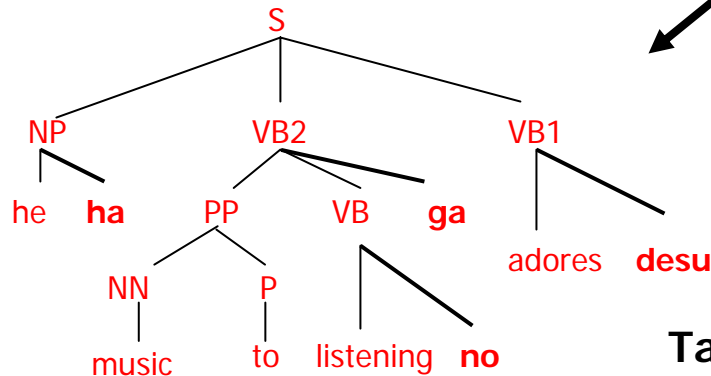
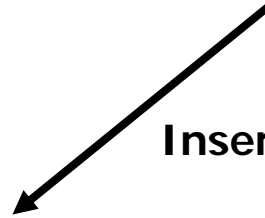
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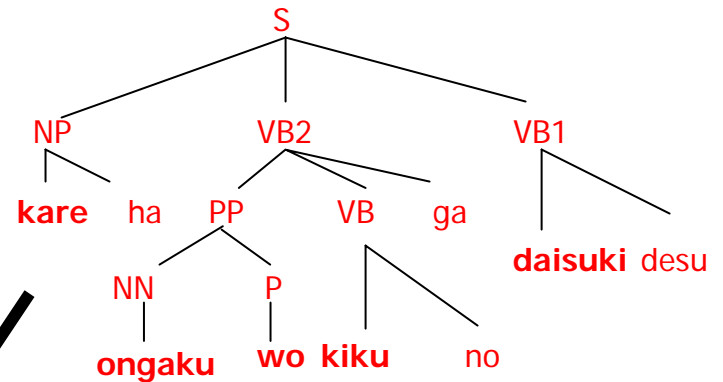
Reorder



Insert



Translate



Take Leaves



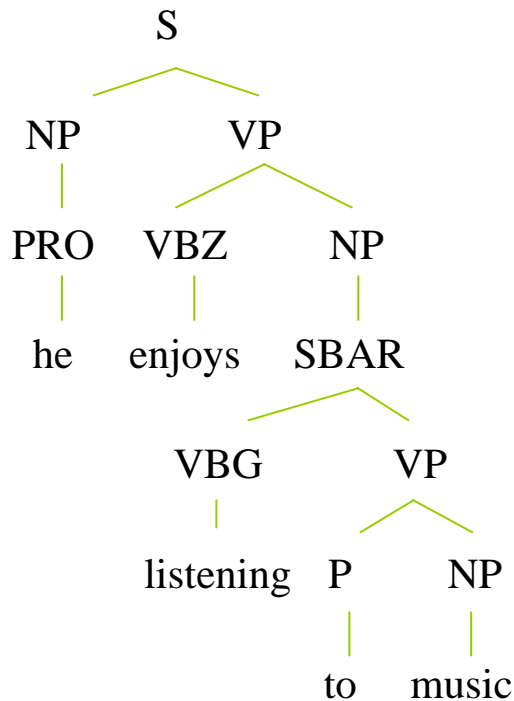
Sentence (J)

**Kare ha ongaku wo kiku no ga daisuki desu**

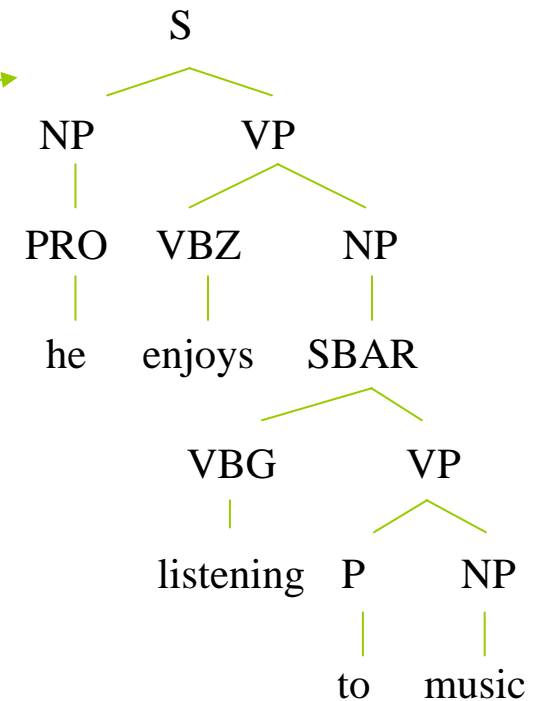
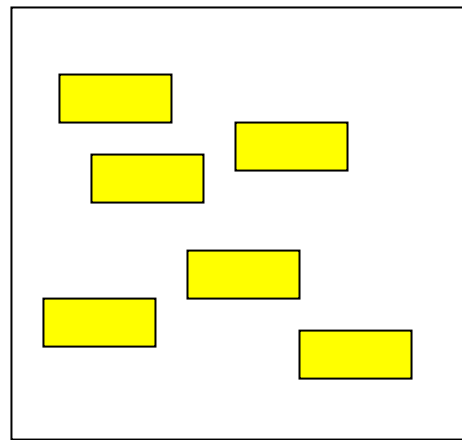
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(W. Rounds 1970; J. Thatcher 1970)

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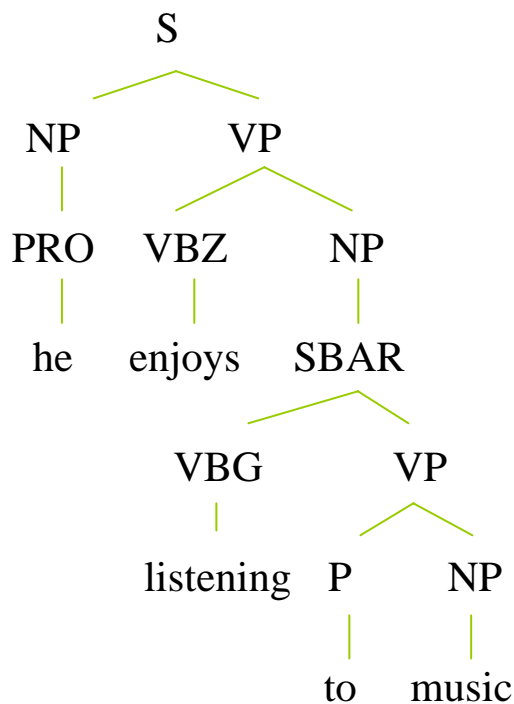
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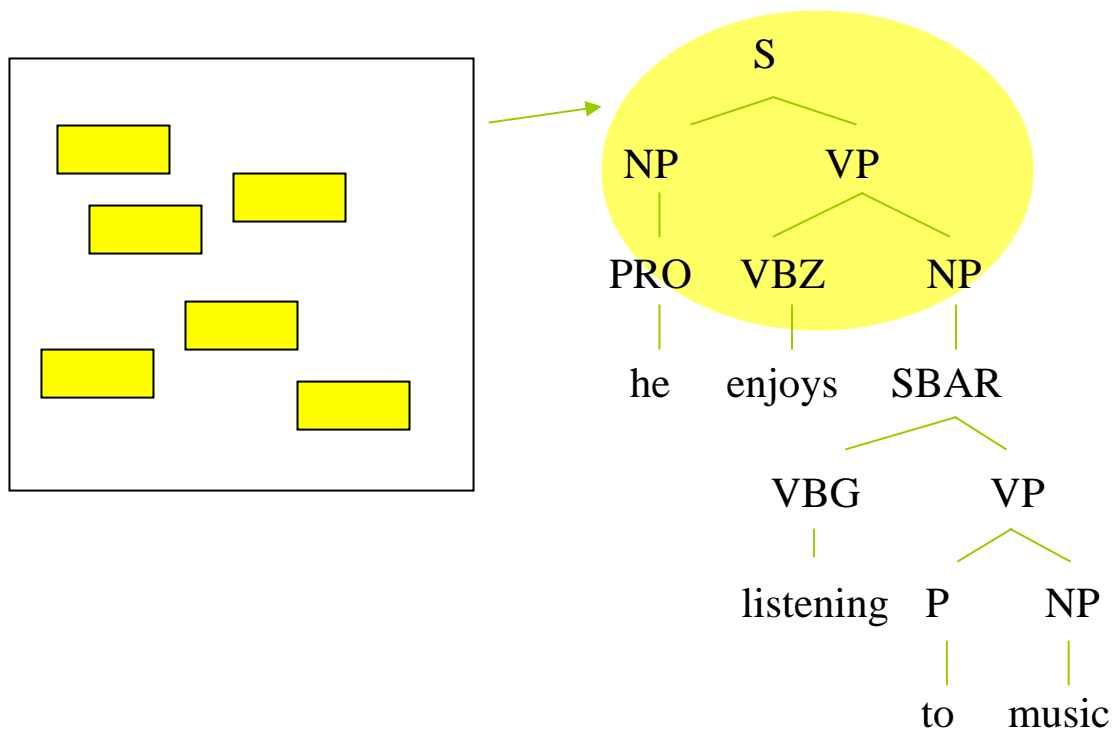
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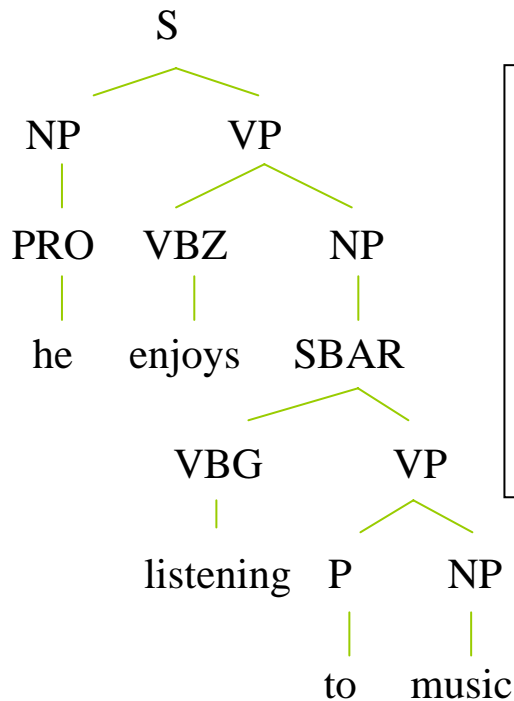
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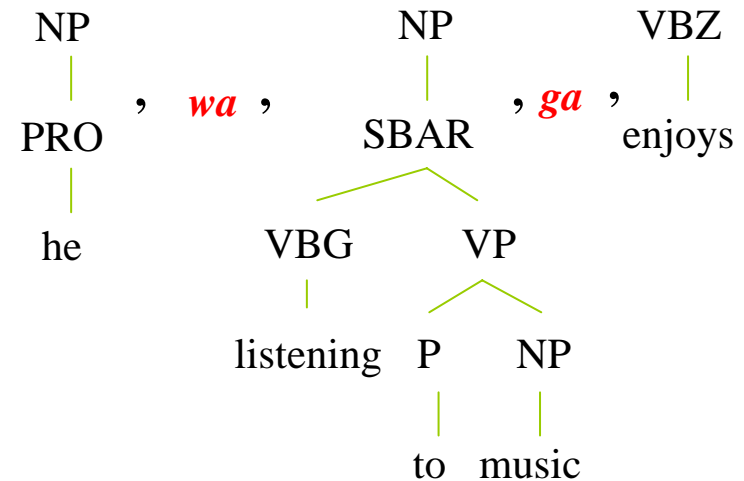
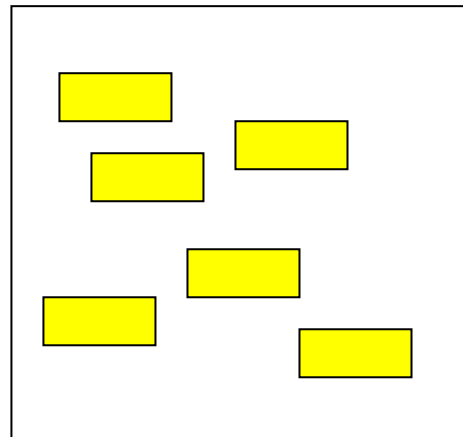
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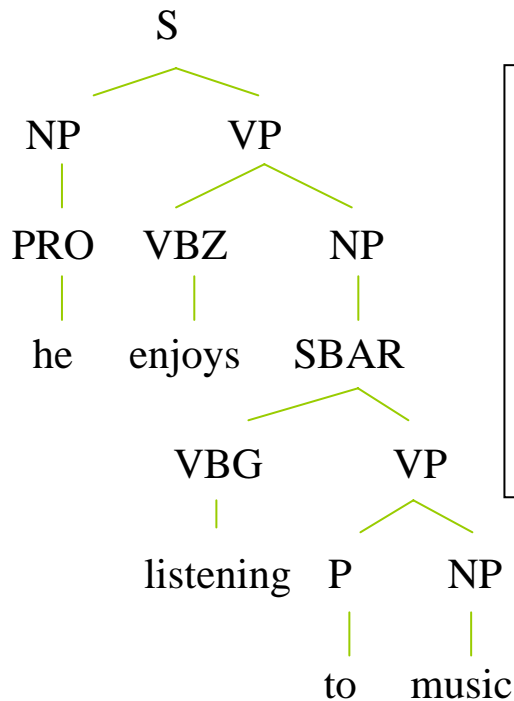
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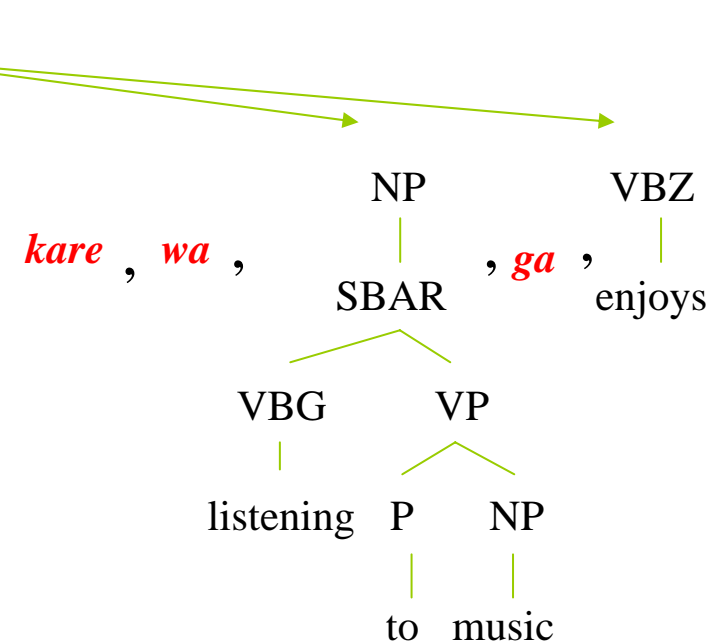
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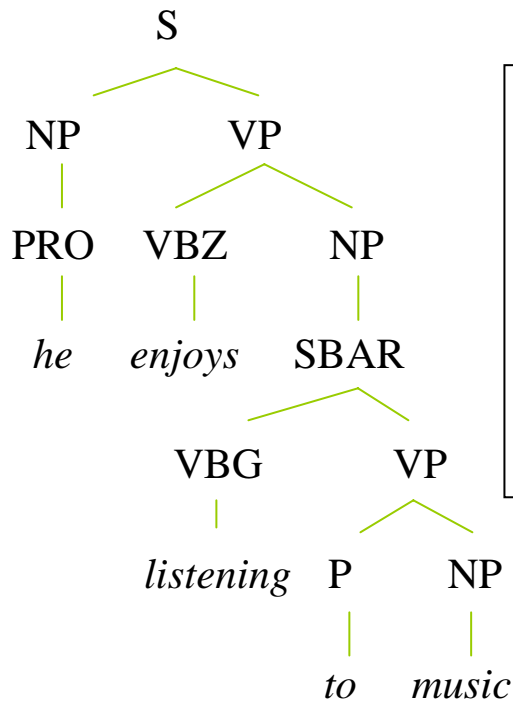
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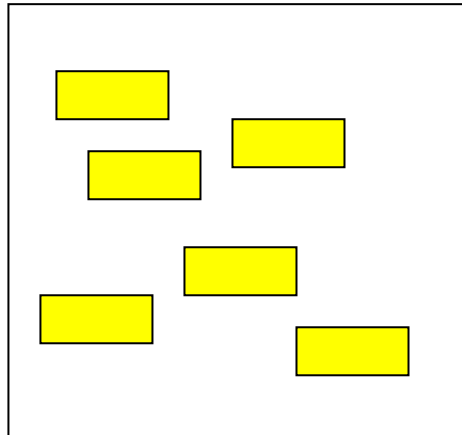
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Final output:

