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# Syntax in Statistical Machine Translation

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# Overview of Syntax in SMT

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When input sentences become longer, it is more difficult for the Google Translate to capture their syntax structures.



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Google Translate performs worse for language pairs with bigger difference in syntax structures.

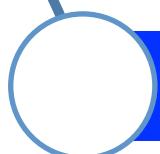


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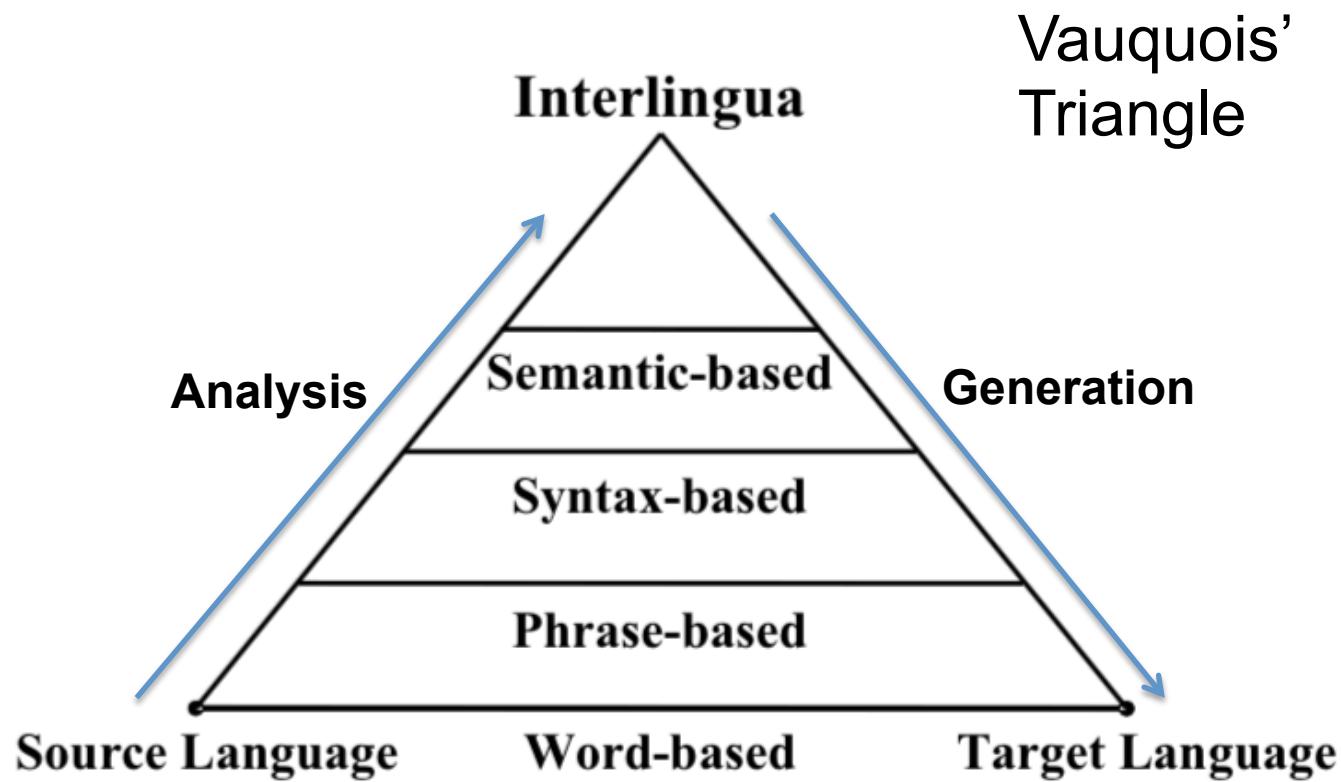


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# MT Pyramid

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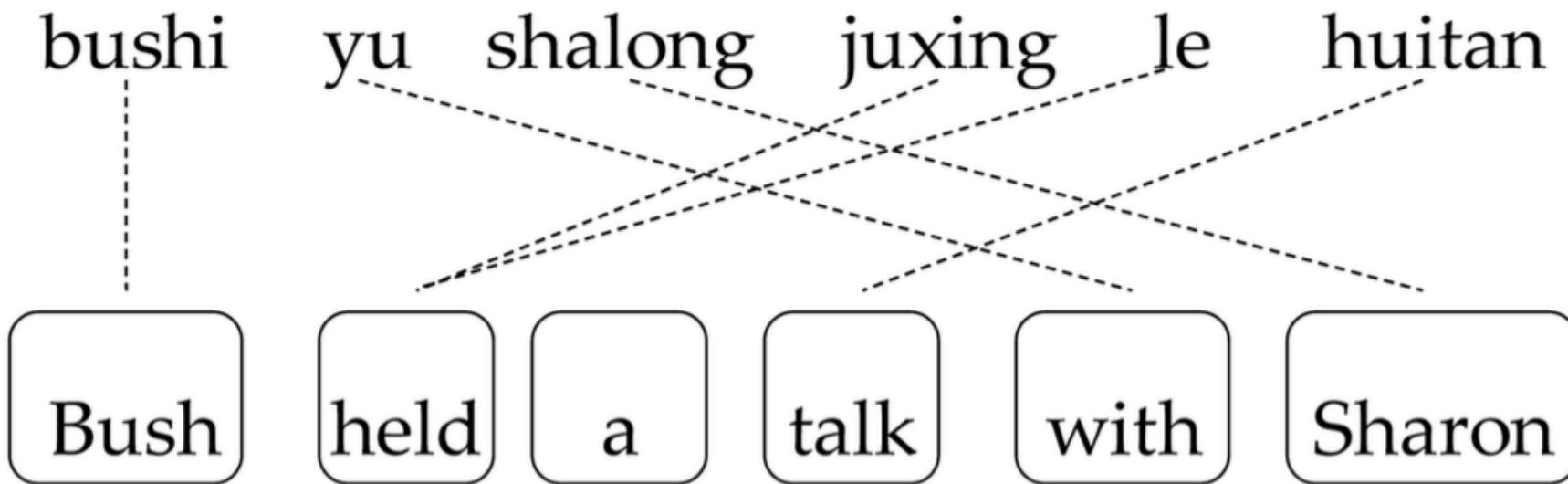


## IBM Model 1-5

Peter F. Brown, Stephen A. Della Pietra, Vincent J. Della Pietra, and Robert L. Mercer. 1993. The Mathematics of Statistical Machine Translation: Parameter Estimation. *Computational Linguistics*, 19(2):263-311.



# Word-based Models



# IBM Models

Source	Target	Probability
Bushi ( 布什 )	Bush	0.7
	President	0.2
	US	0.1
yu ( 与 )	and	0.6
	with	0.4
juxing ( 举行 )	hold	0.7
	had	0.3
le ( 了 )	hold	0.01



## Phrase-based Model

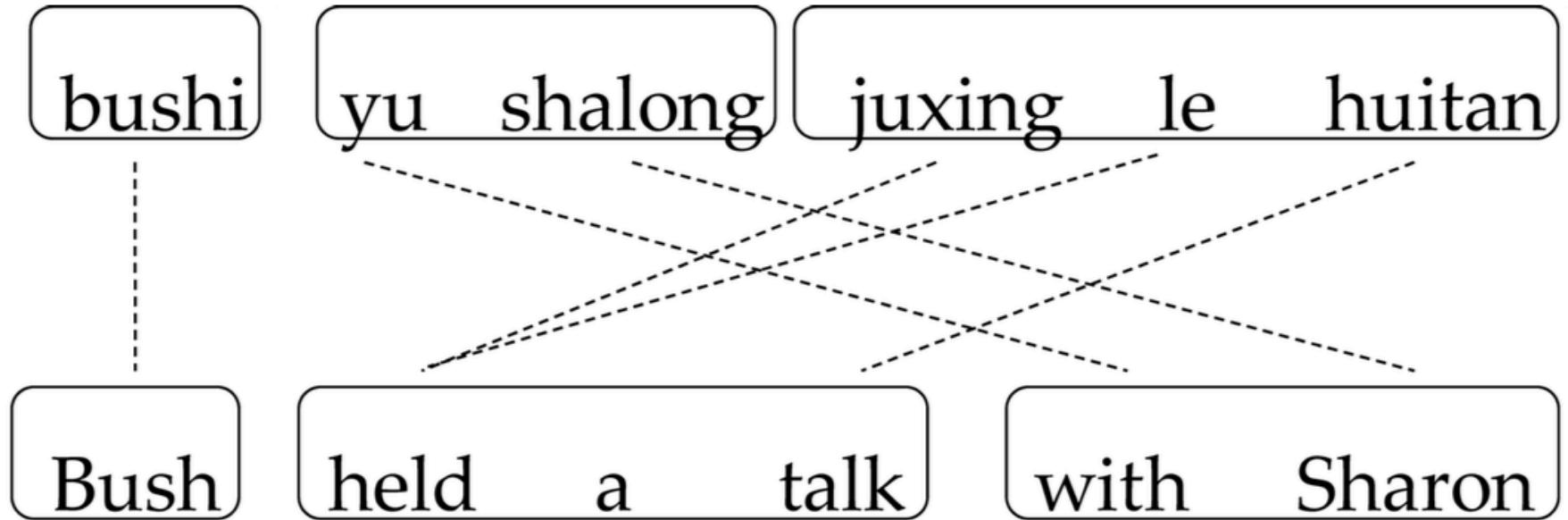
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## Alignment Template Model

Franz J. Och and Hermann Ney. 2004. The Alignment Template Approach to Statistical Machine Translation. Computational Linguistics, 30(4):417-449.



# Phrase-based Models



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Source	Target	Probability
<b>Bushi</b> (布什)	<b>Bush</b>	0.5
	<b>president Bush</b>	0.3
	<b>the US president</b>	0.2
<b>Bushi yu</b> (布什与)	<b>Bush and</b>	0.8
	<b>the president and</b>	0.2
<b>yu Shalong</b> (与沙龙)	<b>and Shalong</b>	0.6
	<b>with Shalong</b>	0.4
<b>juxing le huiwang</b> (举行了会谈)	<b>hold a meeting</b>	0.7
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# Syntax-based Model

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Hierarchical Phrase-based Model



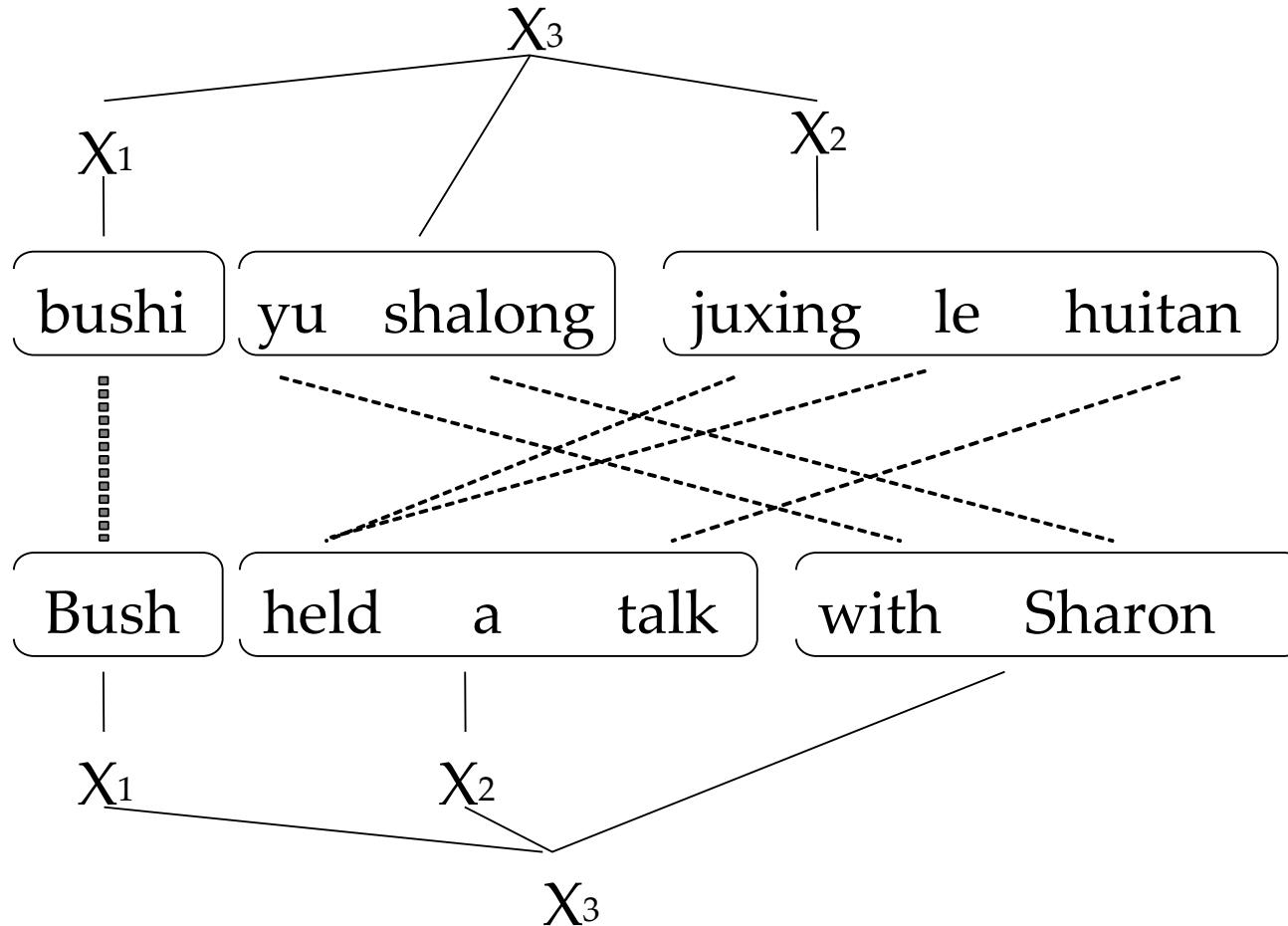
Constituent Syntax-based Model



Dependency Syntax-based Model



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Source	Target	Probability
juxing le huiang (举行了会谈)	hold a meeting	0.6
	had a meeting	0.3
X huitang (X会谈)	X a meeting	0.8
	X a talk	0.2
juxing le X (举行了X)	hold a X	0.5
	had a X	0.5
Bushi yu Shalong (布什与沙龙)	Bush and Sharon	0.8
Bushi X (布什X)	Bush X	0.7
X yu Y (X与Y)	X and Y	0.9



## Advantage:

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# Synchronous CFG

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$$S \rightarrow \langle NP_1 VP_2, NP_1 VP_2 \rangle$$
$$VP \rightarrow \langle V_1 NP_2, NP_2 V_1 \rangle$$
$$NP \rightarrow \langle i, watashi\ wa \rangle$$
$$NP \rightarrow \langle \text{the box}, hako\ wo \rangle$$
$$V \rightarrow \langle \text{open}, akemasu \rangle$$

The implementation of decoding algorithm is straightforward – just like a parsing procedure, either CYK or Chart algorithm works



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# Glue Rules

$$S \rightarrow \langle S_{\boxed{1}} X_{\boxed{2}}, S_{\boxed{1}} X_{\boxed{2}} \rangle$$

$$S \rightarrow \langle X_{\boxed{1}}, X_{\boxed{1}} \rangle$$

- Using Glue Rules means sequentially concatenating all the target phrases, which lead to a back-off to phrase based model
- Two cases to use Glue Rules:
  - No hierarchical rules applicable
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- Using Glue Rules to concatenate a sequence, fall back to hierarchical rules or back-off to plain N-gram rules.