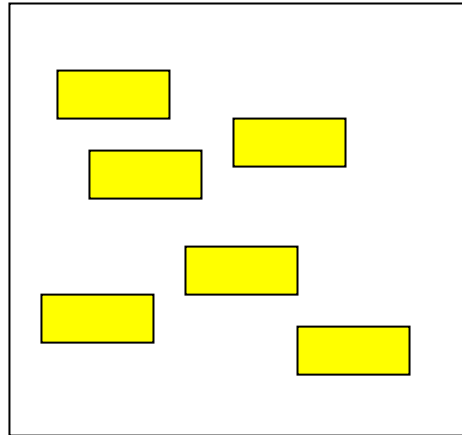
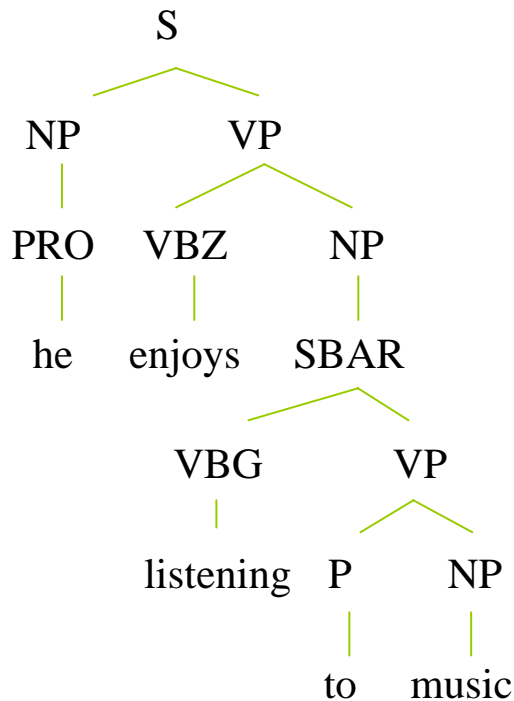


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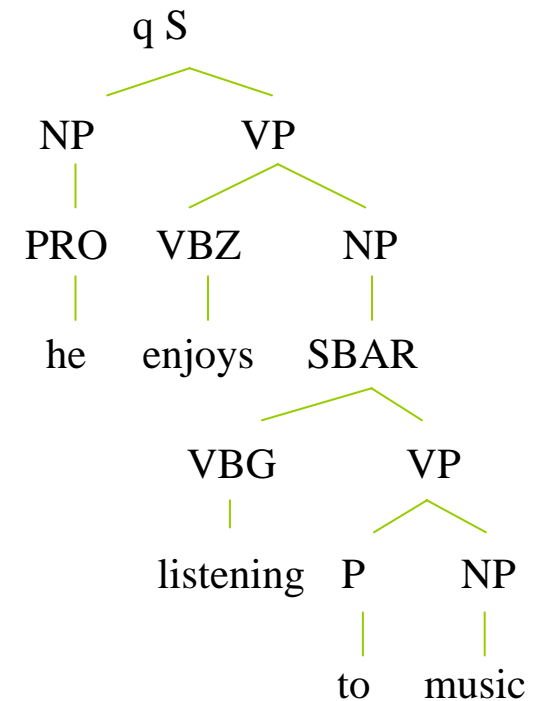
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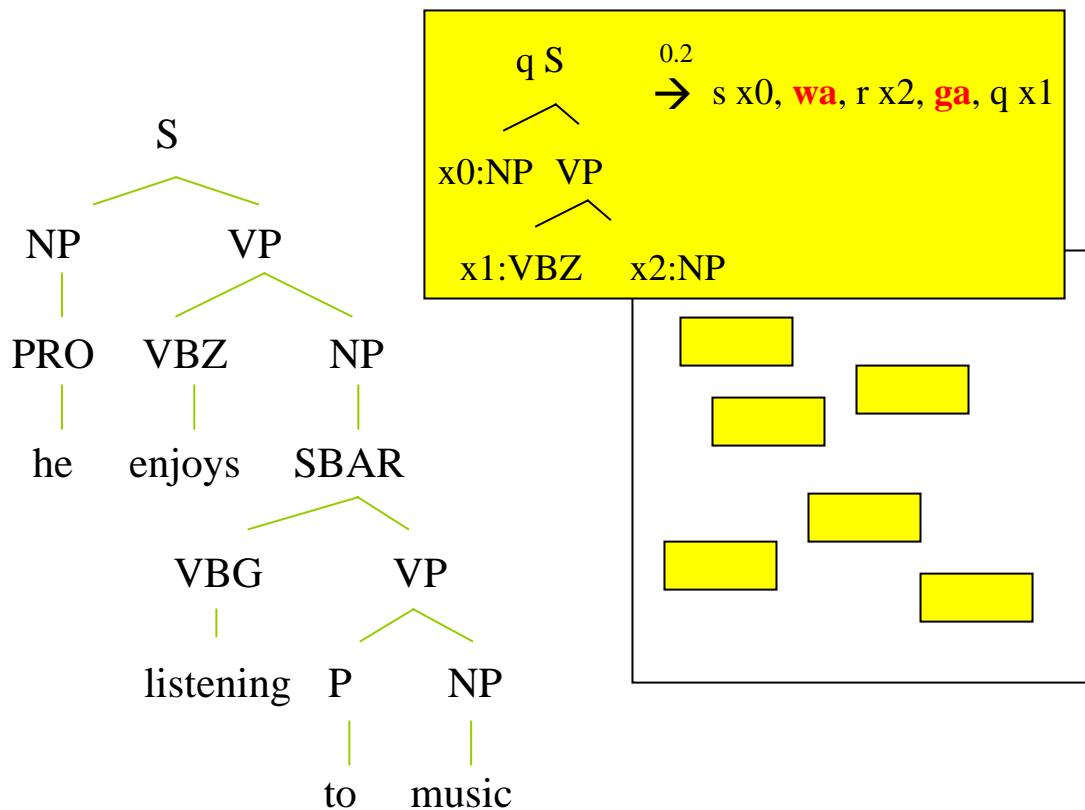




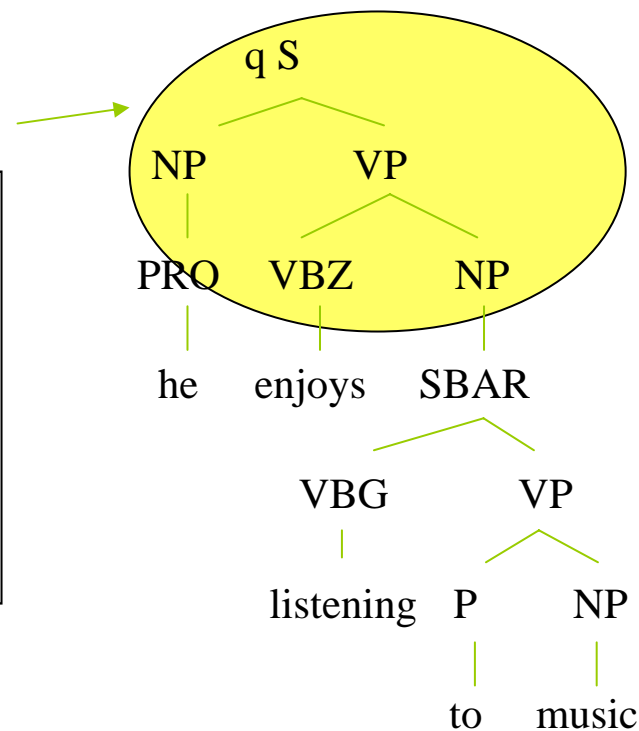
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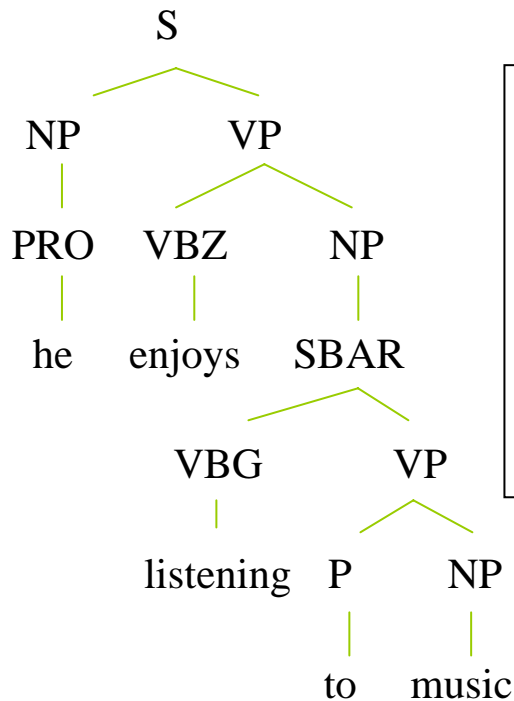
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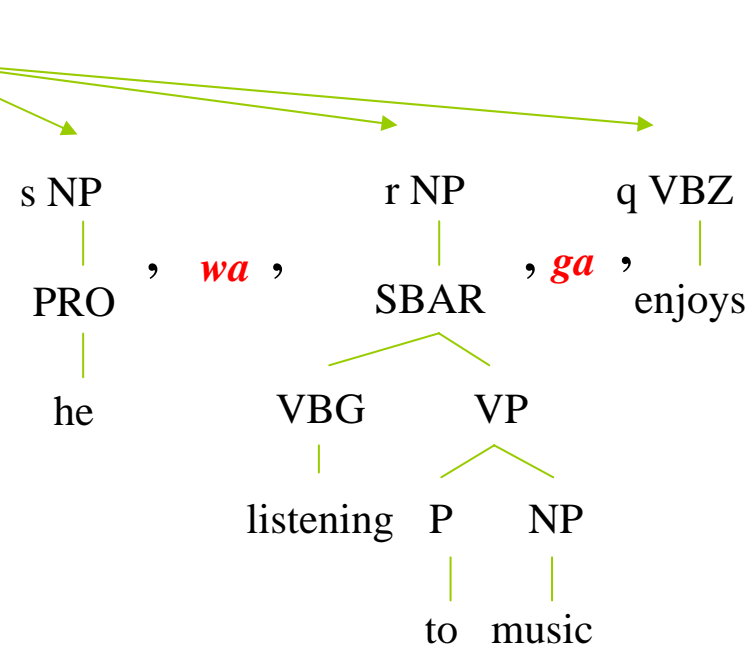
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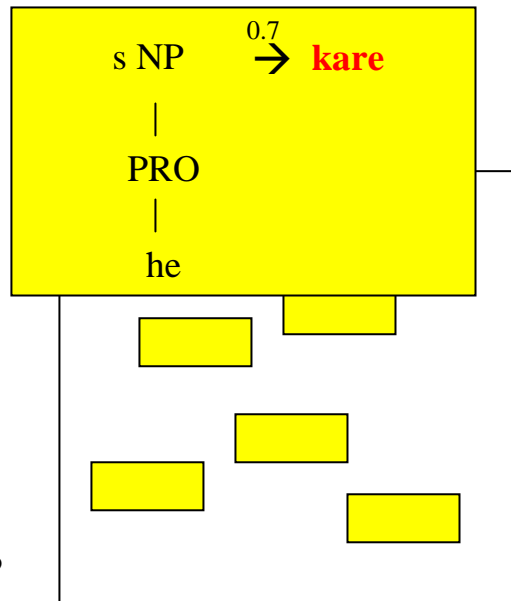
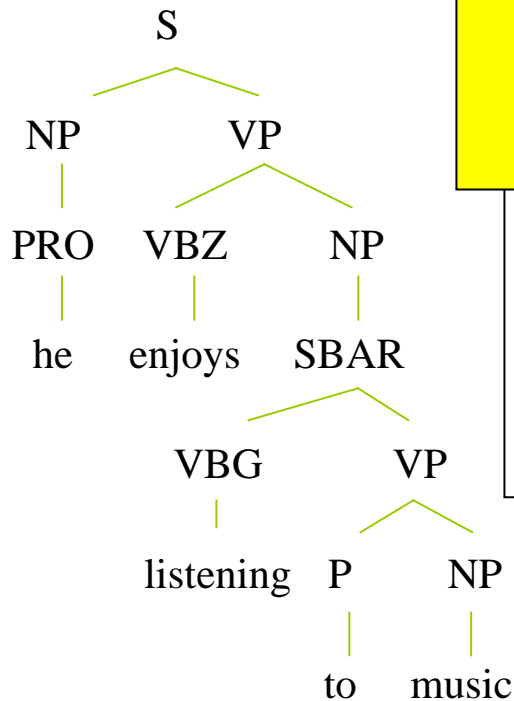
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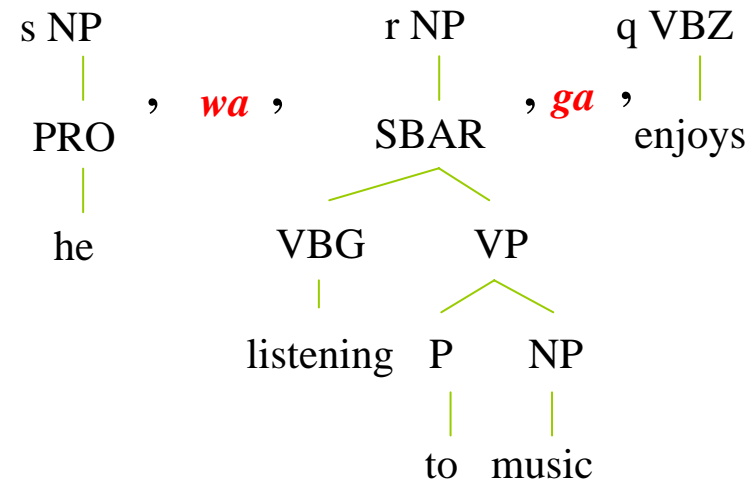
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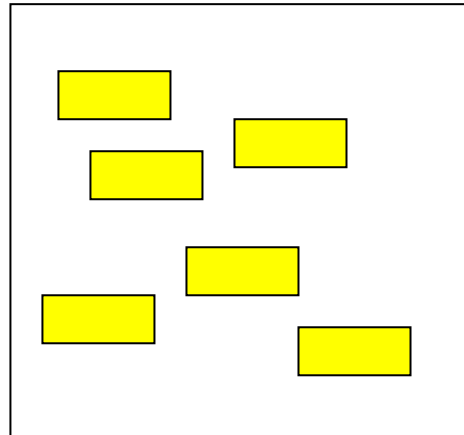
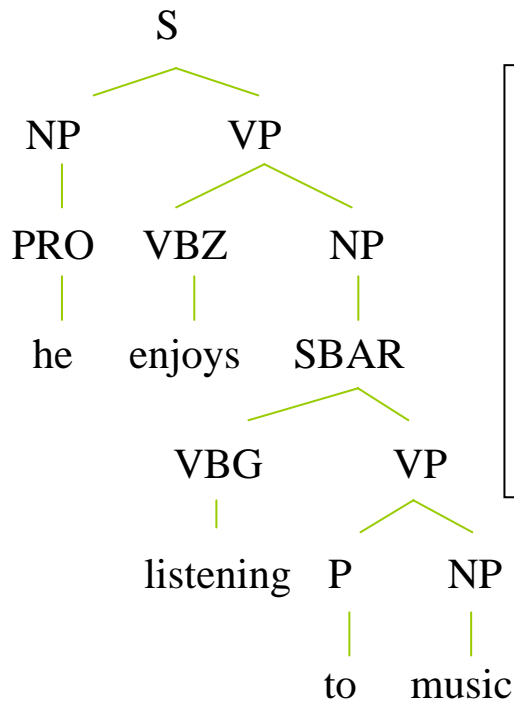
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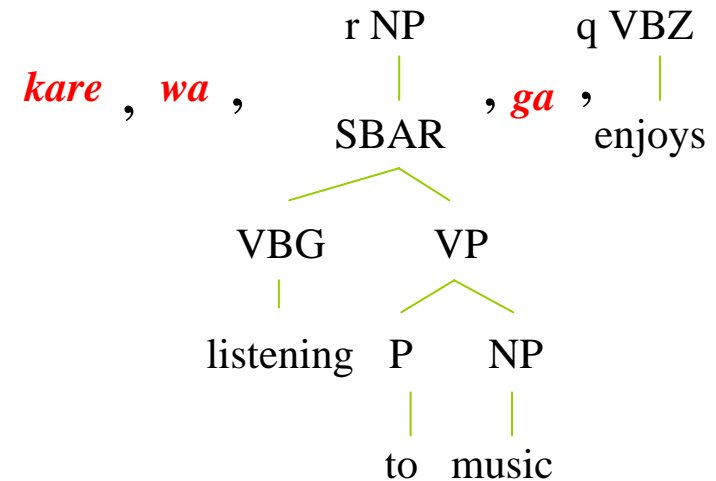
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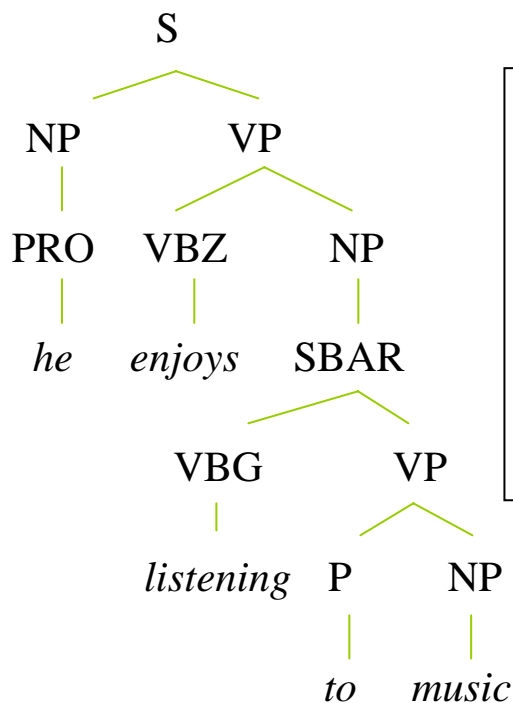
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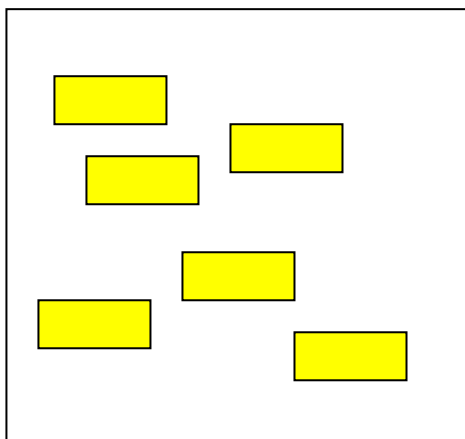
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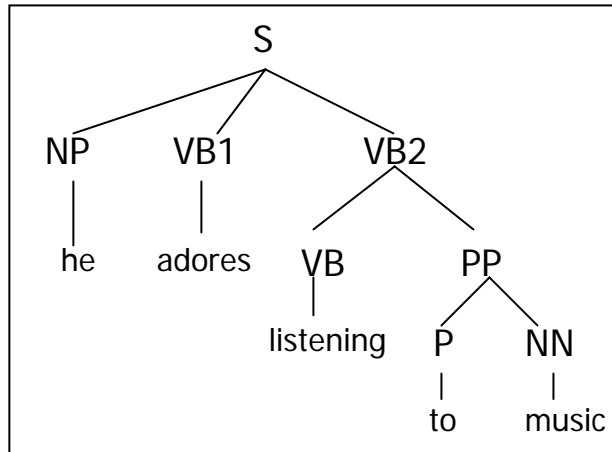
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To get total probability,  
multiply probabilities of the  
individual steps.

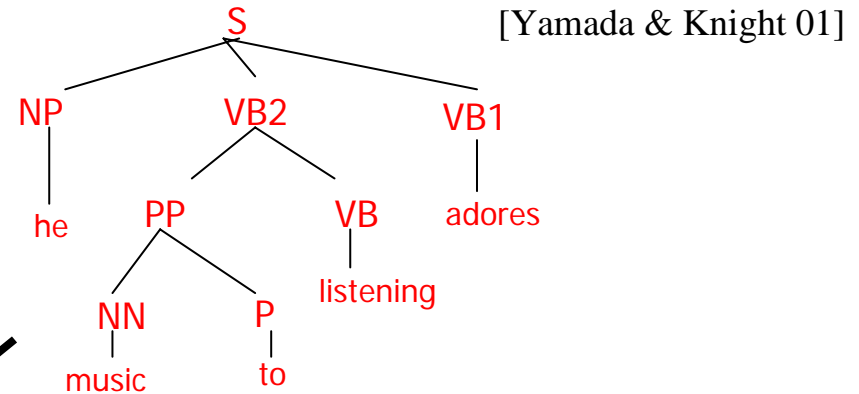
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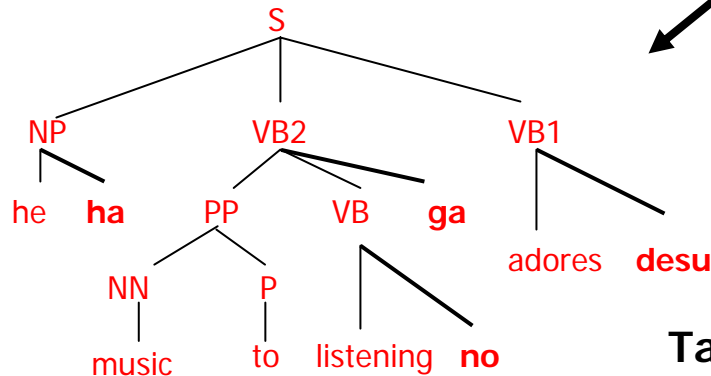
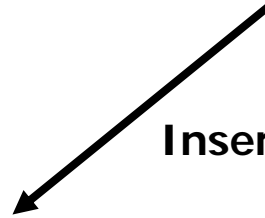
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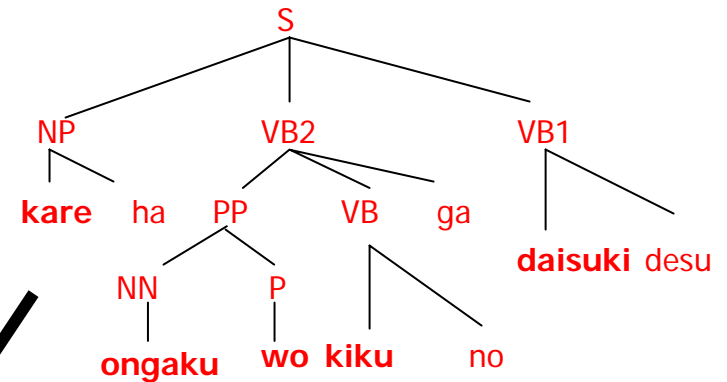
Reorder



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Translate



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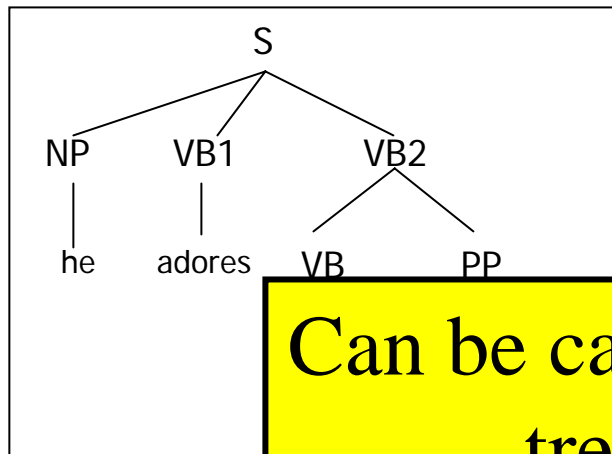
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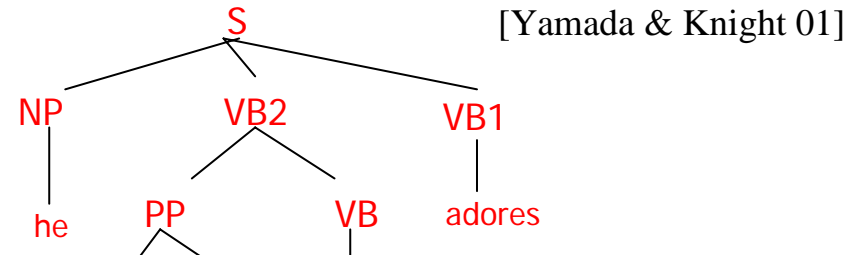
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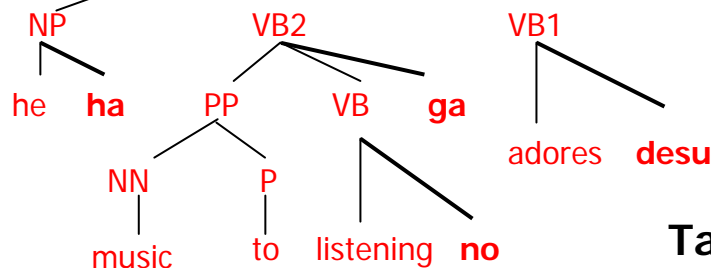


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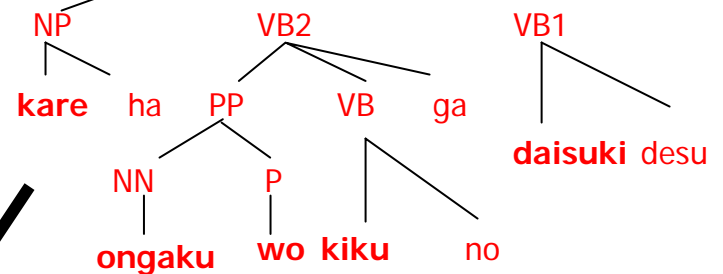
Can be cast as a single 4-state  
tree transducer.