**Hierarchical Rules failed to capture dependency between words with a distance longer than a threshold**

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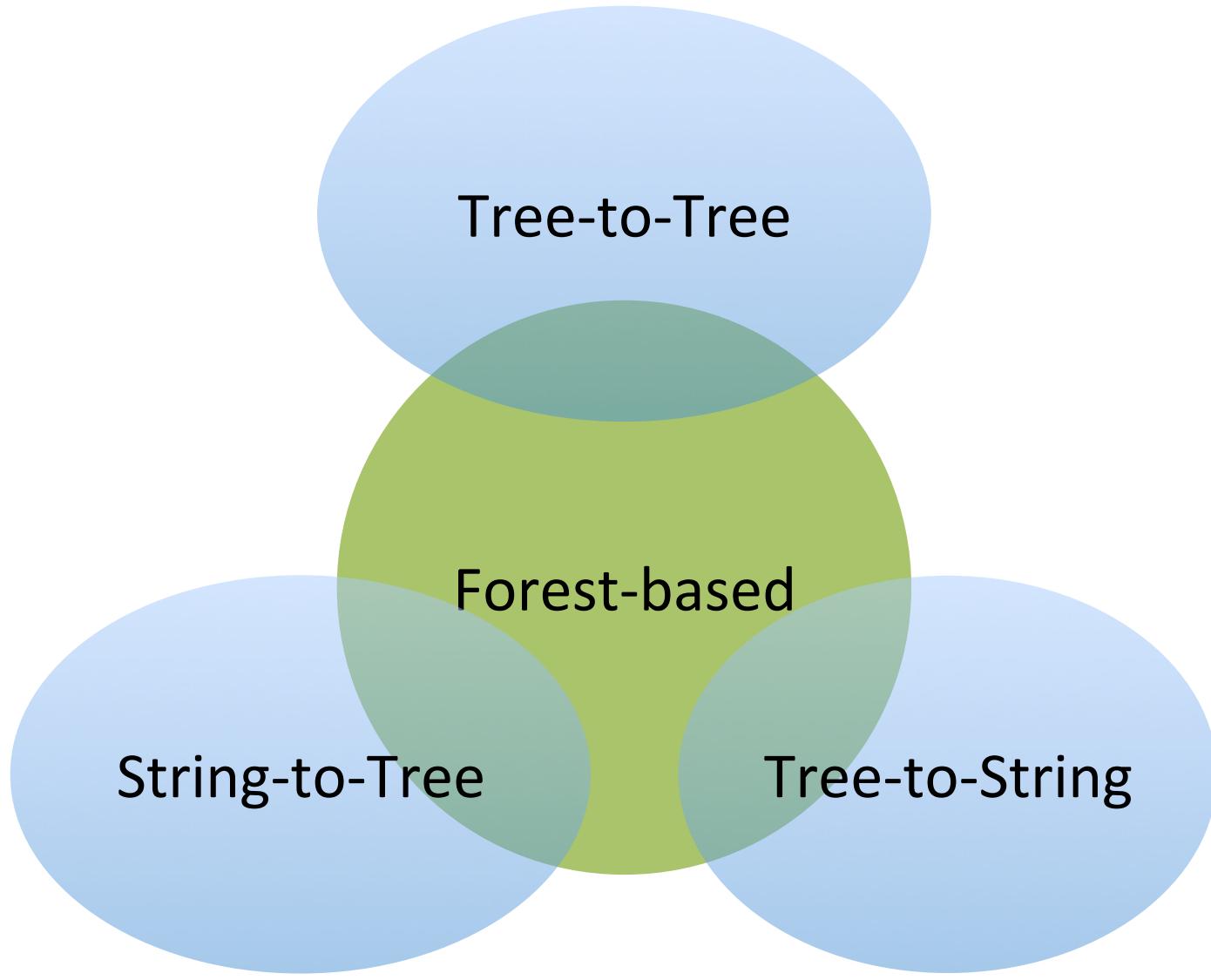


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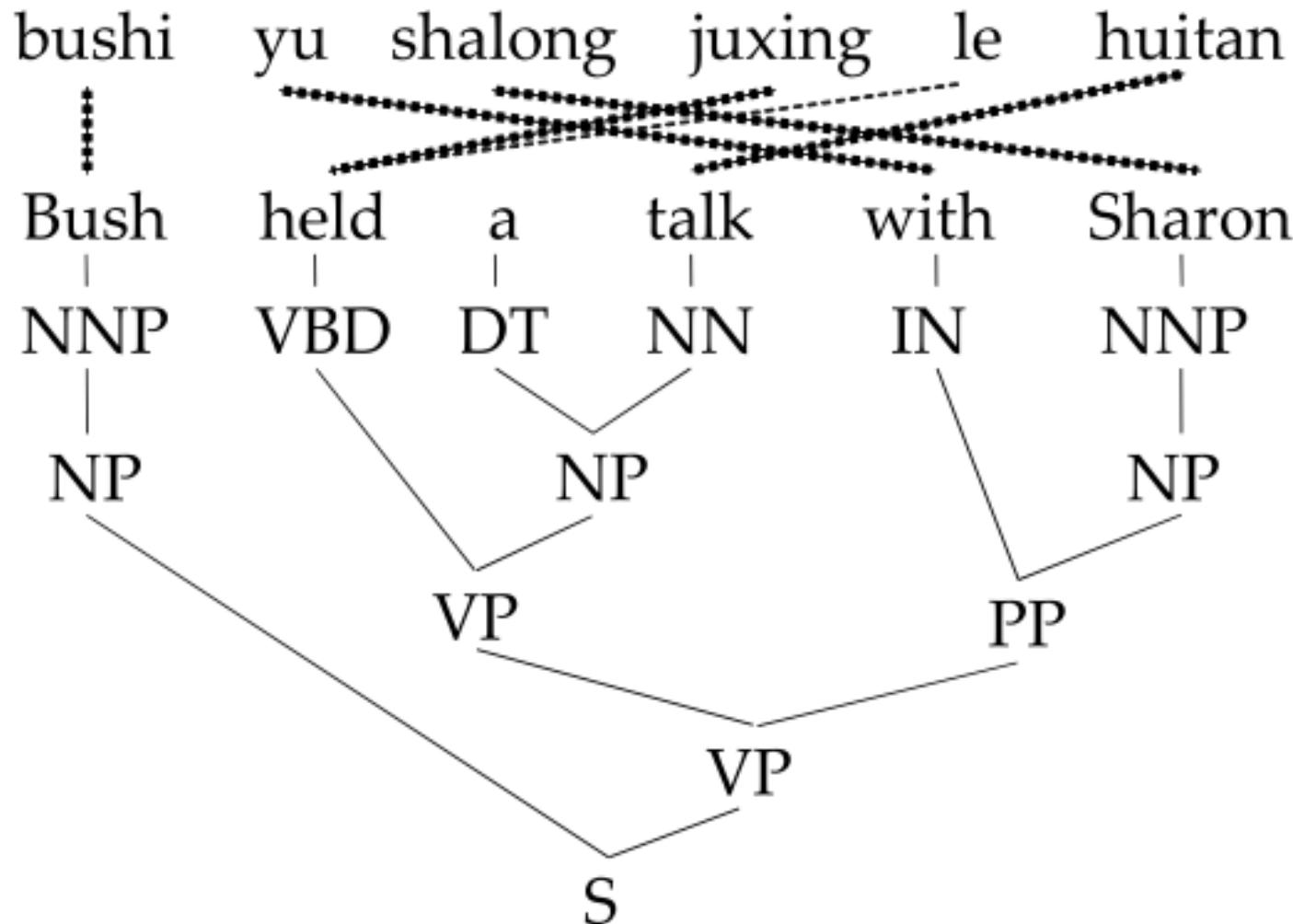
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- Michel Galley, Jonathan Graehl, Kevin Knight, Daniel Marcu, Steve DeNeefe, Wei Wang, and Ignacio Thayer. 2006. Scalable inference and training of context-rich syntactic translation models. In Proceedings of COLING-ACL 2006.



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Source	Target	Probability
juxing le hujiang (举行了会谈)	$\text{VP}(\text{VPD(hold)} \text{ NP(DT(a)) NN(meeting)))}$	0.6
	$\text{VP}(\text{VPD(had)} \text{ NP(DP(a)) NN(meeting)))}$	0.3
	$\text{VP}(\text{VPD(had)} \text{ NP(DT(a)) NN(talk)))}$	0.1
$x_1$ huitang ( $x_1$ 会谈)	$\text{VP}(x_1:\text{VPD NP(DT(a)) NN(meeting)))}$	0.8
	$\text{VP}(x_1:\text{VPD NP(DT(a)) NN(talk)))}$	0.2
juxing le $x_1$ (举行了 $x_1$ )	$\text{VP}(\text{VPD(hold)} \text{ NP(DT(a)) } x_1:\text{NN}))$	0.5
	$\text{VP}(\text{VPD(had)} \text{ NP(DT(a)) } x_1:\text{NN}))$	0.5
$x_1$ yu $x_2$ ( $x_1$ 与 $x_2$ )	$\text{NP}(x_1:\text{NNP CC(and)} x_2:\text{NNP}))$	0.9

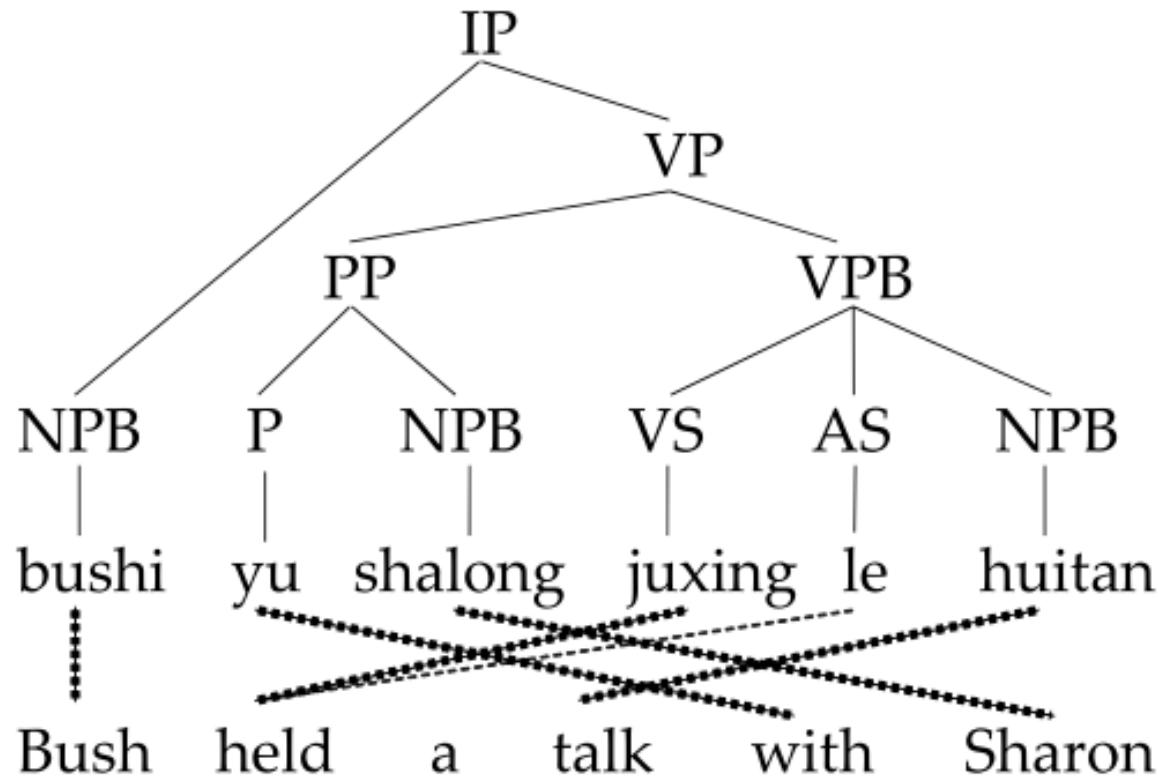
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	<b>have a meeting</b>	<b>0.3</b>
	<b>have a talk</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>VPB(VS(juxing) AS(le) <math>x_1</math>)</b> (举行了 $x_1$ )	<b>hold a <math>x_1</math></b>	<b>0.5</b>
	<b>have a <math>x_1</math></b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>VP(PP(P(yu) <math>x_1</math>:NPB) <math>x_2</math>:VPB)</b> (与 $x_1$ $x_2$ )	<b><math>x_2</math> with <math>x_1</math></b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>IP(<math>x_1</math>:NPB VP(<math>x_2</math>:PP <math>x_3</math>:VPB))</b>	<b><math>x_1</math> <math>x_3</math> <math>x_2</math></b>	<b>0.7</b>