[Graehl & Knight 04]

Translate



Take Leaves

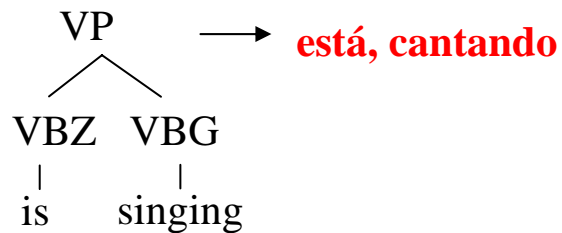


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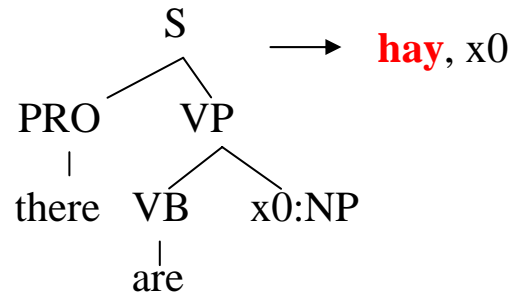
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# Tree Transducers are Expressive

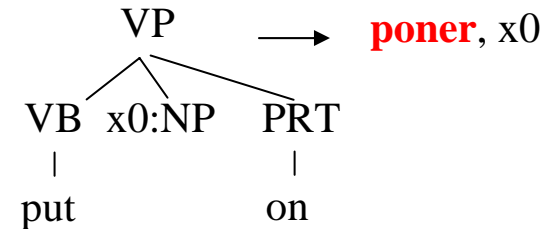
## Phrasal Translation



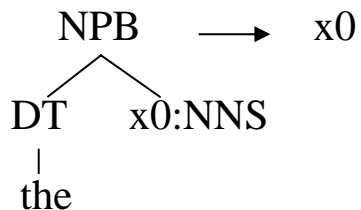
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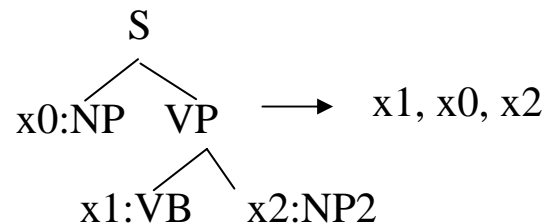
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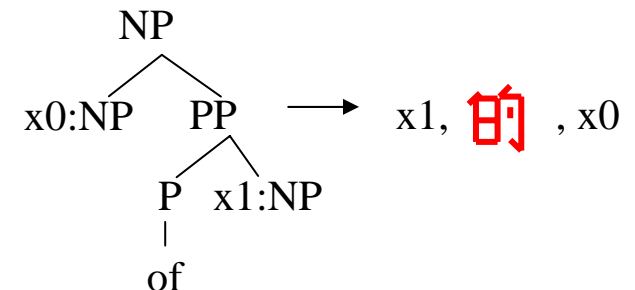
## Context-Sensitive Word Insertion



## Multilevel Re-Ordering



## Lexicalized Re-Ordering

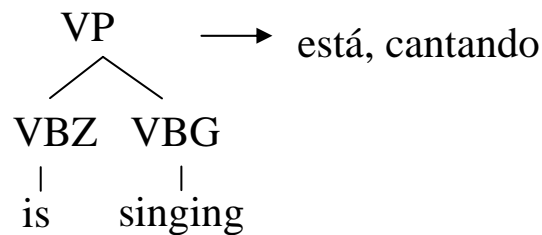


also QA, compression, paraphrasing, etc  
most probabilistic tree-based models proposed 2000-2005 can be so cast

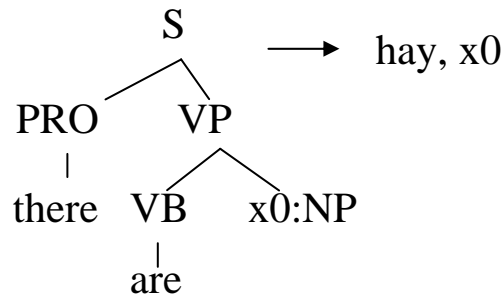


# Transducer Format is Expressive

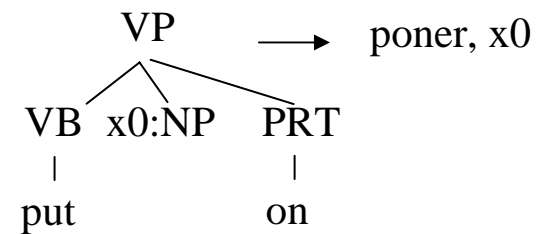
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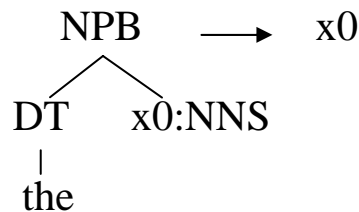
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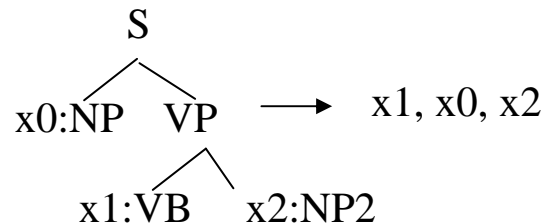
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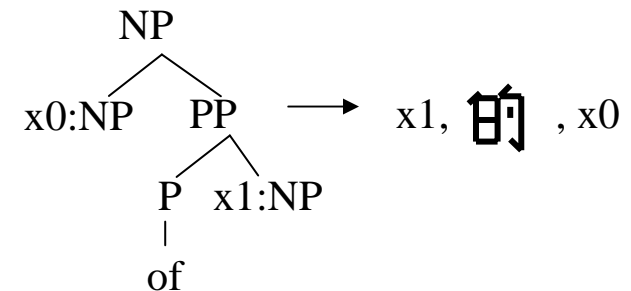
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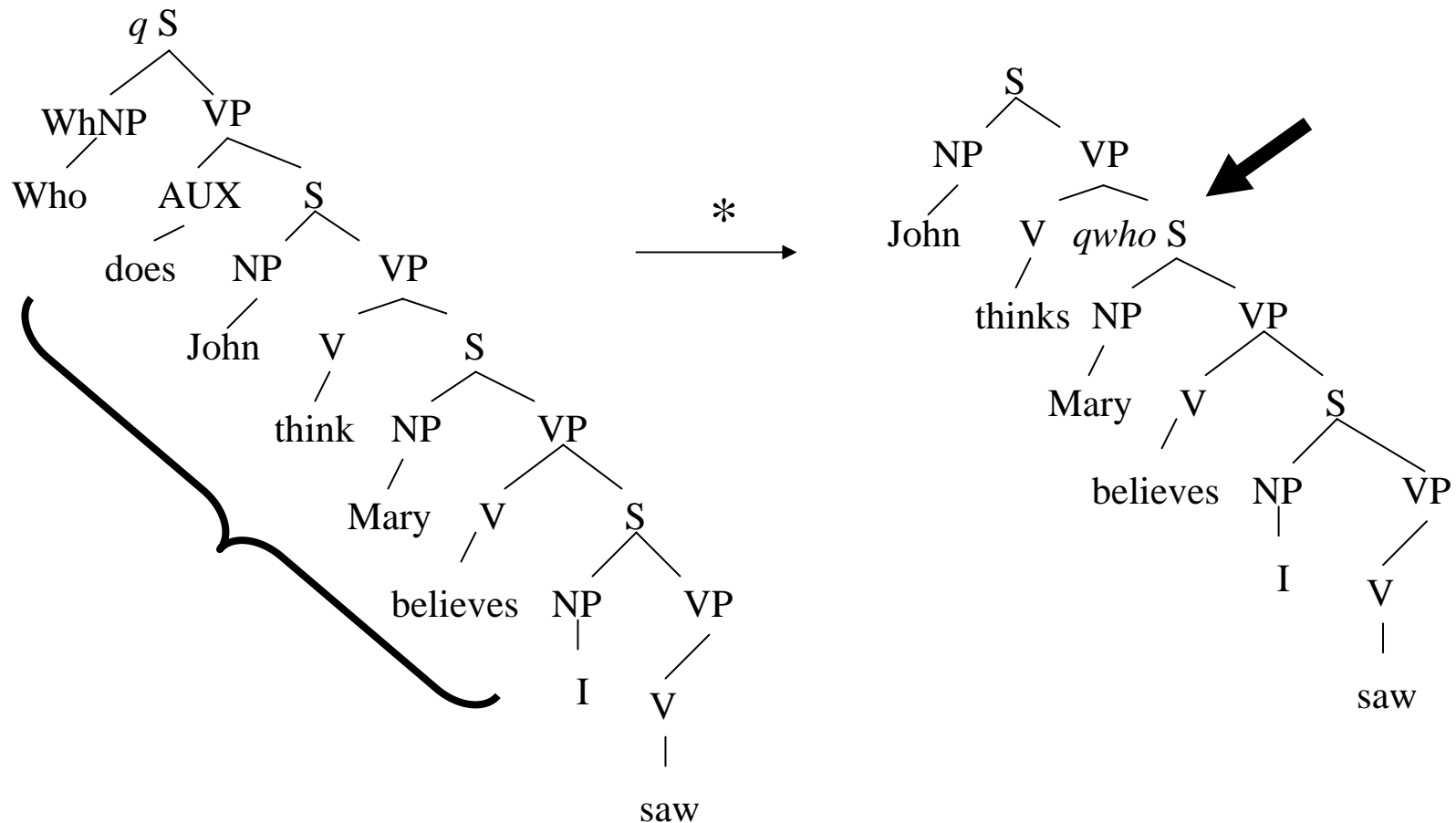
## Lexicalized Re-Ordering



*These transformations have been studied extensively in the computing theory literature, as tree automata (acceptors, transducers, etc). We know many of their closure properties, etc. See [Knight & Graehl, 2005] for more on these automata.*

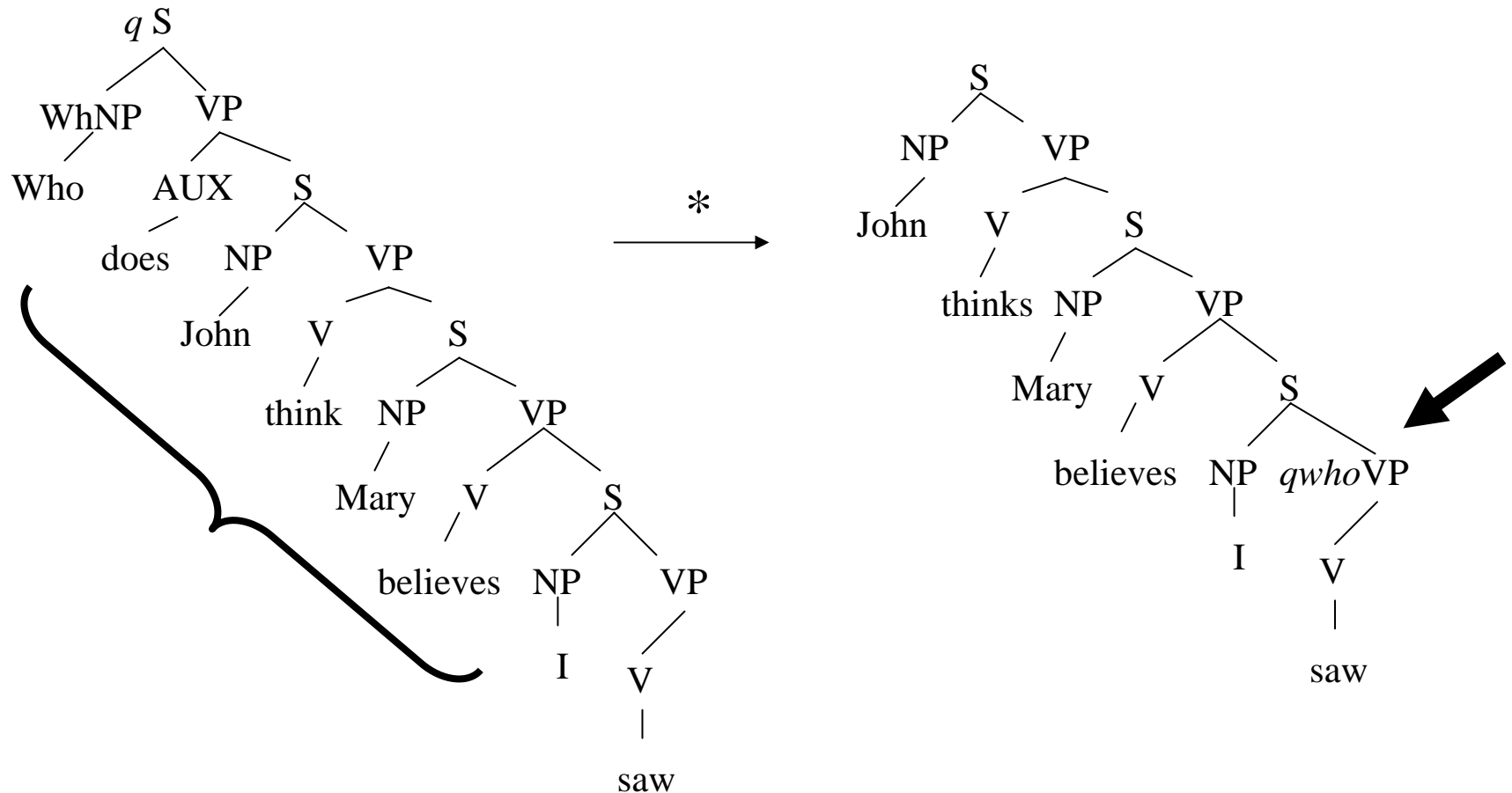
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*Who* does John think Mary believes I saw? → John thinks Mary believes I saw *who*?