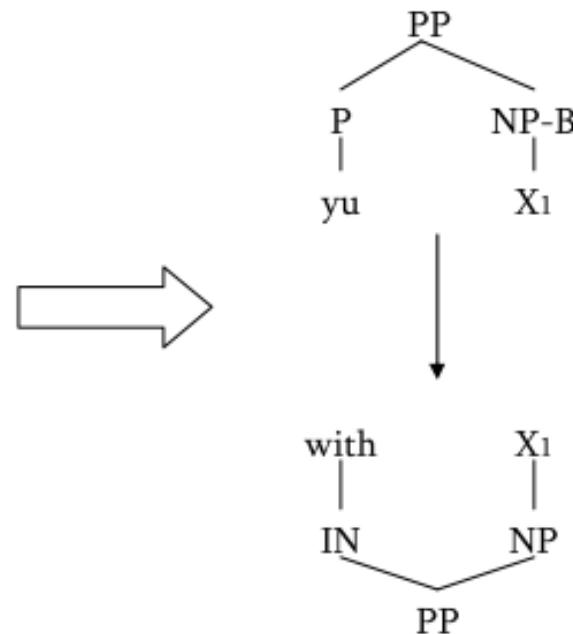
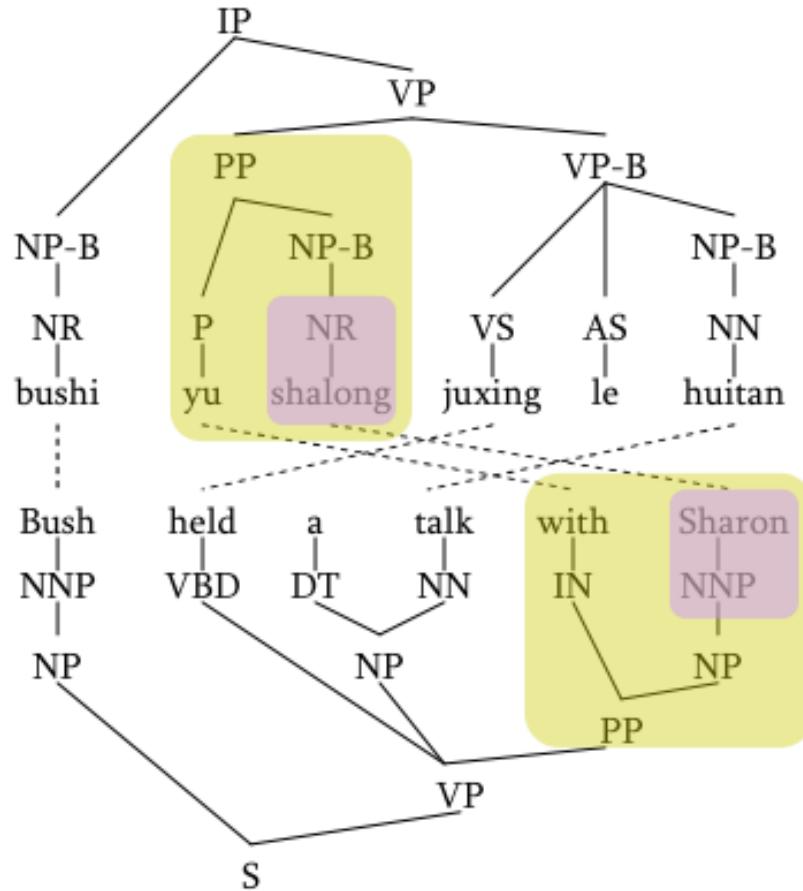
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# Tree-to-Tree Model



# Constituent Syntax-based Models

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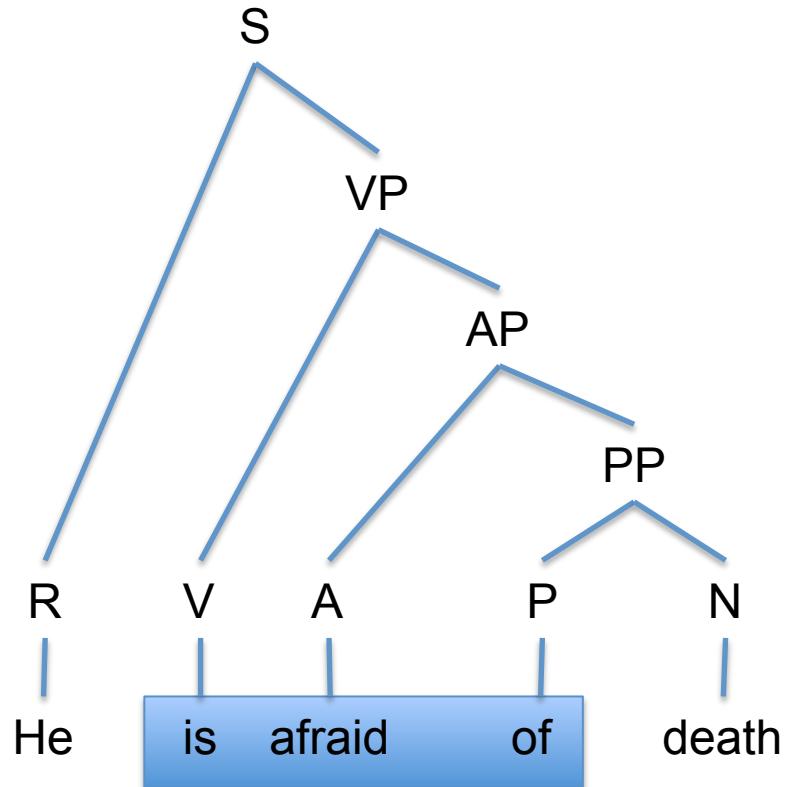
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# Ungrammatical Phrases



- Pure tree-based models get very low performance, even lower than phrase-based models
- Various techniques are developed to incorporate ungrammatical phrases into tree-based models, which lead to a significant improvement on tree-based models

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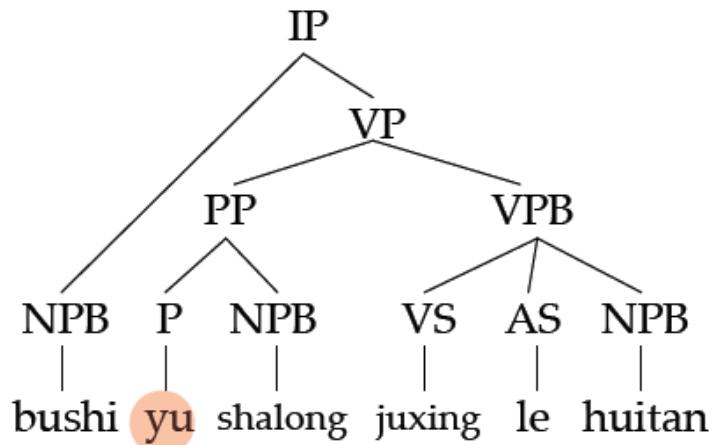
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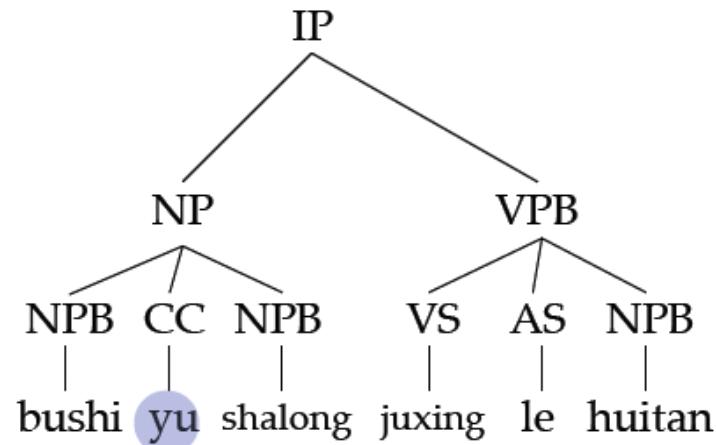
# Syntactic Ambiguity

It is important to choose a correct tree for producing a good translation!



with

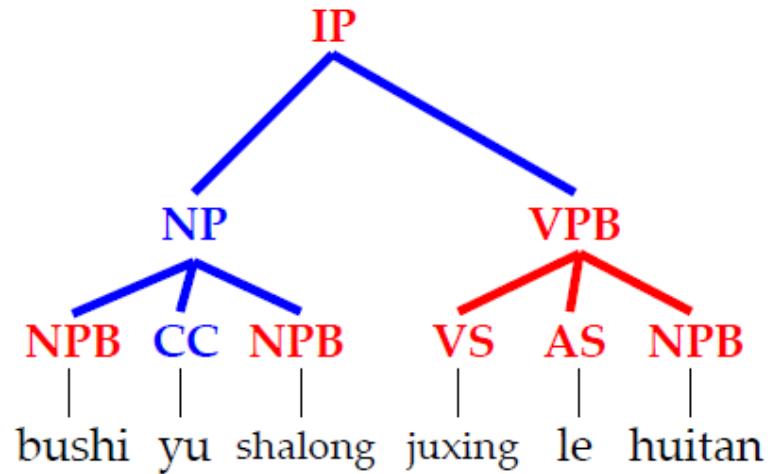
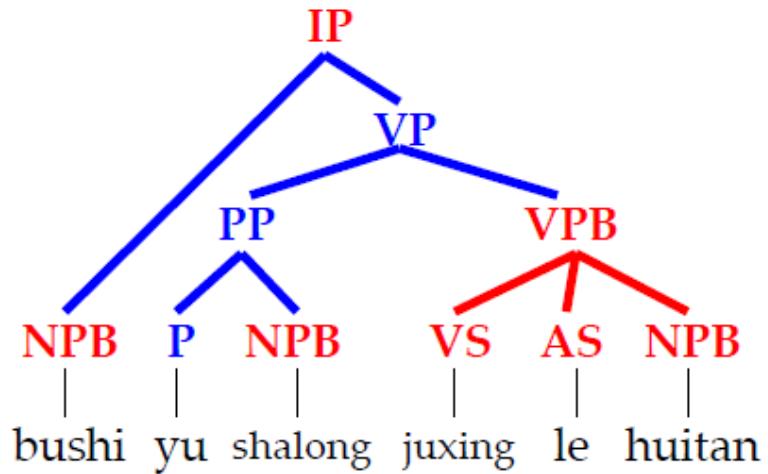
“Bush held a talk **with** Sharon”



and

“Bush **and** Sharon held a talk”

# 1-best → n-best trees?



Very few variations among the *n*-best trees!