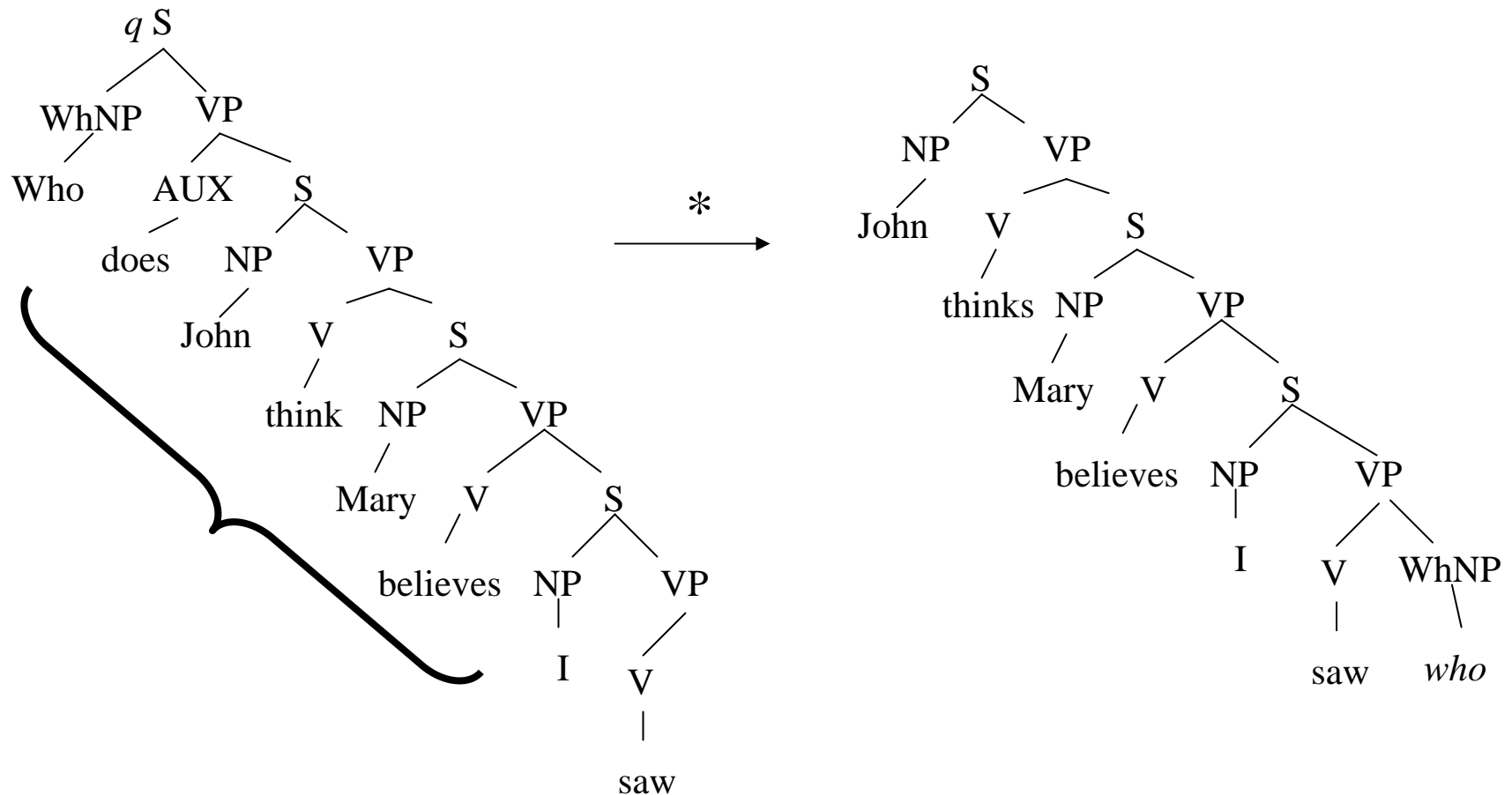
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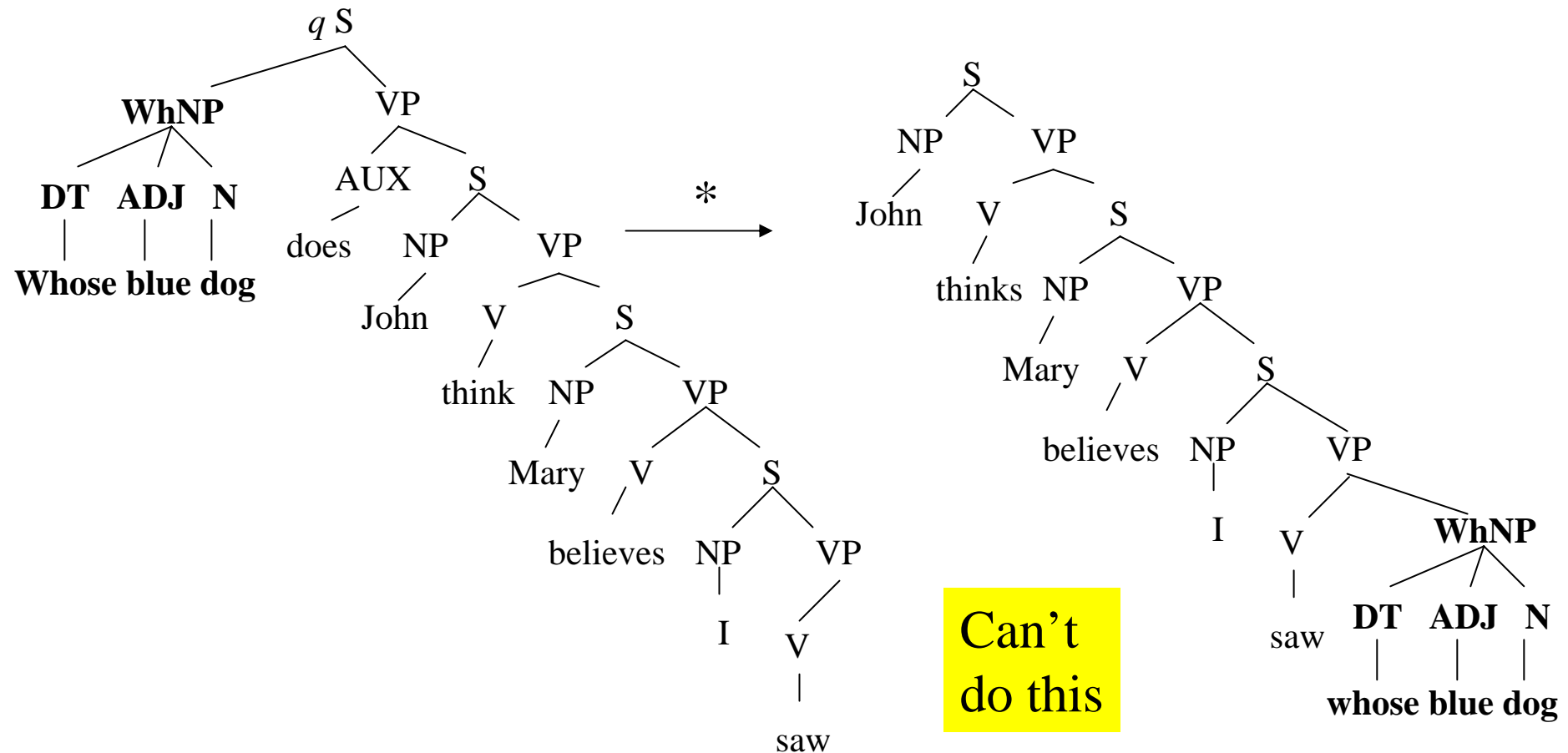
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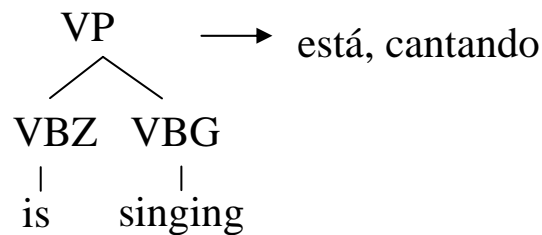
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*Whose blue dog* does John think Mary believes I saw? → John thinks Mary believes I saw *whose blue dog*?



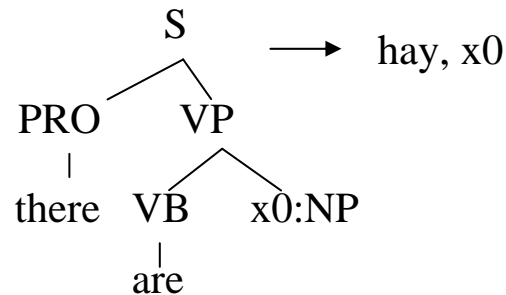
# Computer-Friendly Format for Tree Transducer Rules

## Phrasal Translation



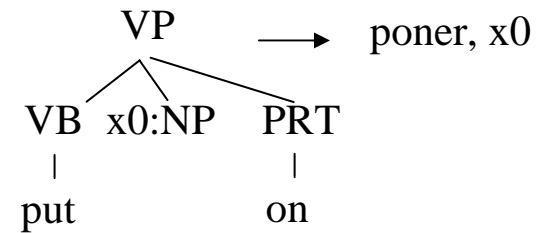
VP(VBZ(is), VBG(singing)) → está, cantando

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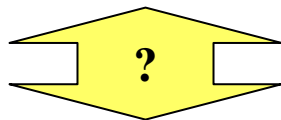
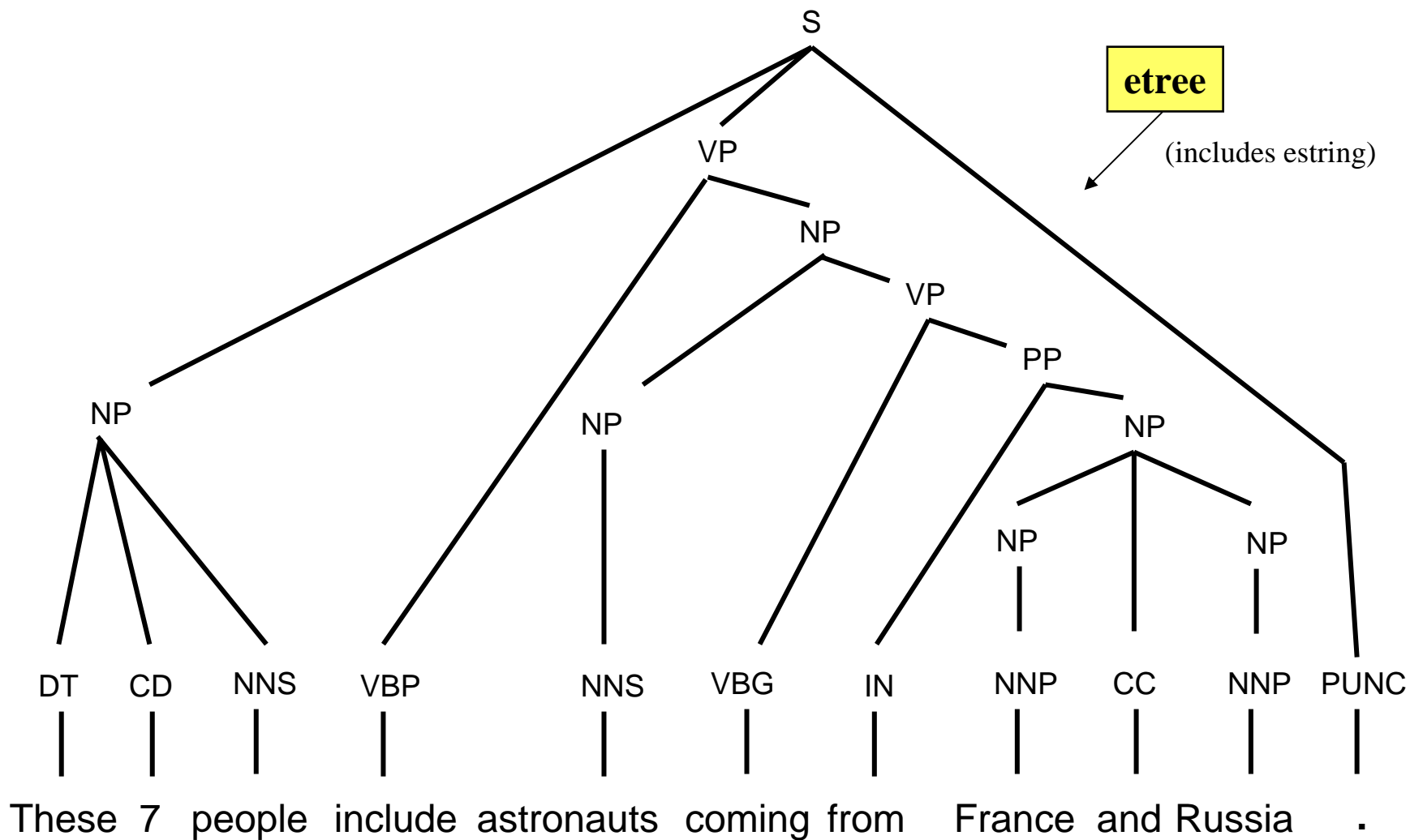


S(PRO(there), VP(VB(are), x0:NP)) → hay, x0

## Non-contiguous Phrases



VP(VB(put), x0:NP, PRT(on)) → poner, x0



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**cstring**

# Tree Transformations

1. DT(these) → 这
2. VBP(include) → 中包括
3. VBP(includes) → 中包括
4. NNP(France) → 法国
5. CC(and) → 和
6. NNP(Russia) → 俄罗斯
7. IN(of) → 的
8. NP(NNS(astronauts)) → 宇航 , 员
9. PUNC(.) → .
10. NP(x0:DT, CD(7), NNS(people)) → x0 , 7人
11. VP(VBG(coming), PP(IN(from), x0:NP)) → 来自 , x0
12. IN(from) → 来自
13. NP(x0:NNP, x1:CC, x2:NNP) → x0 , x1 , x2
14. VP(x0:VBP, x1:NP) → x0 , x1
15. S(x0:NP, x1:VP, x2:PUNC) → x0 , x1, x2
16. NP(x0:NP, x1:VP) → x1 , 的 , x0
17. NP(DT("the"), x0:JJ, x1:NN) → x0 , x1

I made these rules up –  
they capture what is  
really happening in this  
Chinese sentence.

Contiguous phrase pair  
substitution rules  
(alignment templates)

Higher-level rules



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Both VBP("include") and VBP("includes") will translate to "中包括" in Chinese.

In decoding Chinese, "中包括" is ambiguous and can translate back as either VBP("include") or VBP("includes").

} Higher-level rules

# Phrase pairs learned by alignment-templates that are relevant to this particular Chinese input sentence.

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the	7 people	including	by some		and	the russian	the	the astronauts		,
it	7 people included		by france		and the	the russian		international astronautical	of rapporteur .	
this	7 out	including the	from	the french	and the	russian	the fifth		.	
these	7 among	including from		the french	and	of the russian	of	space	members	.
that	7 persons	including from	the	of france	and to	russian	of the	aerospace	members .	
	7 include		from the	of france and		russian		astronauts		. the
	7 numbers include		from france		and russian		of astronauts who			. "
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	7 deportees included		come from	france	and russia		in	astronautical	personnel	;
	7 philtrum	including those from		france and		russia	a space		member	
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				french and russian		's	astronaut			
				french	and russia		astronauts			
					and russia 's				special rapporteur	
					, and	russia			rapporteur	
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lattice

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Phrase pairs learned by alignment-templates that are relevant to this particular Chinese input sentence.

这	7人	中包括	来自	法国	和	俄罗斯	的	宇航	员	.
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The phrase “coming from” translates to “来自” only if followed by an NP (whose translation is then placed to the right of “来自”).

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Translate an English NP (“astronauts”) modified by a gerund VP (“coming from France and Russia”) as follows:

- (1) translate the gerund VP,
- (2) type the Chinese word “的”,
- (3) translate the NP.

In decoding Chinese, if we analyze

- (1) some Chinese into an English NP &
  - (2) some other Chinese into an English VP
- and these two bits are separated by “的”, then create an English NP(NP, VP) structure.

} Higher-level rules

# Tree Trans

To translate “the JJ NN”,  
just translate the JJ and then  
translate the NN (drop “the”).

When we are decoding Chinese,  
if we create an English JJ and  
an adjacent English NN, we can  
hook these together into an NP,  
and also insert the word “the.”

Most frequent deficiency of  
lattices is the lack of critical  
English function words!

} Higher-level rules

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Note that this rule goes ahead and makes “astronauts” a full NP. Might be better to have two rules:

NNS(astronauts) → 宇航, 员  
NP(x0:NNS) → x0

} Higher-level rules

# Tree Transformations

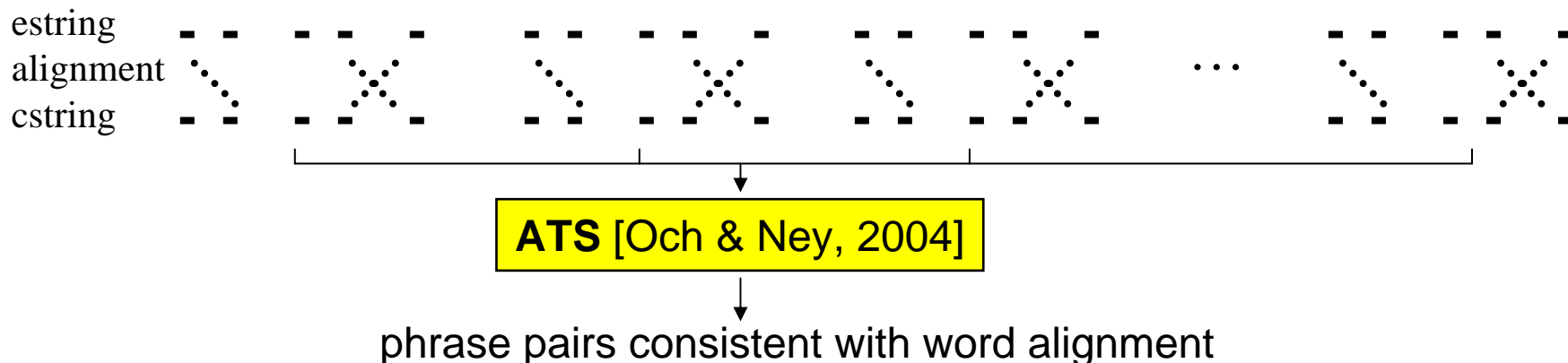
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Okay, these rules look interesting.

It would be cool if we could  
acquire rules like these from data!!

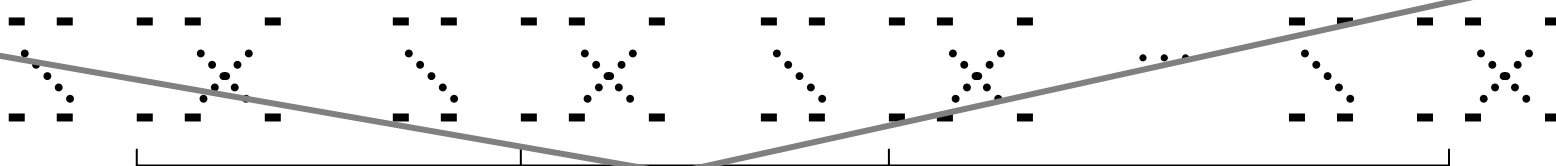


# Phrase-Based and Syntax-Based Pattern Extraction



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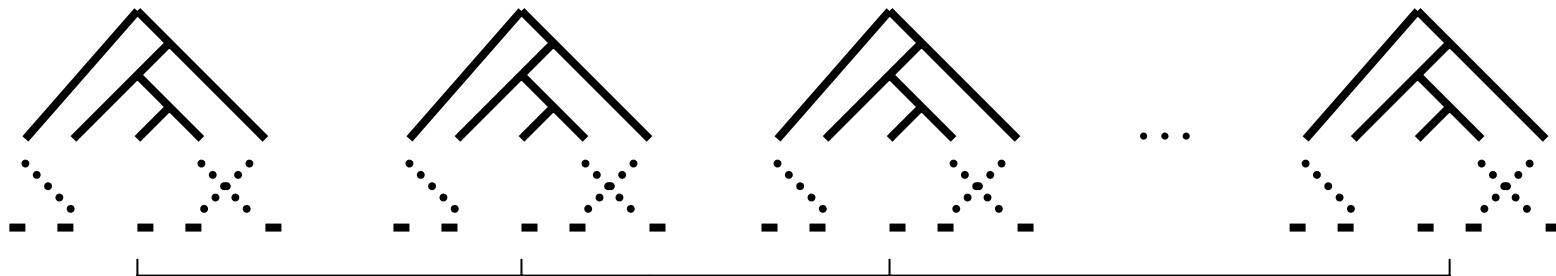


**ATS** [Och & Ney, 2004]

phrase pairs consistent with word alignment

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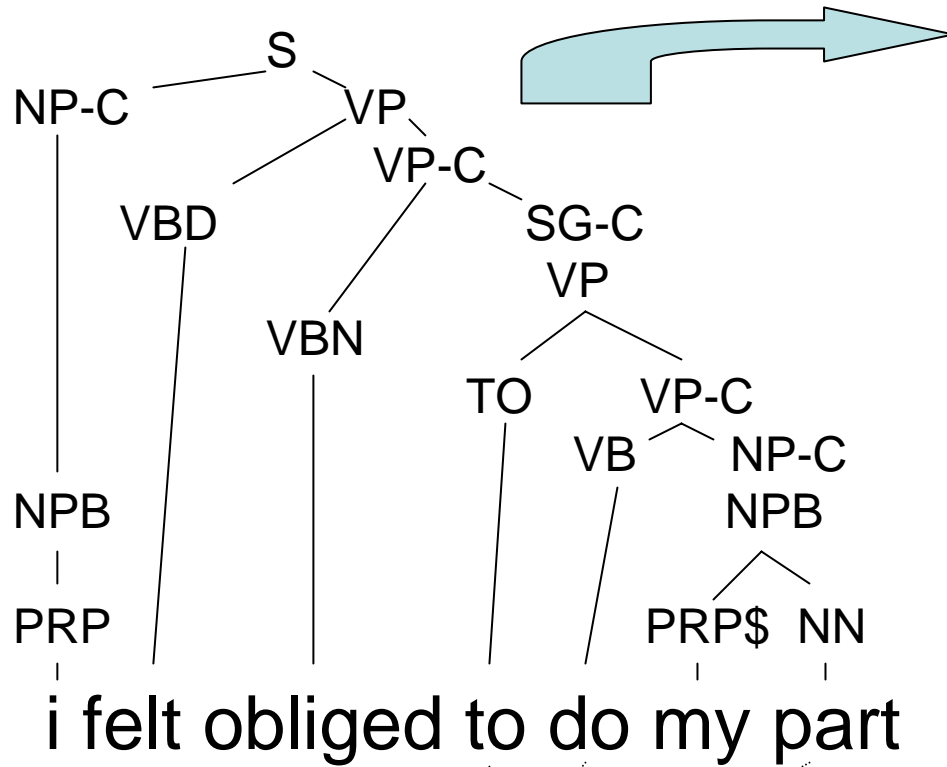


**GHKM** [Galley et al 2004, 2006]

syntax transformation rules consistent with word alignment

# Tree Transducers Can be Extracted from Data

(Galley, Hopkins, Knight, Marcu, 2004)