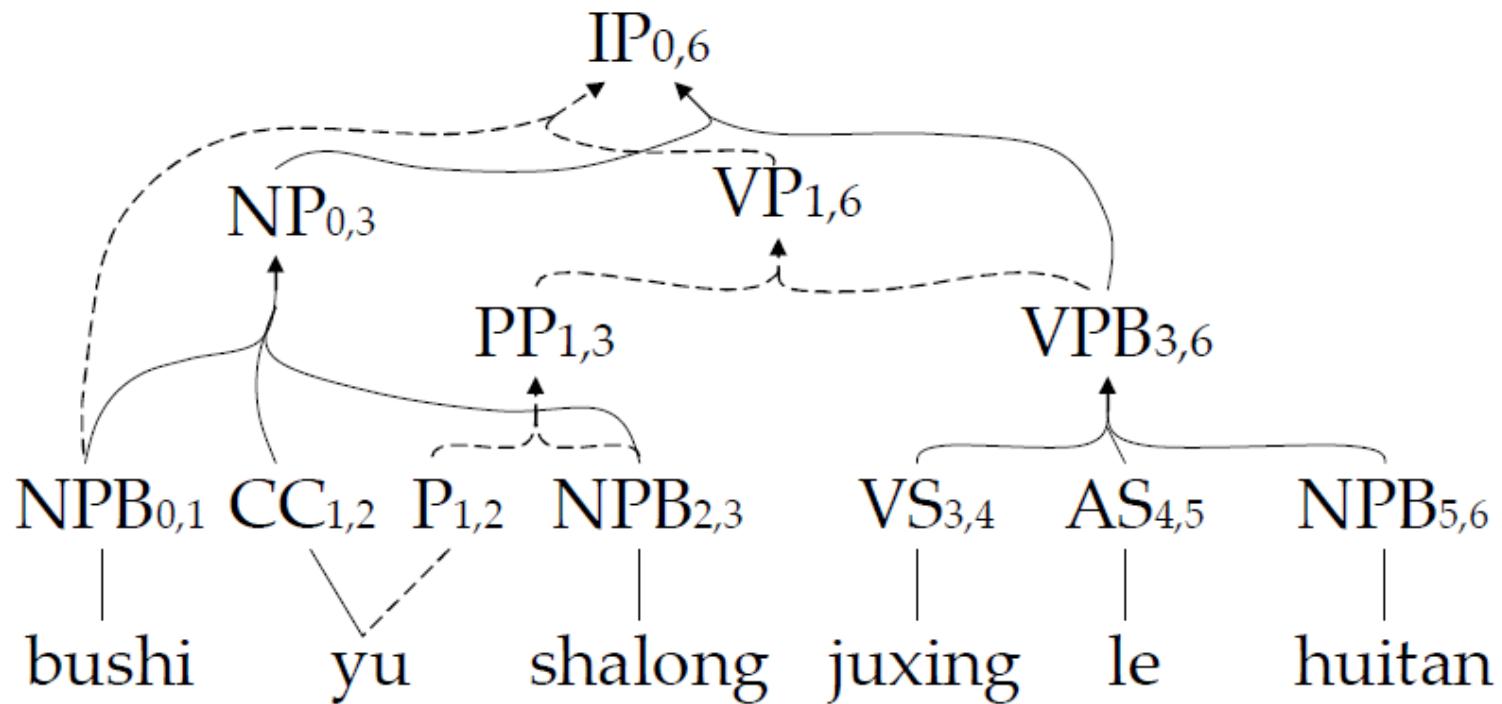
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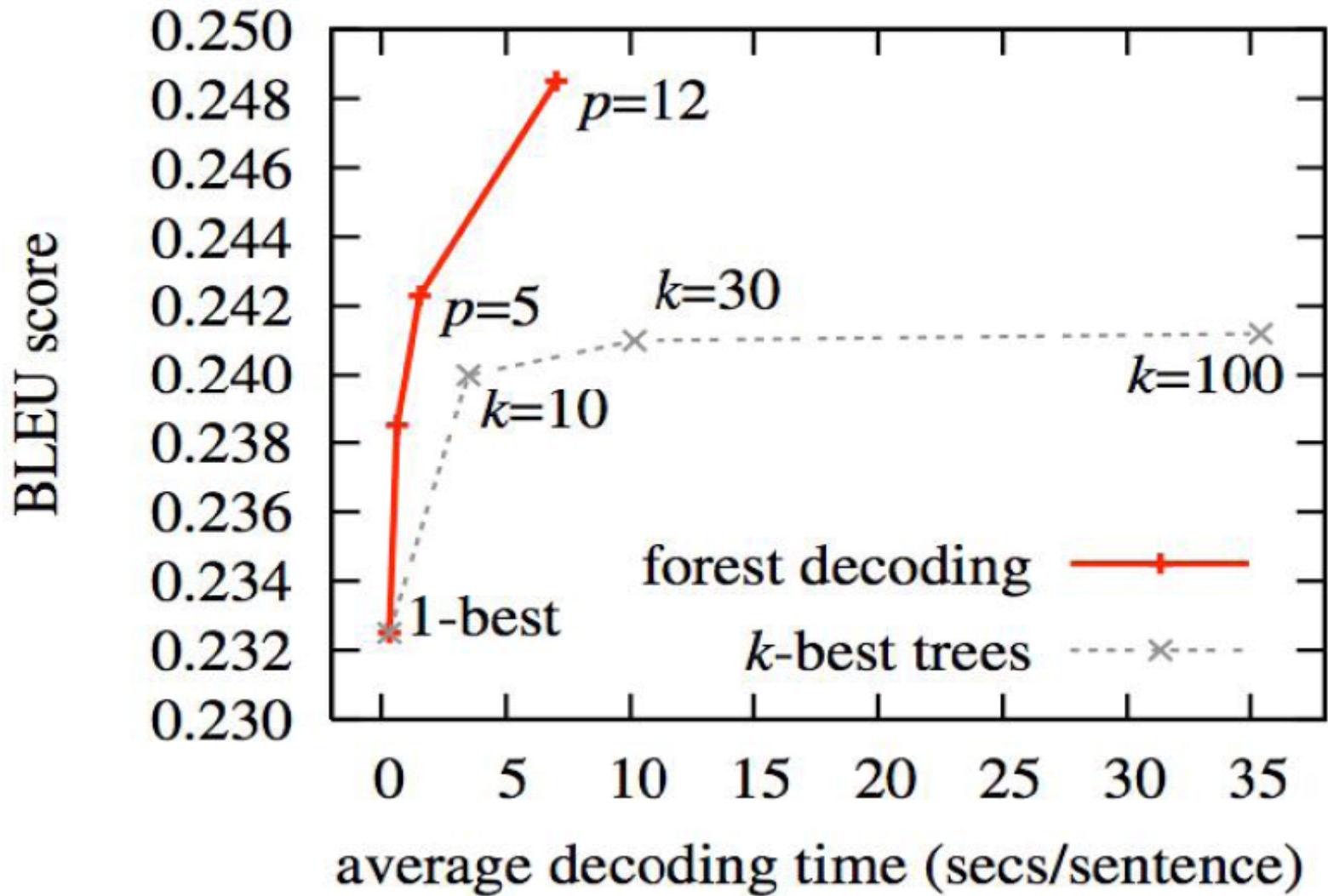


# Packed Forest



# N-best Trees vs. Forest

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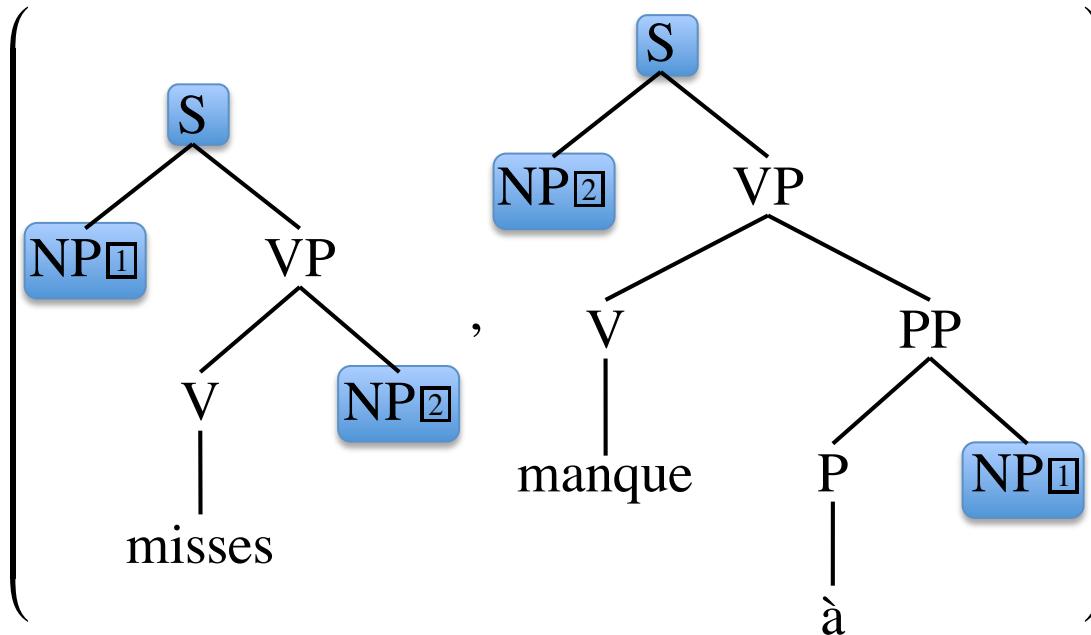
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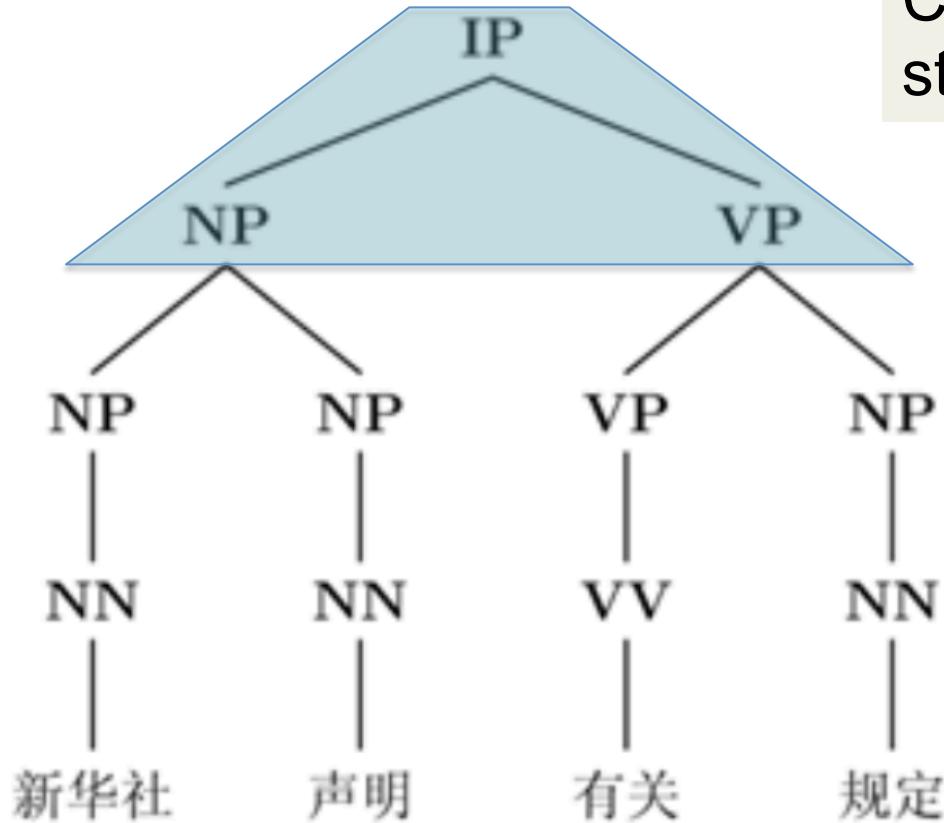
# Synchronous TSG



Synchronous CFG can be regarded as a special case of Synchronous TSG where the trees are limited to have only two layers of nodes

# Synchr. TSG vs Synchr. CFG

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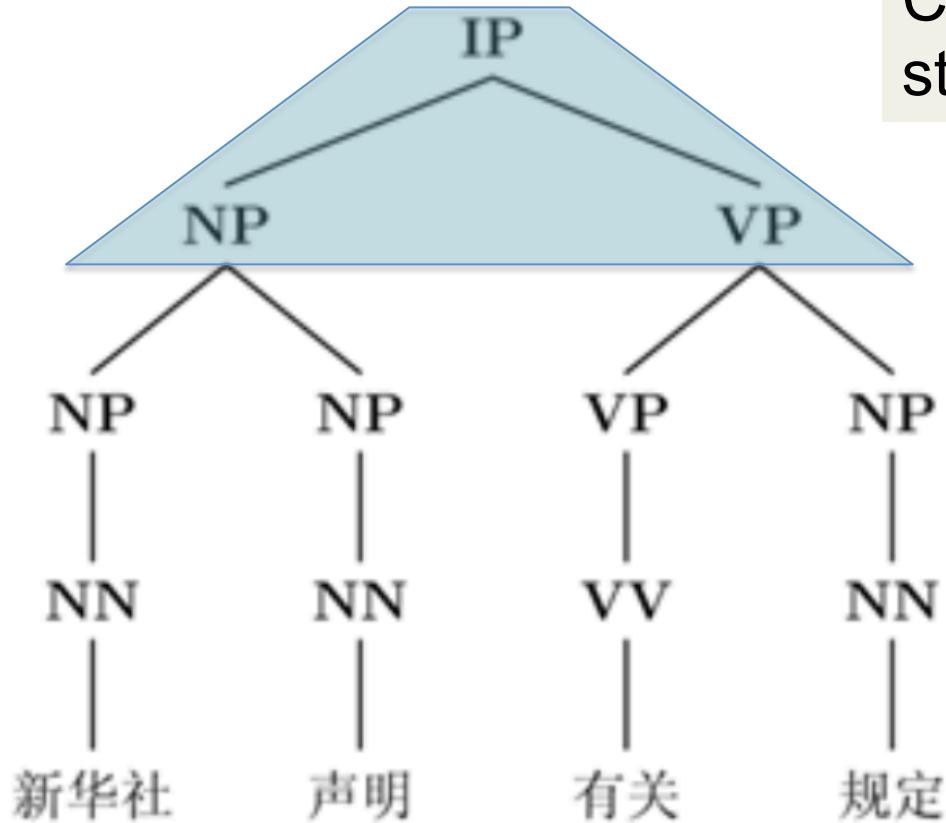
Considering matching a rule starting from the root node