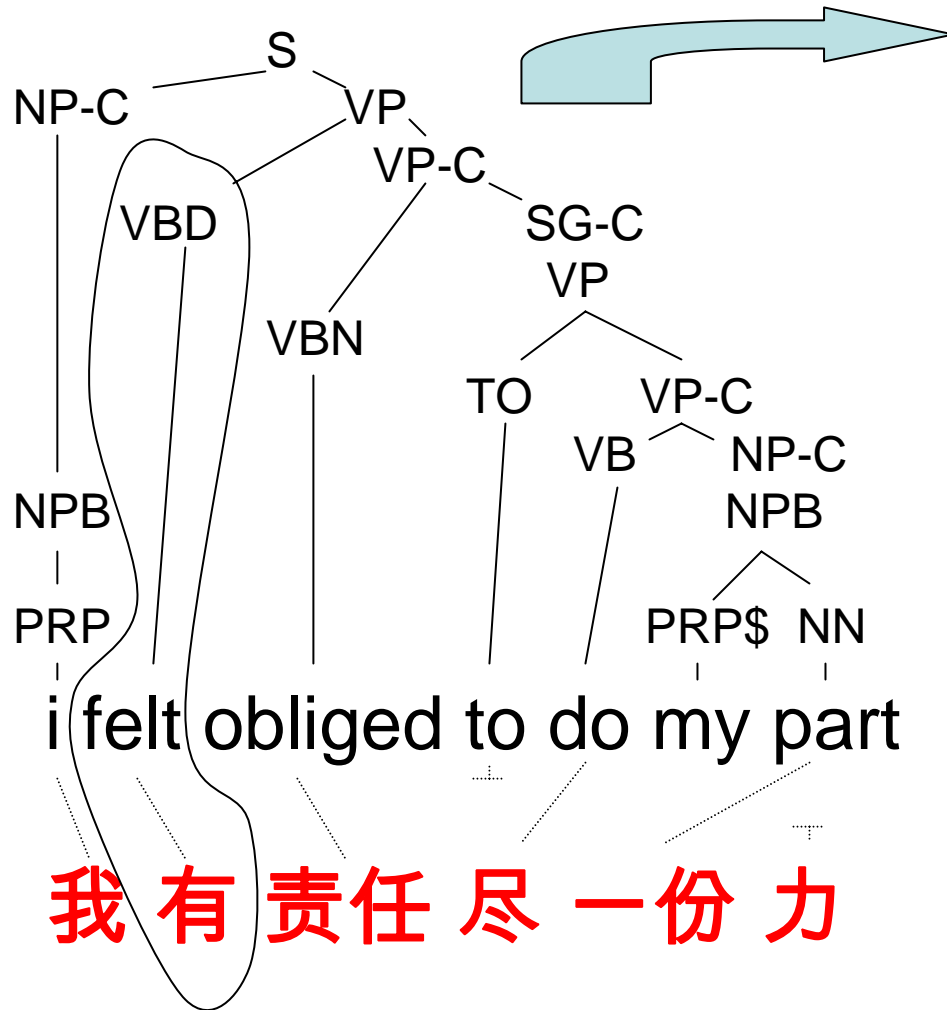
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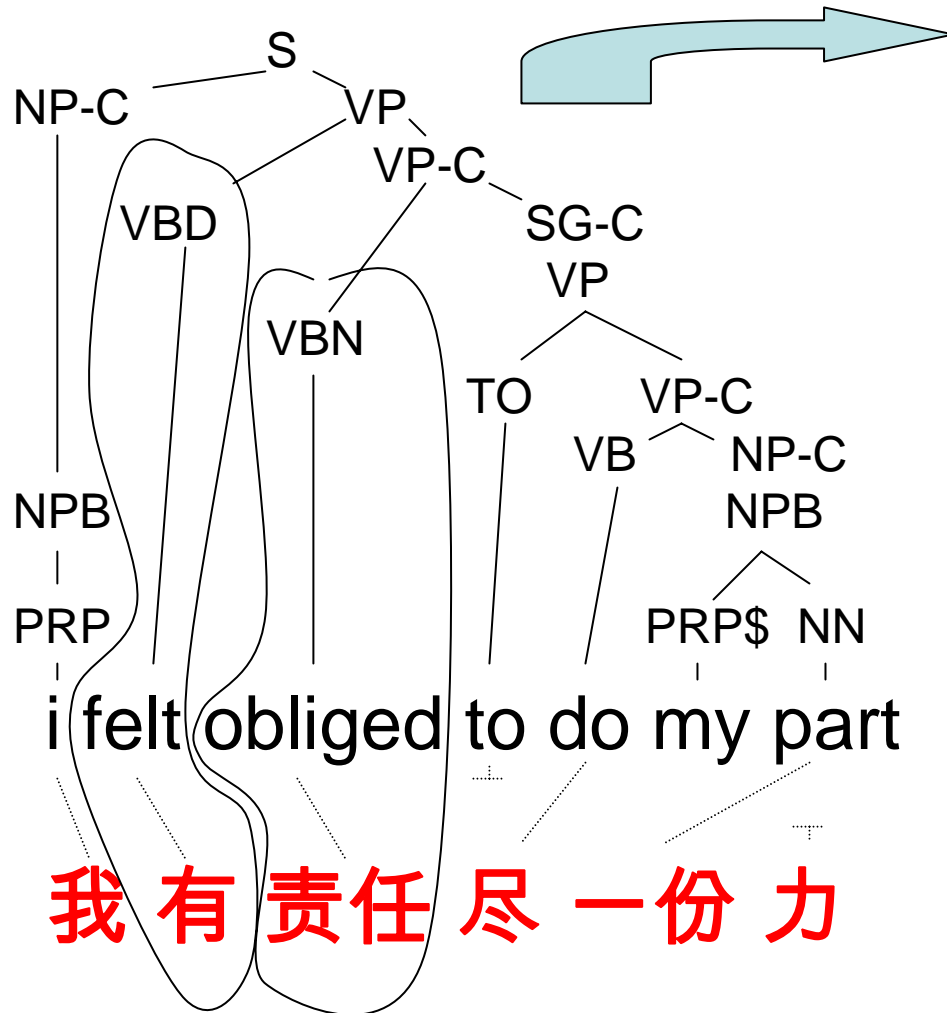


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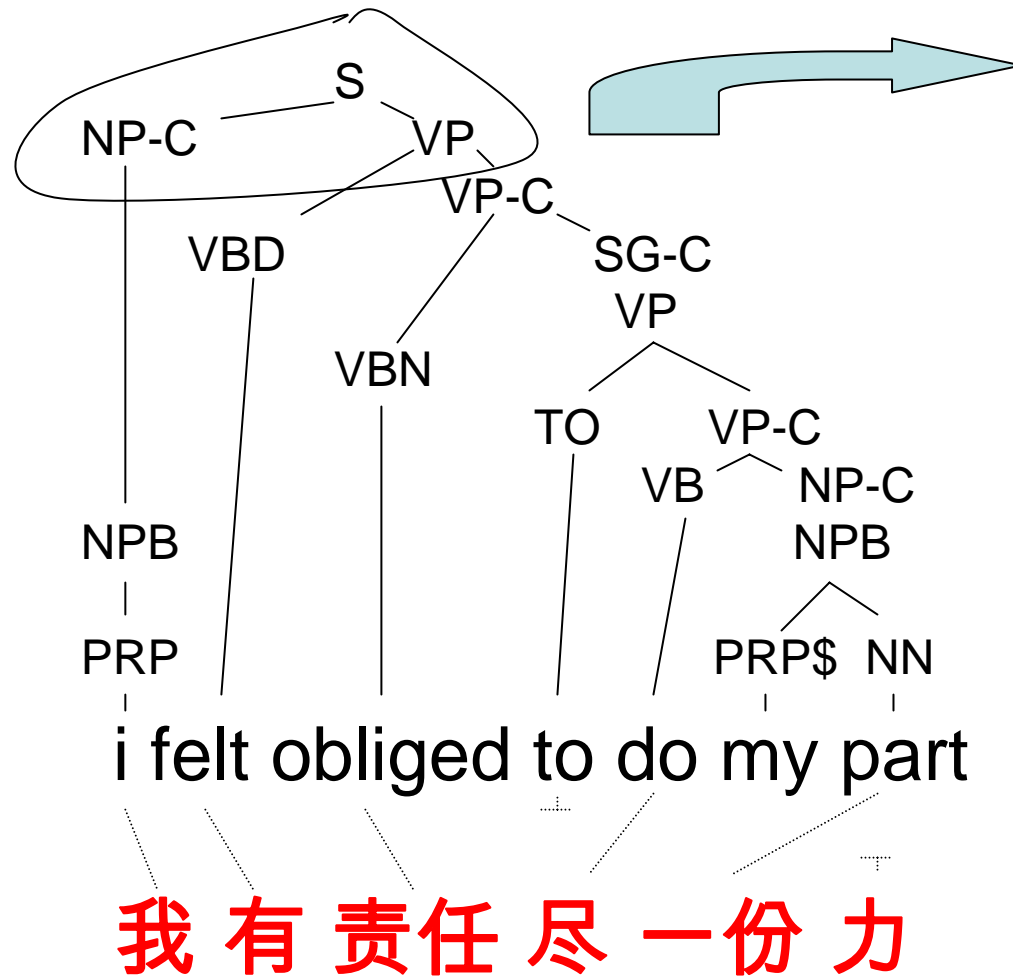


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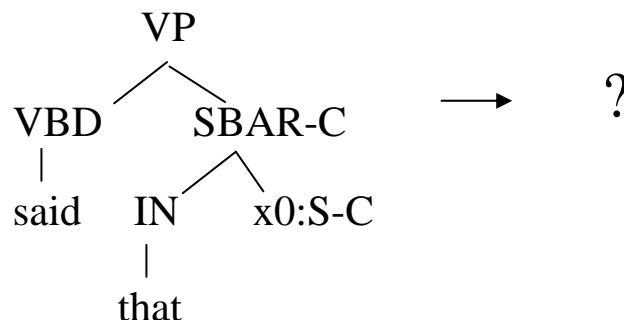


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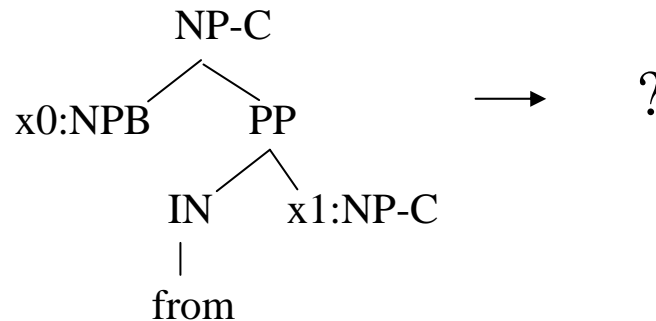
Additional extraction methods:  
(Galley et al, 2006)  
(Marcu et al, 2006)

# Sample “said that” rules



- 0.57 VP(VBD("said") SBAR-C(IN("that") x0:S-C)) -> 说, x0
- 0.09 VP(VBD("said") SBAR-C(IN("that") x0:S-C)) -> 说 x0
- 0.02 VP(VBD("said") SBAR-C(IN("that") x0:S-C)) -> 他说, x0
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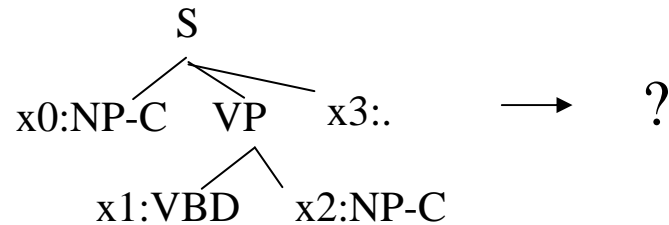
# Sample “NP-from-NP” rules



- 0.27 NP-C(x0:NPB PP(IN("from") x1:NP-C)) -> x1 x0
- 0.15 NP-C(x0:NPB PP(IN("from") x1:NP-C)) -> 来自 x1 x0
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# Sample SVO rules



## CHINESE / ENGLISH

- 0.82 S(x0:NP-C VP(x1:VBD x2:NP-C) x3:.) -> x0 x1 x2 x3
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## ARABIC / ENGLISH

- 0.54 S(x0:NP-C VP(x1:VBD x2:NP-C) x3:.) -> x0 x1 x2 x3
- 0.44 S(x0:NP-C VP(x1:VBD x2:NP-C) x3:.) -> x1 x0 x2 x3

# Extensions to Rule Extraction from Data [Galley et al 06]

GHKM also acquires many *composed* rules.

$\text{NP}(x_0:\text{NP } x_1:\text{PP}) \rightarrow x_1, x_0$

$\text{PP}(x_0:\text{IN } x_1:\text{NP}) \rightarrow x_1, x_0$

$\text{IN}(\text{of}) \rightarrow \text{de}$

} Minimal  
rules

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$\text{NP}(x_0:\text{NP PP}(\text{IN}(\text{of}) x_1:\text{NP})) \rightarrow x_1 \text{ de } x_0$

} Composed  
rule

GHKM also enumerates all ways of dealing with  
unaligned Chinese words.

GHKM also generates rule counts.

- these can be normalized into probabilities

# Language Models

- Syntax-based Language Model
  - Assigns  $P(\text{tree})$ 
    - [Collins, 1997; Charniak, 2001]
  - Unlike parser, must be trained on domain data
- Ngram Language Model
  - Standard trigram model
  - Only judges a tree by its leaves

# Decoder

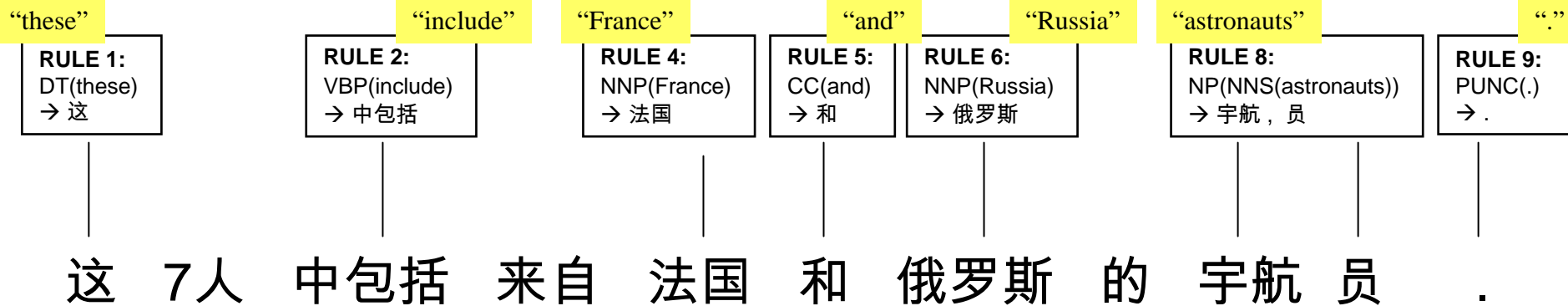
- Bottom-up CKY parser
- Builds English constituents on top of Chinese spans
- Record of rule applications (the derivation) provides information to construct English tree
- Returns k-best trees