For Synchronous CFG, there is only one possible tree in the source side



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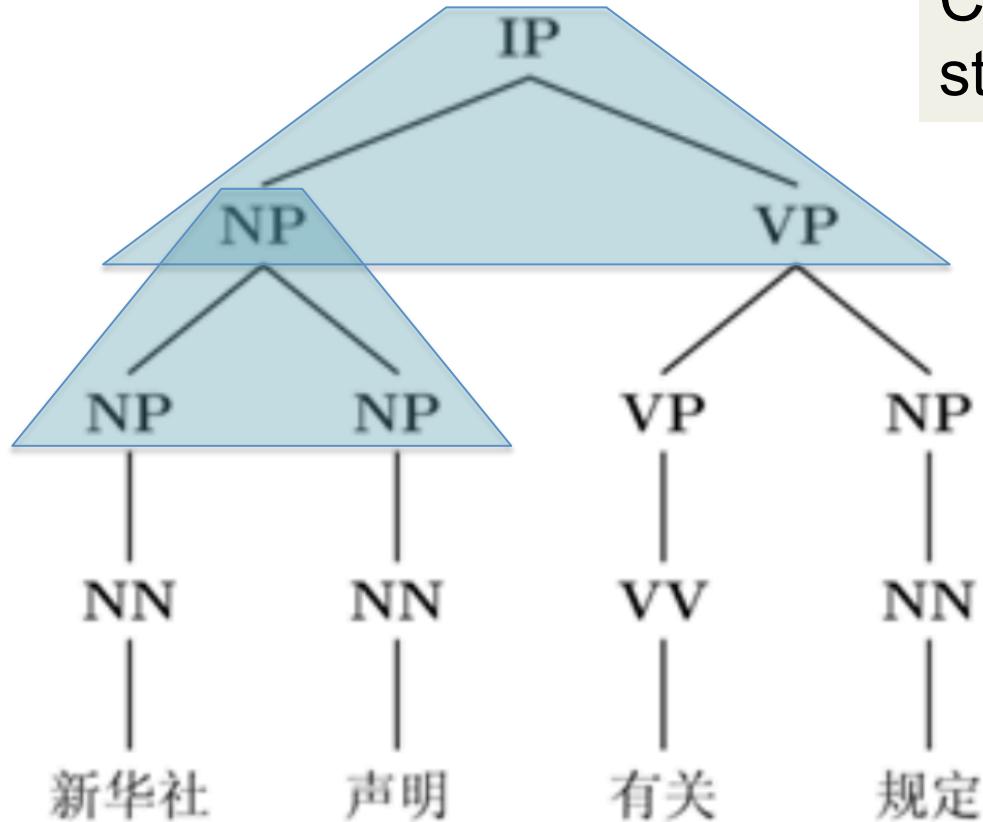
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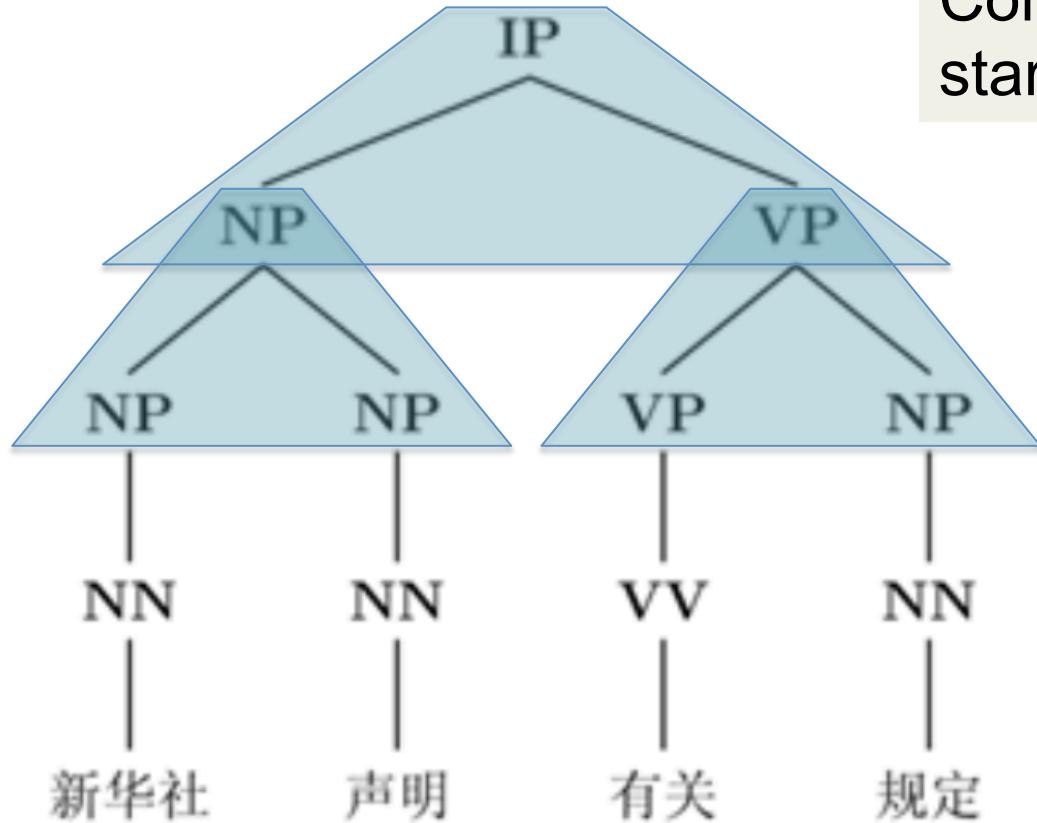
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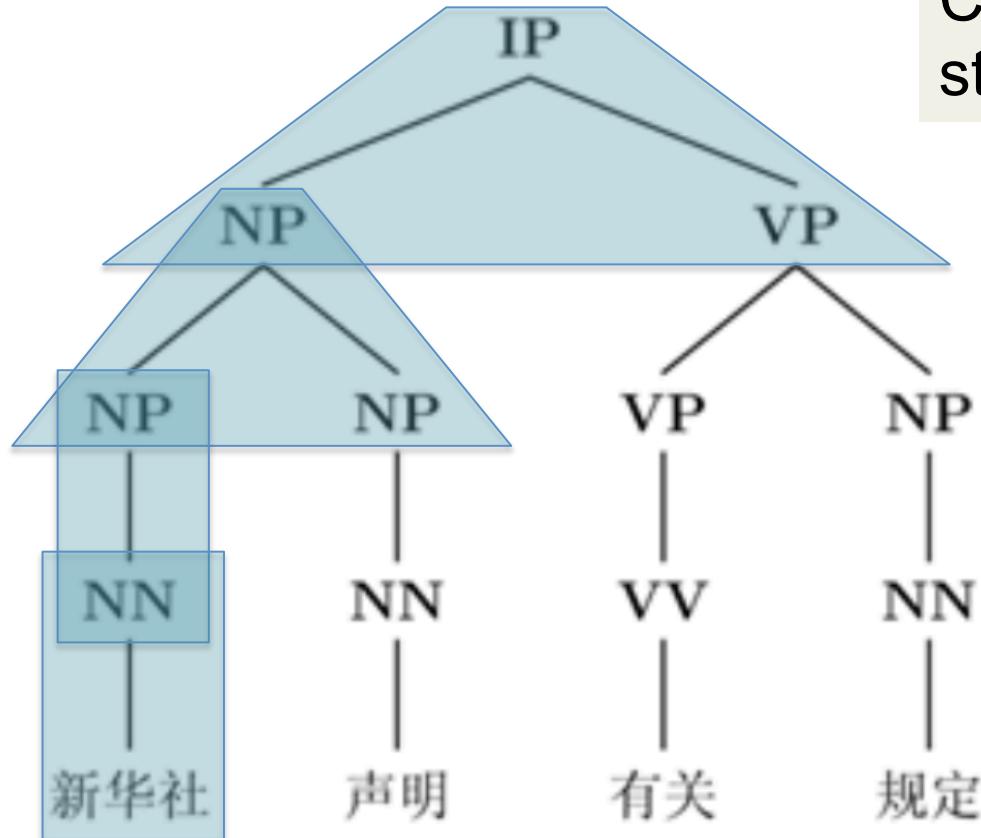
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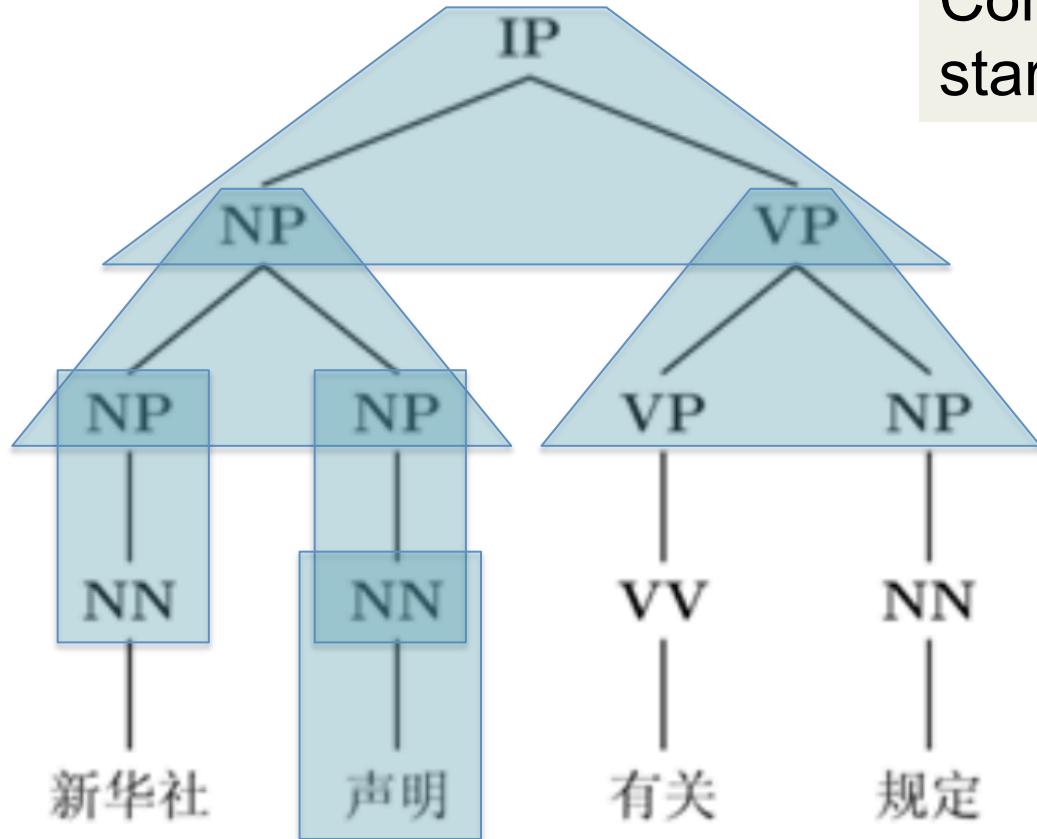
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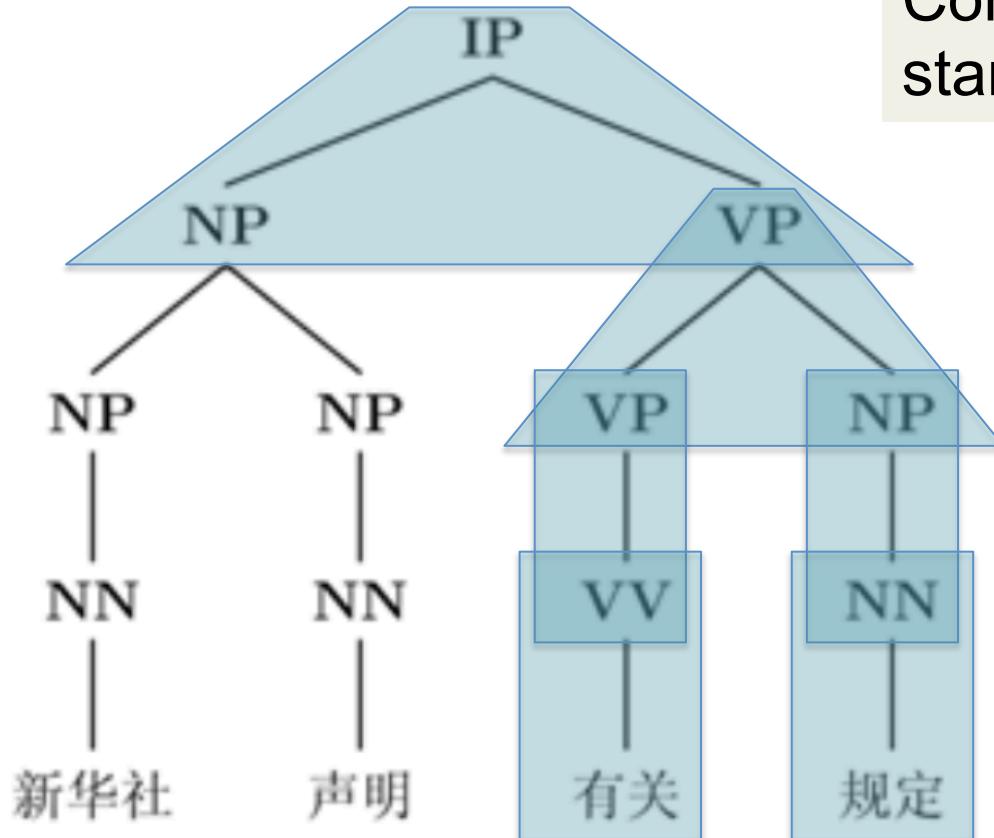
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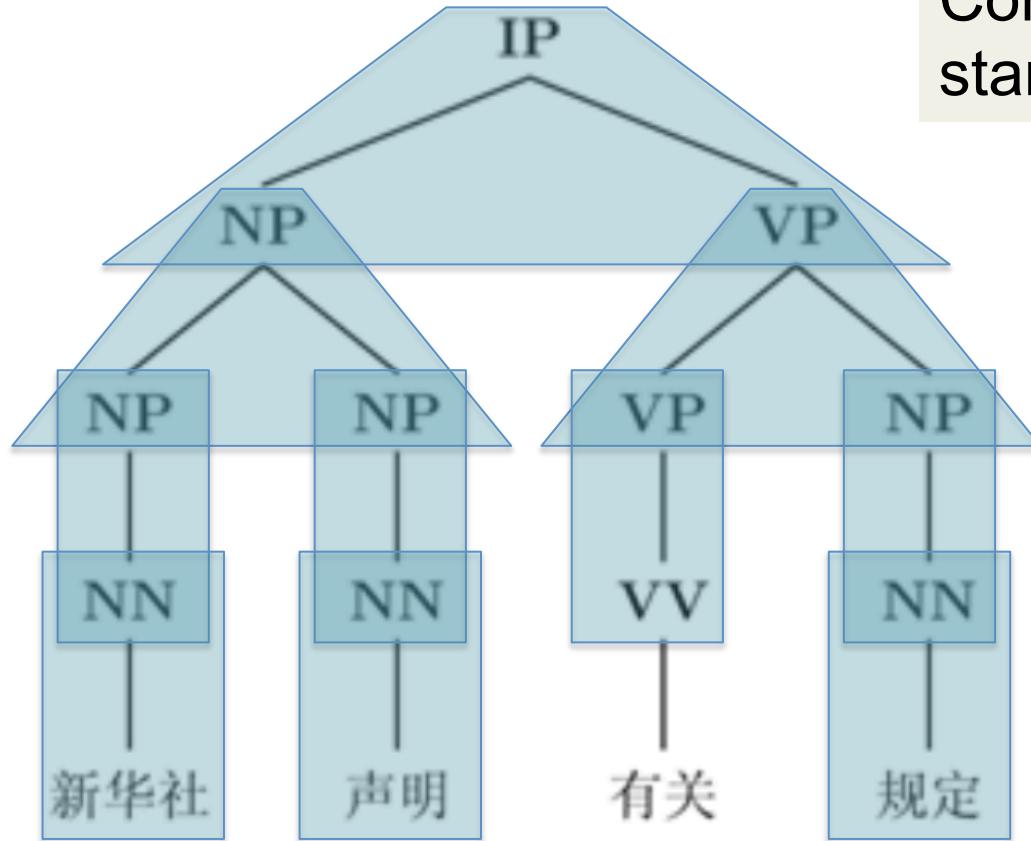
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- The implementation of Synchronous TSG is much more complex than Synchronous CFG, both in space and in time
- Technologies are developed to deal with the rule indexing problem for Synchronous TSG decoder [Zhang et al., ACL-IJCNLP 2009]
- The syntax based decoder implemented in Moses does not support Synchronous TSG model with rules having more than two layers.



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Is it possible to build a linguistically syntax-based model with the complexity of Synchronous CFG?



# Syntax-based Model

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Hierarchical Phrase-based Model



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# History

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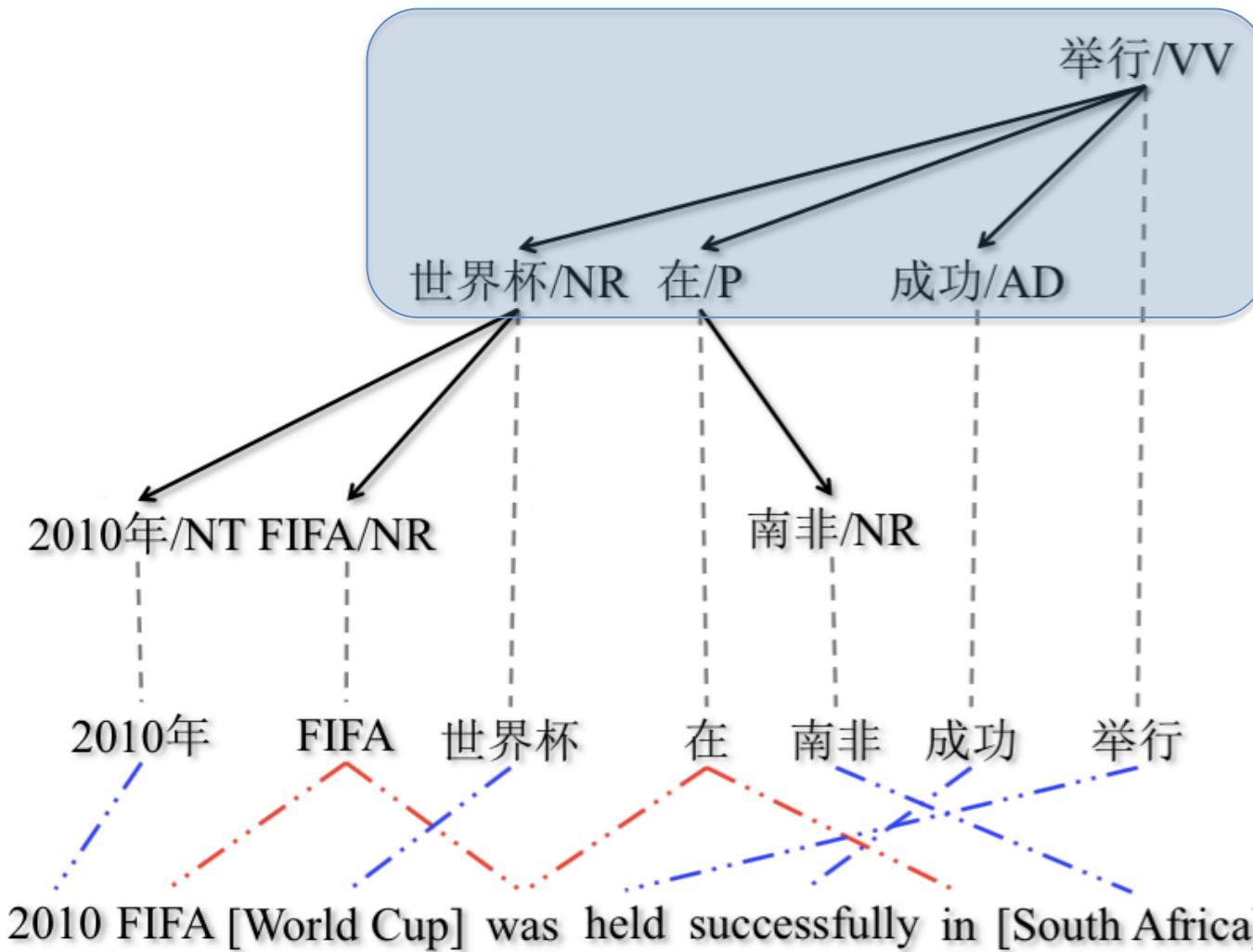
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# Difficult of Dependency-based SMT

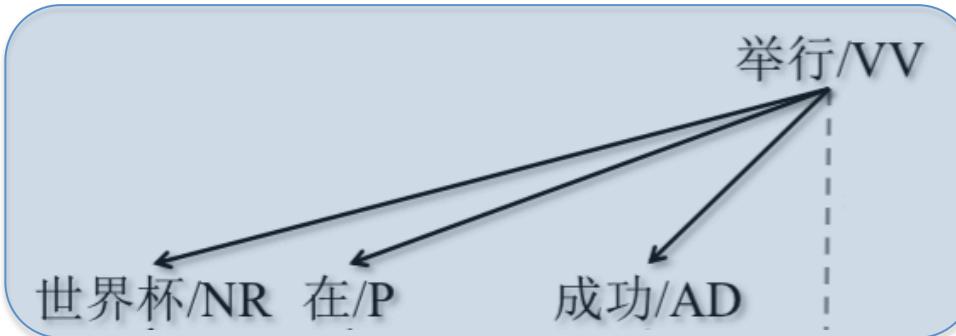
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A dependency translation rule:



...世界杯(World Cup)...在(in)...成功(Successfully) 举行(was held)

Problem: Low Coverage, Sparsity



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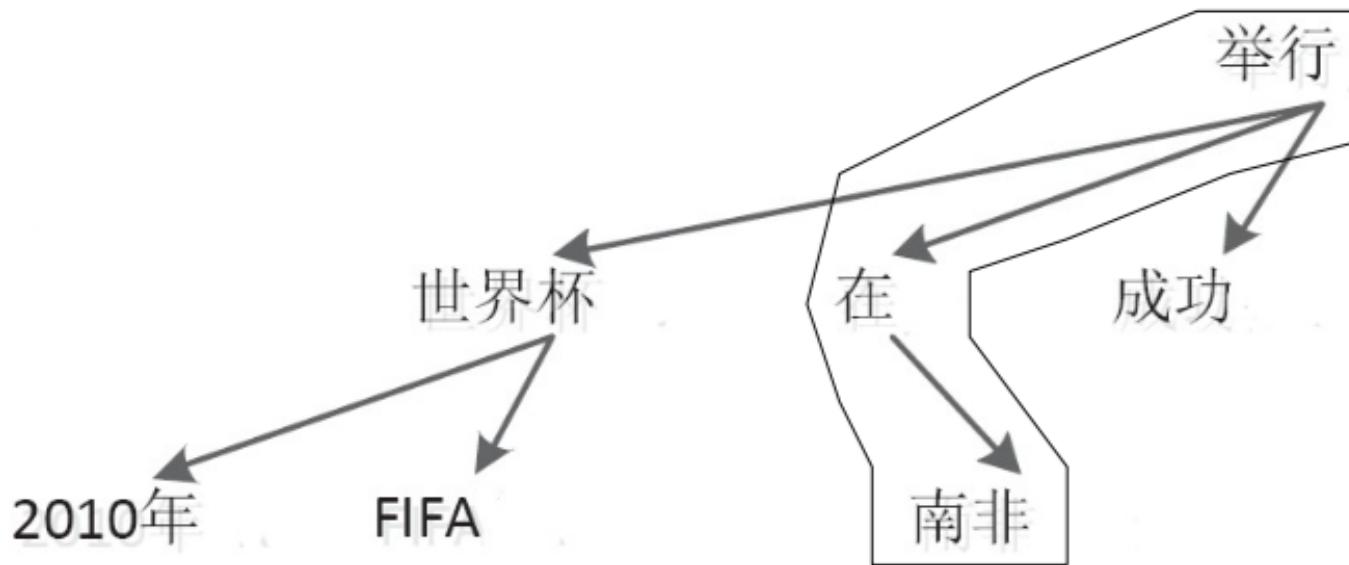
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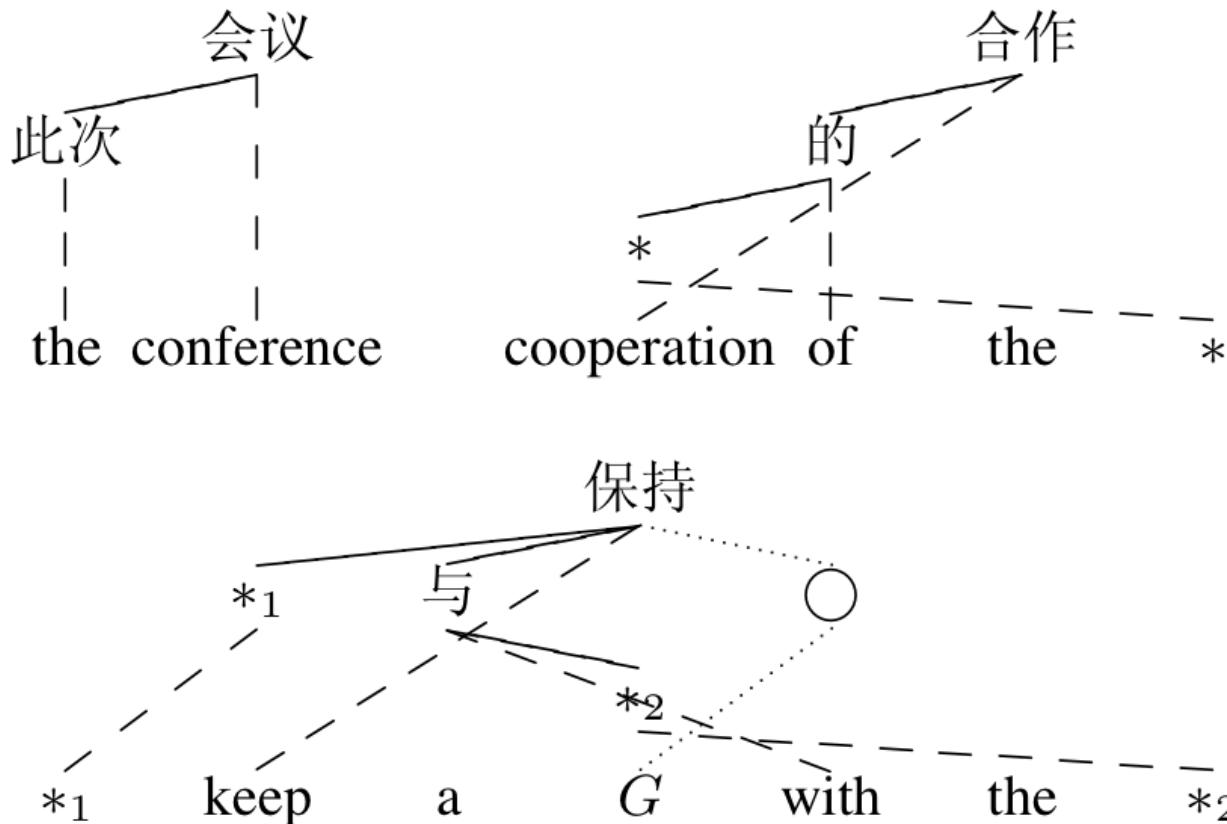
Dependency Treelet:

Any connected subgraph of a dependency tree



# Dependency-Treelet-based Rules

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# Problem of Dep-Treelet-based Approach

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- The partition of a dependency tree to a set of treelets is too flexible (more flexible than the partition of a constituent tree in a tree-to-string model)
- The reordering is difficult in target side:
  - There are no sequential orders between treelets
  - The translation of a treelet is usually non-continuous