# Binarization for Decoding

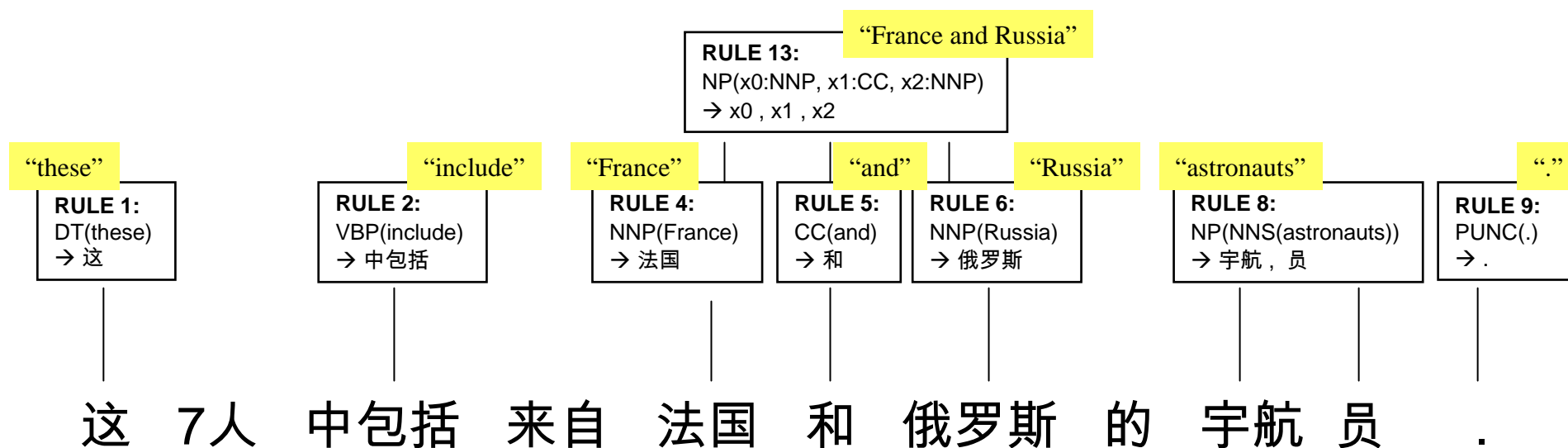
- For efficient parsing/decoding, all rules must be *binarized*
- Rule with  $|RHS| > 2$  must be split into rules with  $|RHS| = 2$ 
  - $S(x_0:NP \ VP(x_1:VBD \ x_2:NP)) \rightarrow x_1 \ x_0 \ x_2$   
     $Z(x_0:NP \ x_1:VBD) \rightarrow x_1 \ x_0$   
     $S^*(x_0:Z \ x_1:NP) \rightarrow x_0 \ x_1$                       \*tells-how-to-assemble-the-S
- Similar to putting a CFG into Chomsky normal form
- Except that some translation rules cannot be binarized...
  - $A(x_0:B \ x_1:C \ x_2:D \ x_3:E) \rightarrow x_1 \ x_3 \ x_0 \ x_2$
- We just delete these
- For details: [Zhang et al 06]

# Syntax-Based Decoding

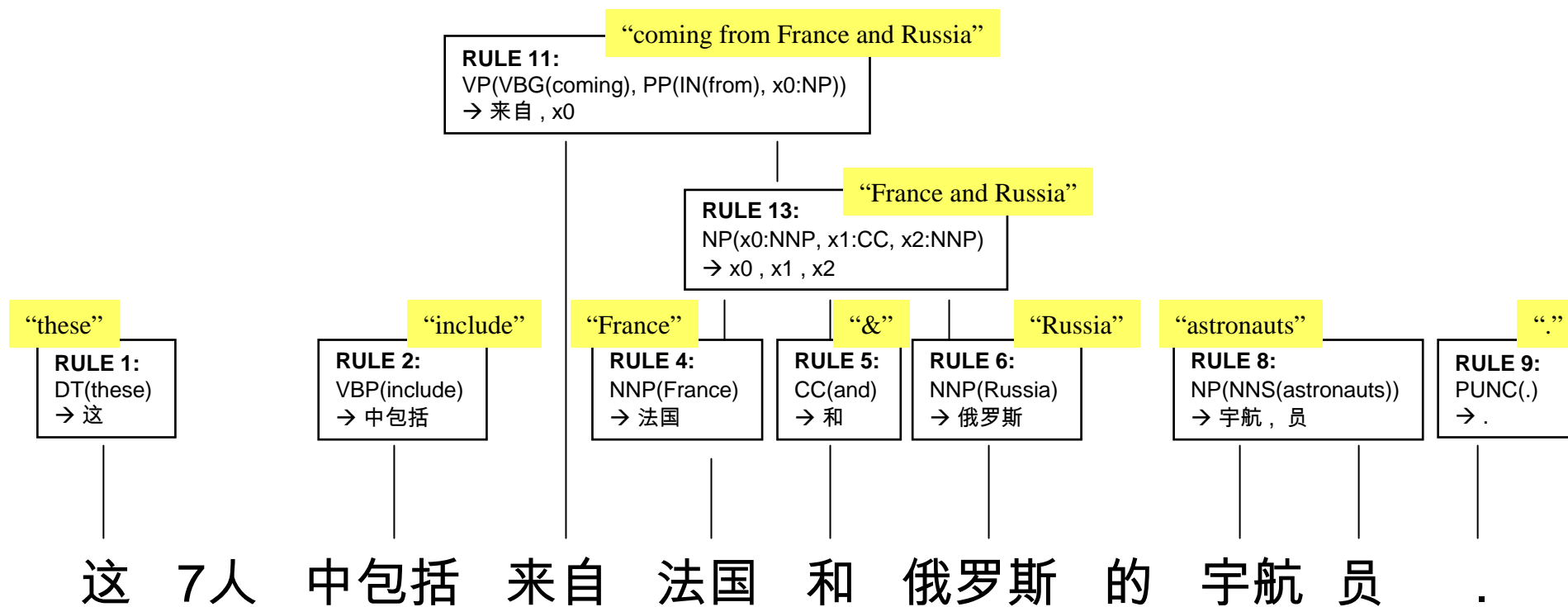
Rules apply when their right-hand sides (RHS) match some portion of the input.



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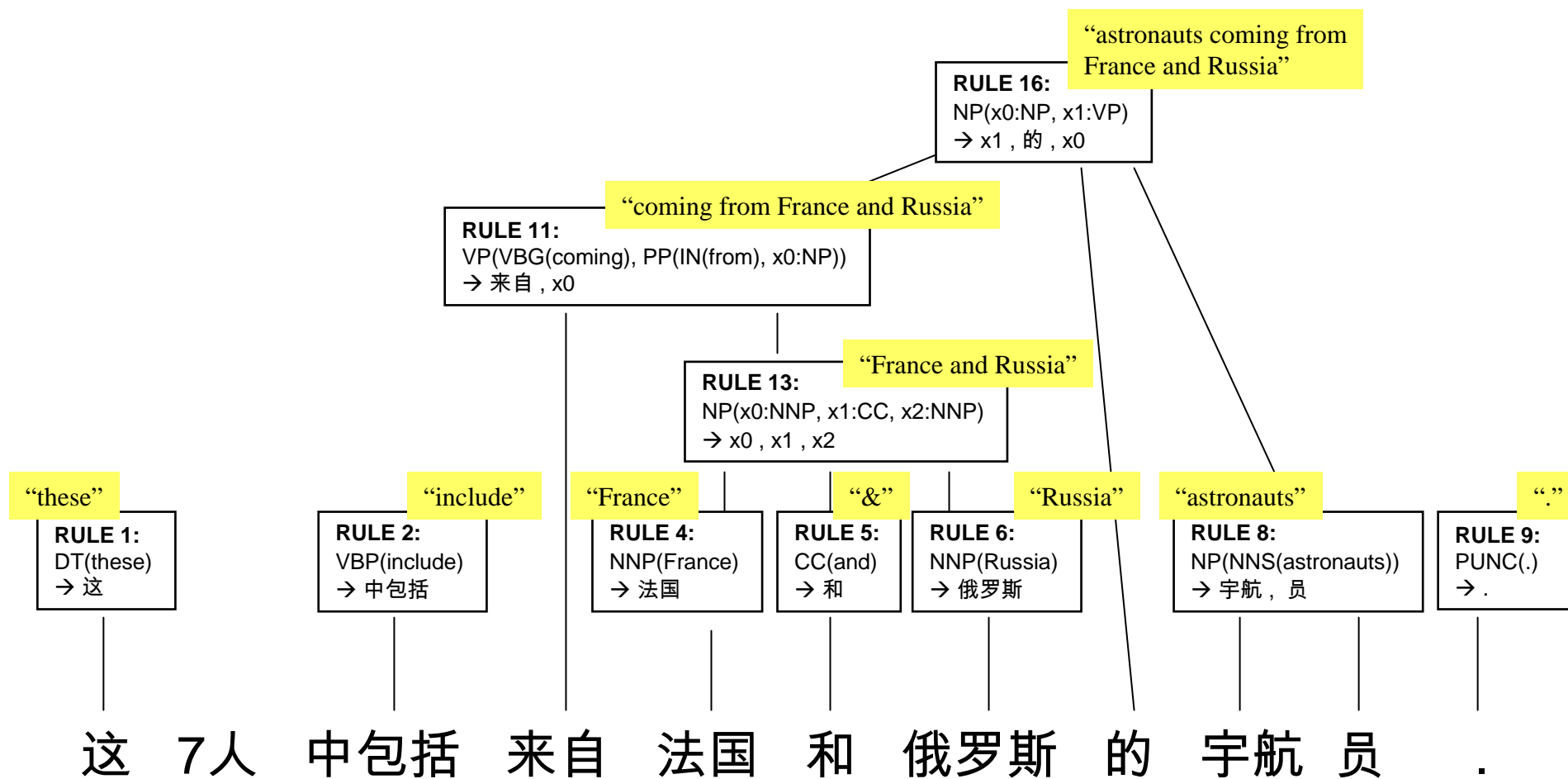


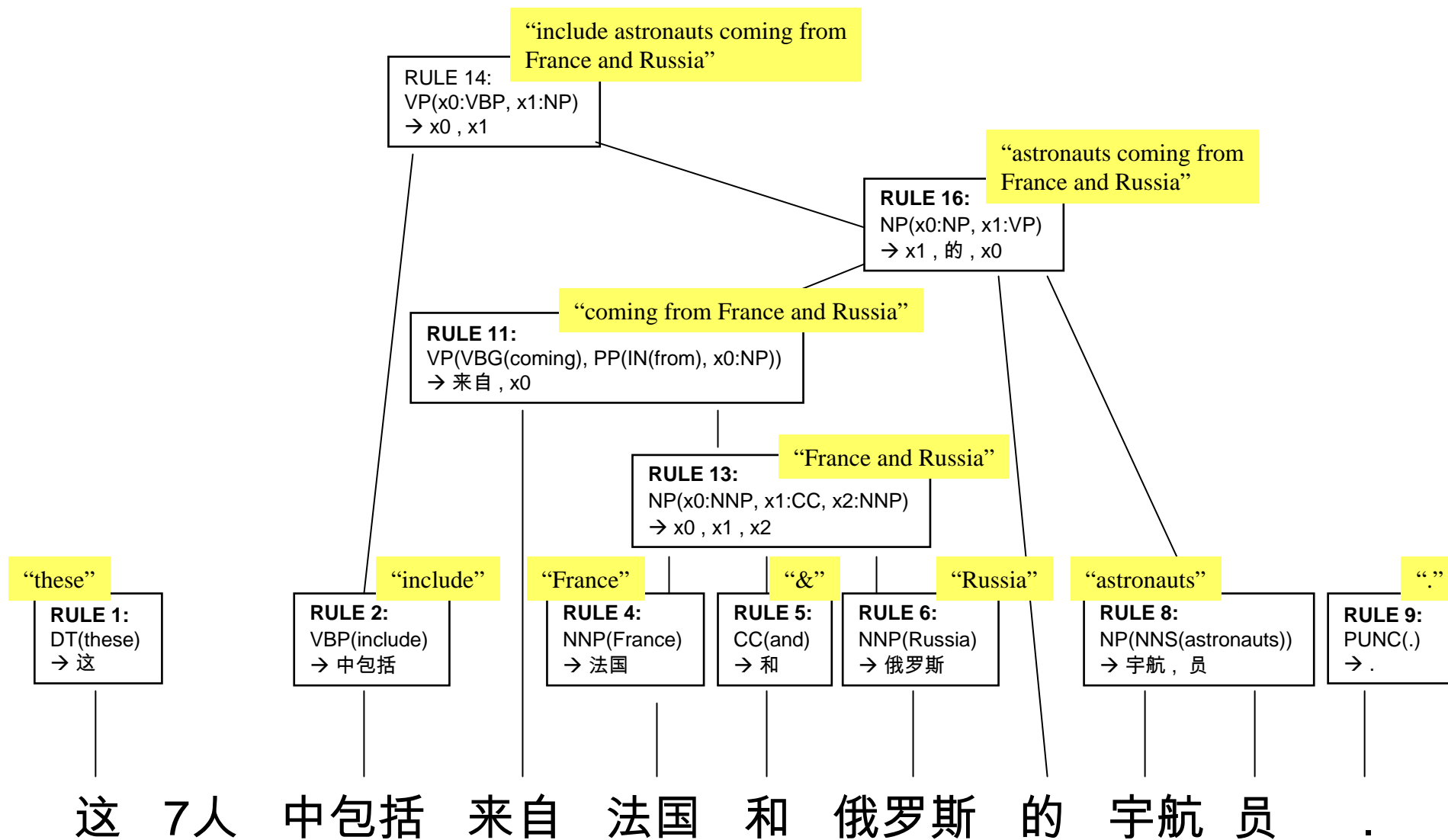
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**RULE 15:**  
S(x0:NP, x1:VP, x2:PUNC)  
→ x0 , x1 , x2

“These 7 people include astronauts coming from France and Russia”

**RULE 14:**  
VP(x0:VBP, x1:NP)  
→ x0 , x1

“include astronauts coming from France and Russia”

“astronauts coming from France and Russia”

**RULE 16:**  
NP(x0:NP, x1:VP)  
→ x1 , 的 , x0

“coming from France and Russia”

**RULE 11:**  
VP(VBG(coming), PP(IN(from), x0:NP))  
→ 来自 , x0

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**RULE 13:**  
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“these 7 people”

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“France”

**RULE 4:**  
NNP(France)  
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“&”

**RULE 5:**  
CC(and)  
→ 和

“Russia”

**RULE 6:**  
NNP(Russia)  
→ 俄罗斯

“astronauts”

**RULE 8:**  
NP(NNS(astronauts))  
→ 宇航 , 员

“.”

**RULE 9:**  
PUNC(.)  
→ .

这 7人 中包括 来自 法国 和 俄罗斯 的 宇航 员 .

Derivation Tree

# Output English Tree