# Dependency-to-String Model

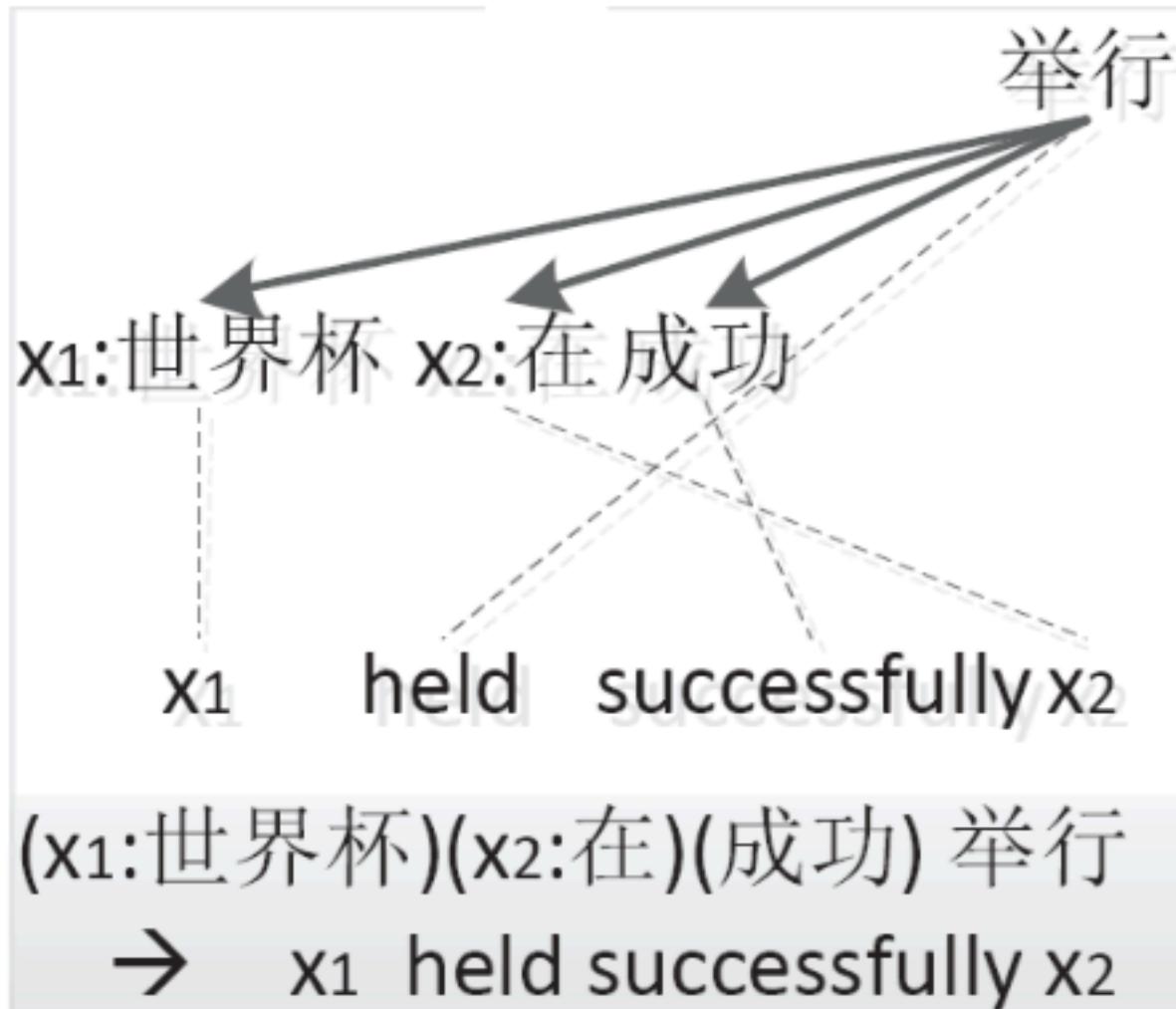
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- Our Solution
  - One layer subtree (head-dependency)
  - Using POS for Smoothing

Jun Xie, Haitao Mi and Qun Liu, A novel dependency-to-string model for statistical machine translation, in the Proceedings of the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP2011), pages 216-226, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK. July 27–31, 2011

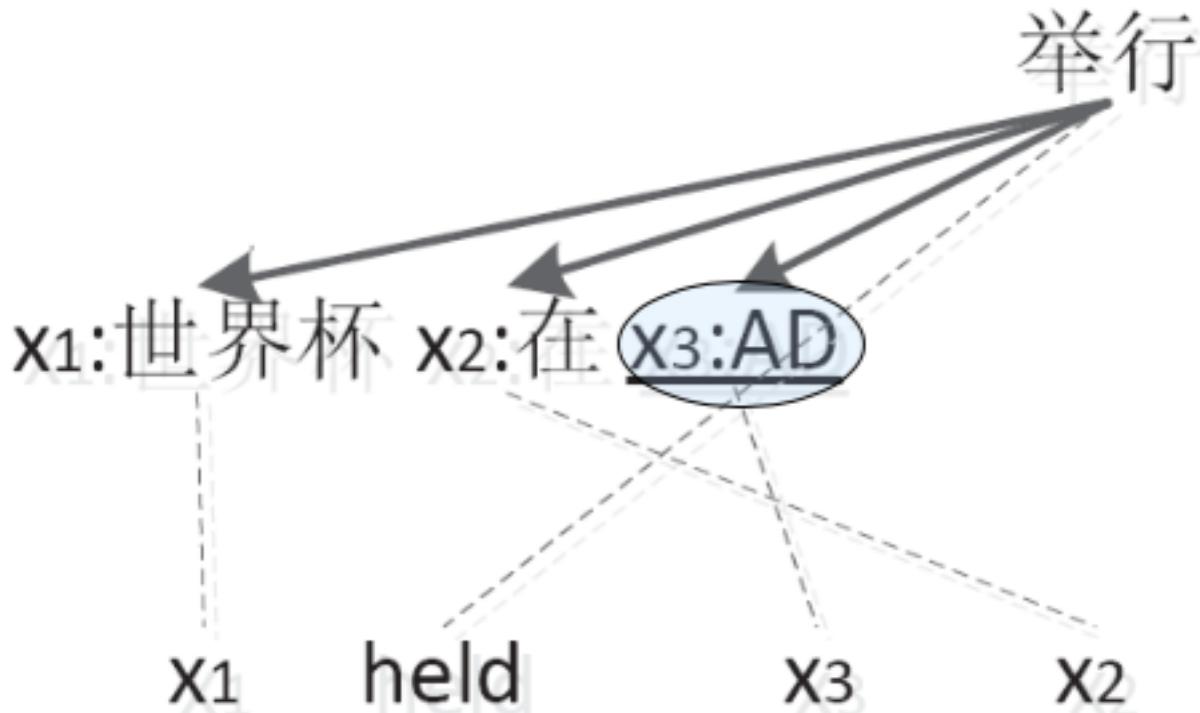


# Dep-to-String Rule



# Smoothing with: Leaf nodes

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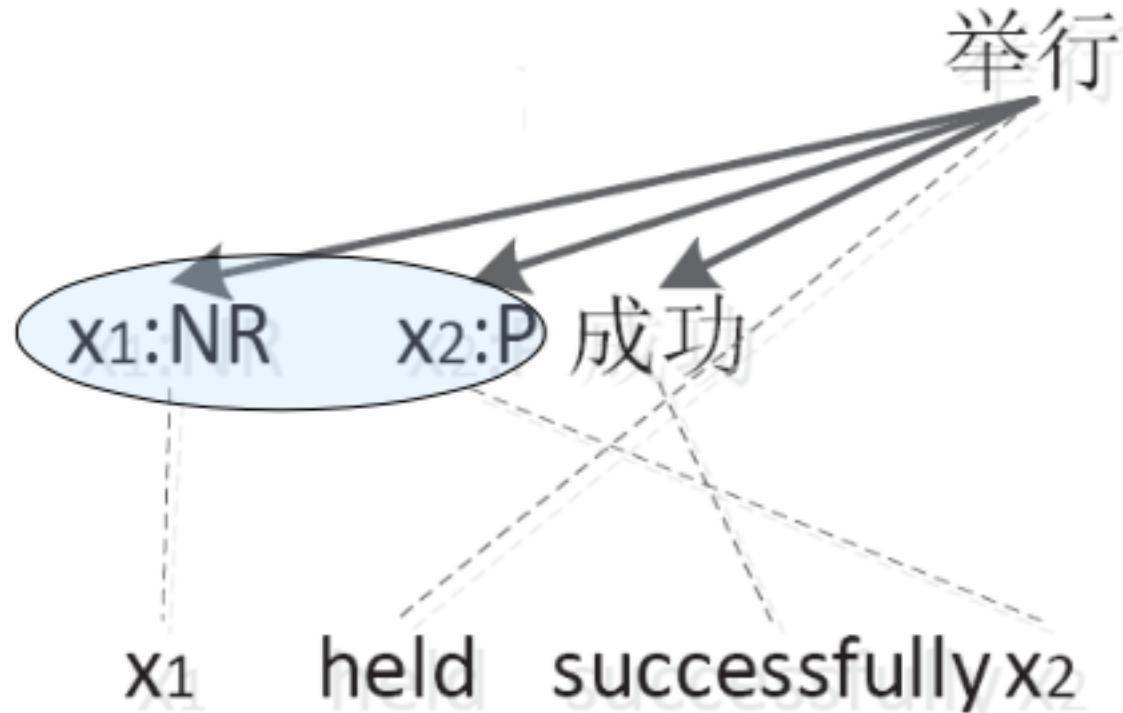


(x1:世界杯)(x2:在)(x3:AD) 举行

→ x1 held x3 x2

# Smoothing with: Internal nodes

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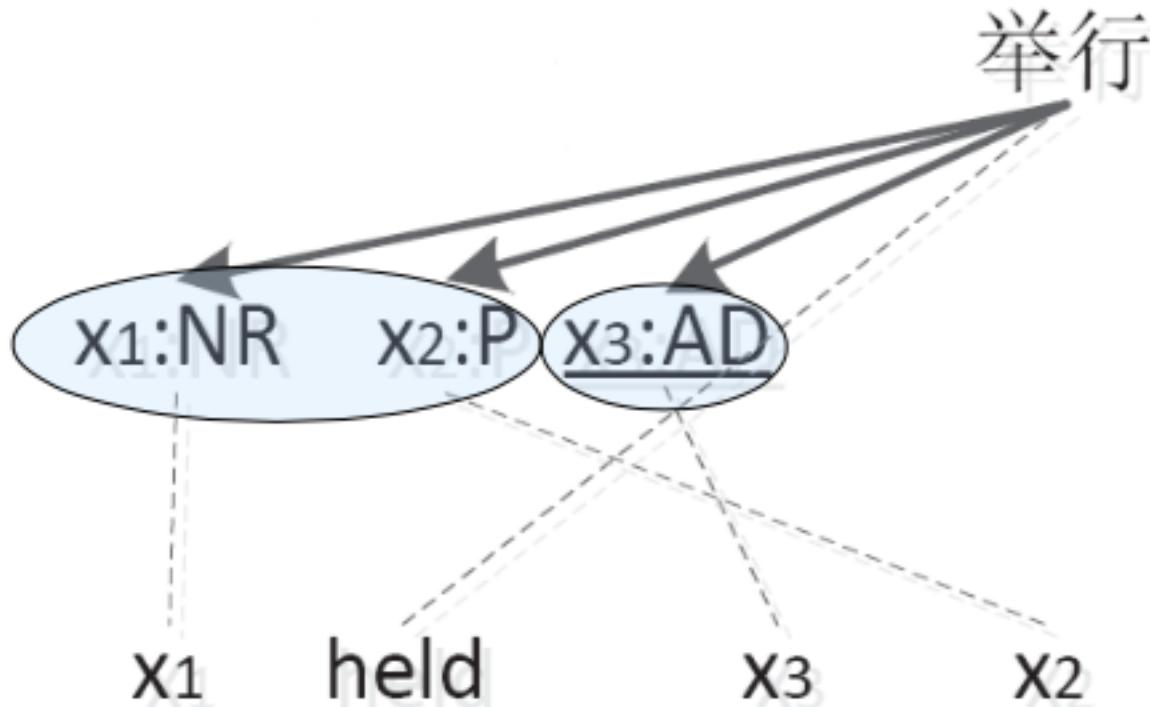


$(x_1:NR)(x_2:P)(\text{成功})$  举行

→  $x_1 \text{ held successfully } x_2$

# Smoothing with: Leaf & Internal node

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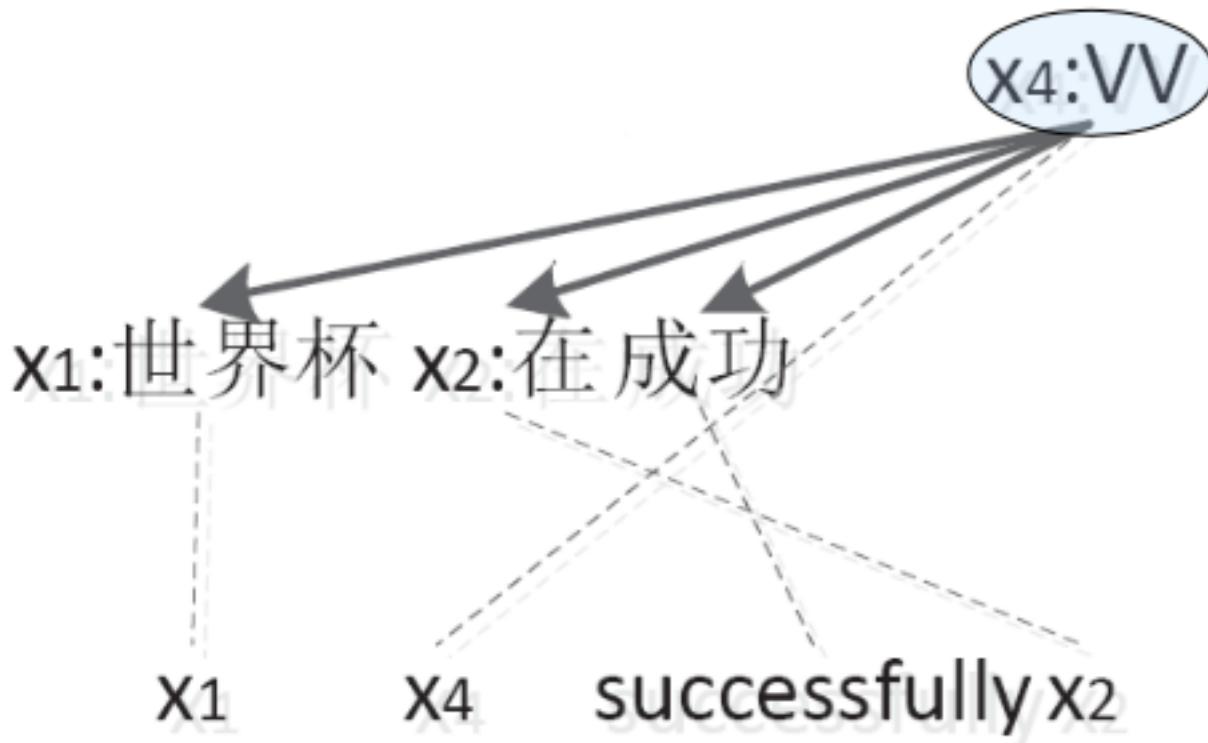


(x1:NR)(x2:P)(x3:AD) 举行  
→ x1 held x3 x2



# Smoothing with: Head node

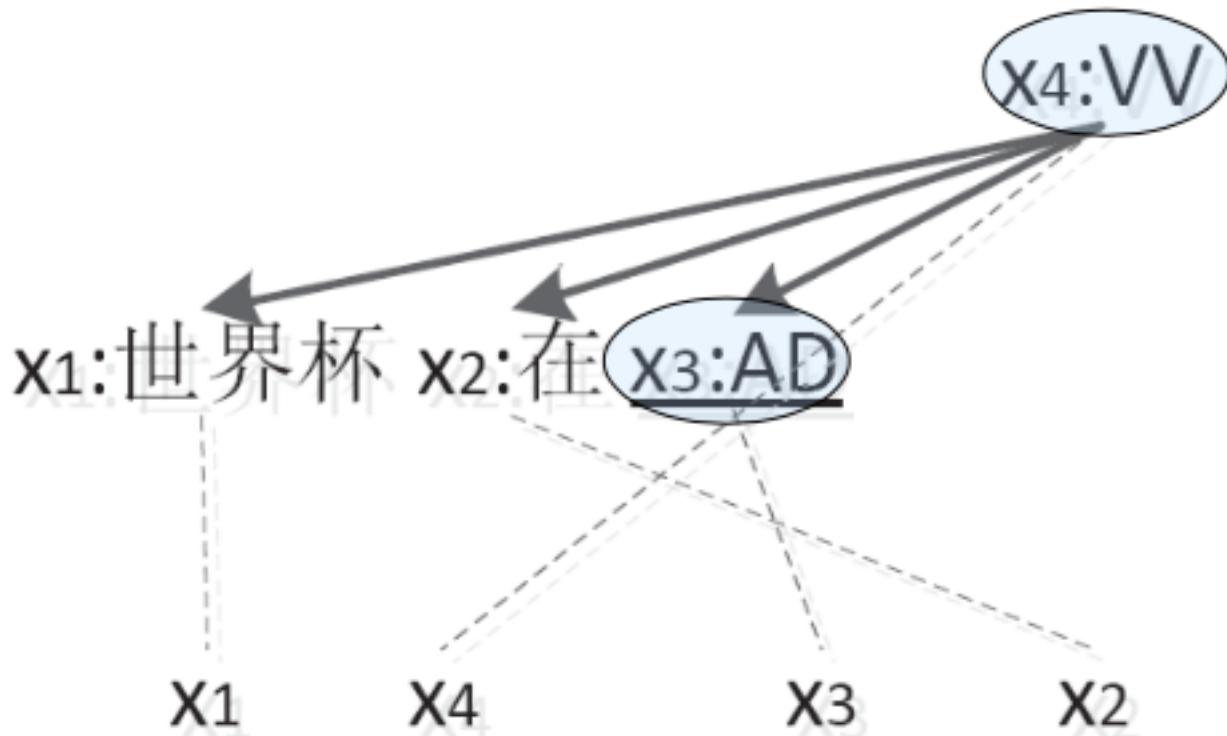
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$(x_1:\text{世界杯})(x_2:\text{在})(\text{成功}) \ x_4:\text{VV}$   
→  $x_1 \ x_4$  successfully  $x_2$

# Smoothing with: Head & Leaf nodes

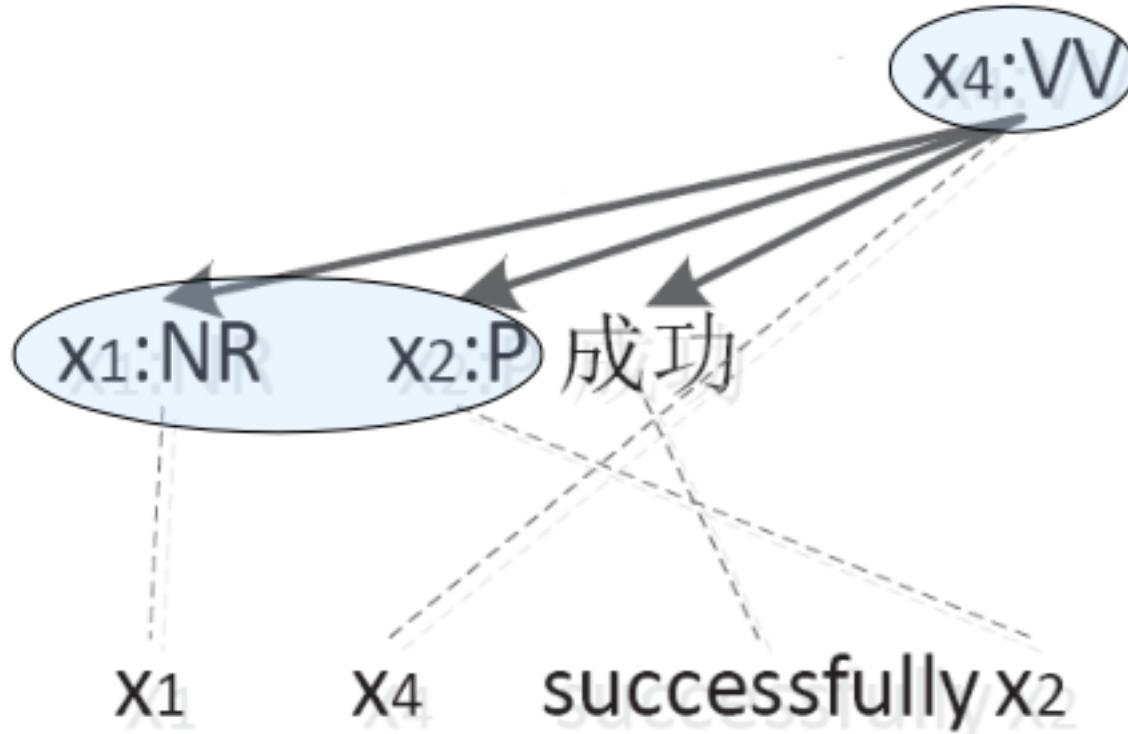
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$(x_1:世界杯)(x_2:在)(\underline{x_3:AD}) \ x_4:VV$

→  $x_1 \ x_4 \ x_3 \ x_2$

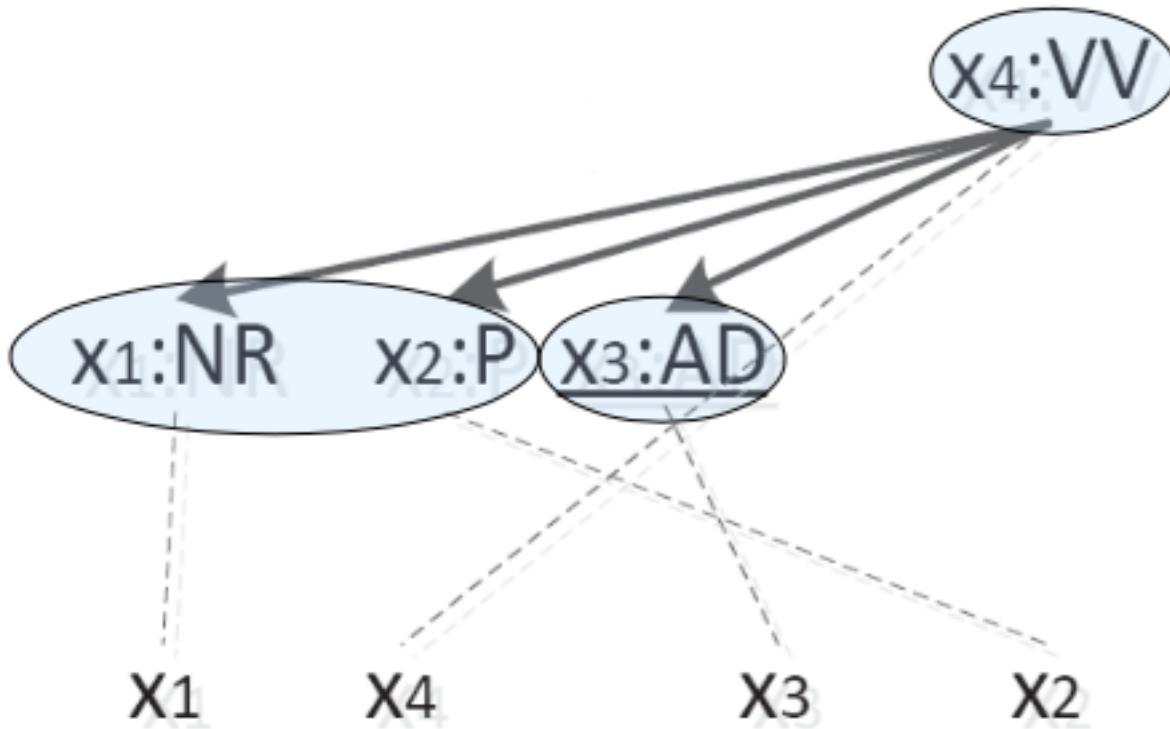
# Smoothing with: Head & Internal nodes



$(x_1:NR)(x_2:P)(\text{成功}) \ x_4:VV$   
→  $x_1 \ x_4 \text{ successfully } x_2$

# Smoothing with: All nodes

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$(x_1:NR)(x_2:P)(\underline{x_3:AD}) x_4:VV$

$\rightarrow \quad X_1 \ X_4 \ X_3 \ X_2$



# Experiments

System	Rule #	MT04(%)	MT05(%)
cons2str	30M	34.55	31.94
hiero-re	148M	35.29	33.22
dep2str	56M	<b>35.82<sup>+</sup></b>	<b>33.62<sup>+</sup></b>

# Dependency-to-String Model

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## Advantage:

- Linguistic knowledge used
  - Long distance dependency
- Computational Complexity
  - Equivalent to: Synchronous CFG

## Disadvantage:

- Ungrammatical phrases
- Syntactic Ambiguity



# Dependency-to-String Model implemented as Synchronous CFG

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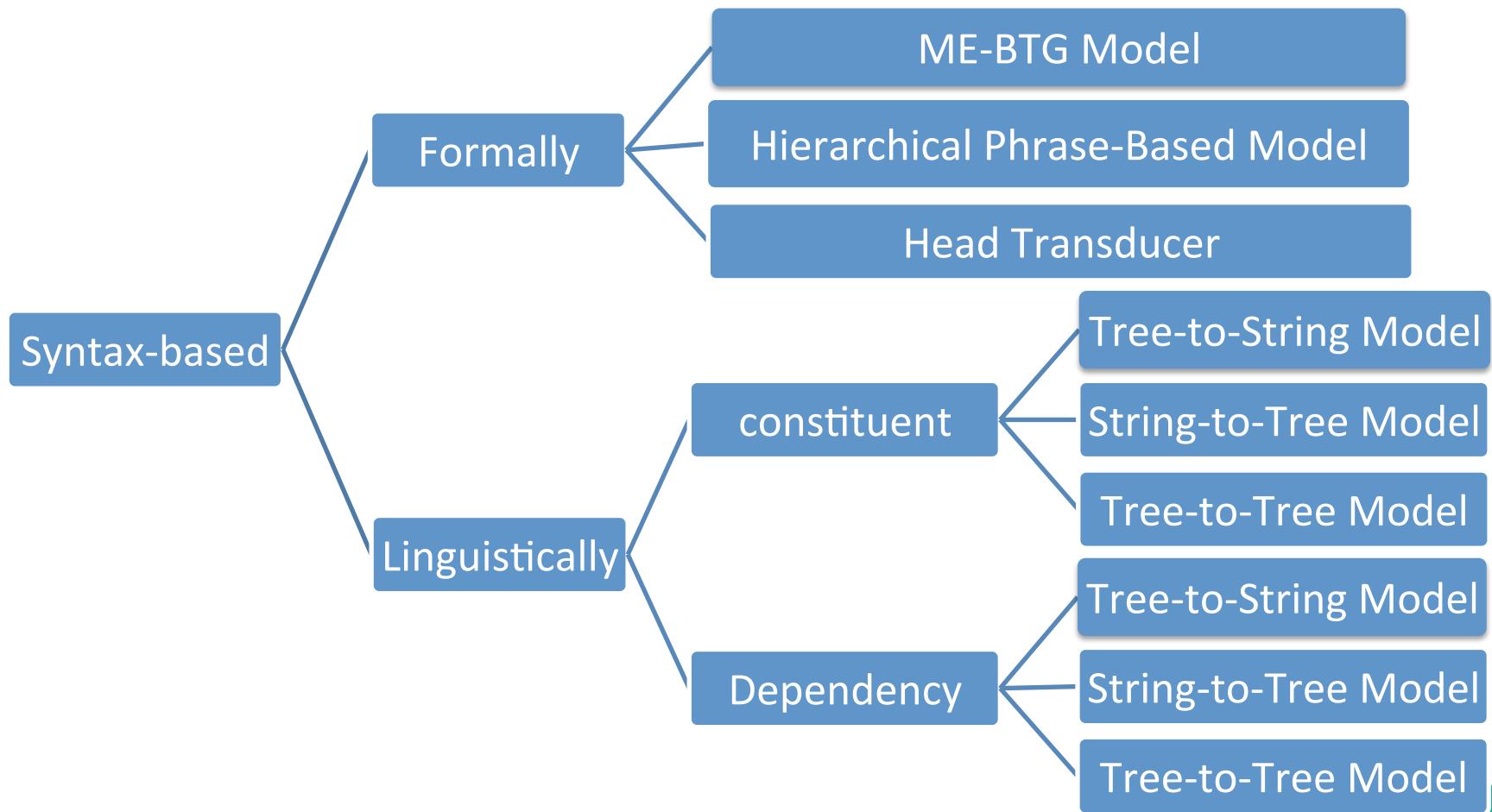
Liangyou Li, Jun Xie, Andy Way, Qun Liu, Transformation and Decomposition for Efficiently Implementing and Improving Dependency-to-String Model In Moses, In Proceedings of SSST-8, Eighth Workshop on Syntax, Semantics and Structure in Statistical Translation. Pages 122-131. Doha, Qatar. 2014.

- Implement Dependency-to-String in a Synchronous CFG which is compatible with Moses chart decoder
  - Open Source Tools: [dep2str](#)
- Implement pseudo-forest to support partially matched head-dependency structures



# Summary: Syntax-based Models

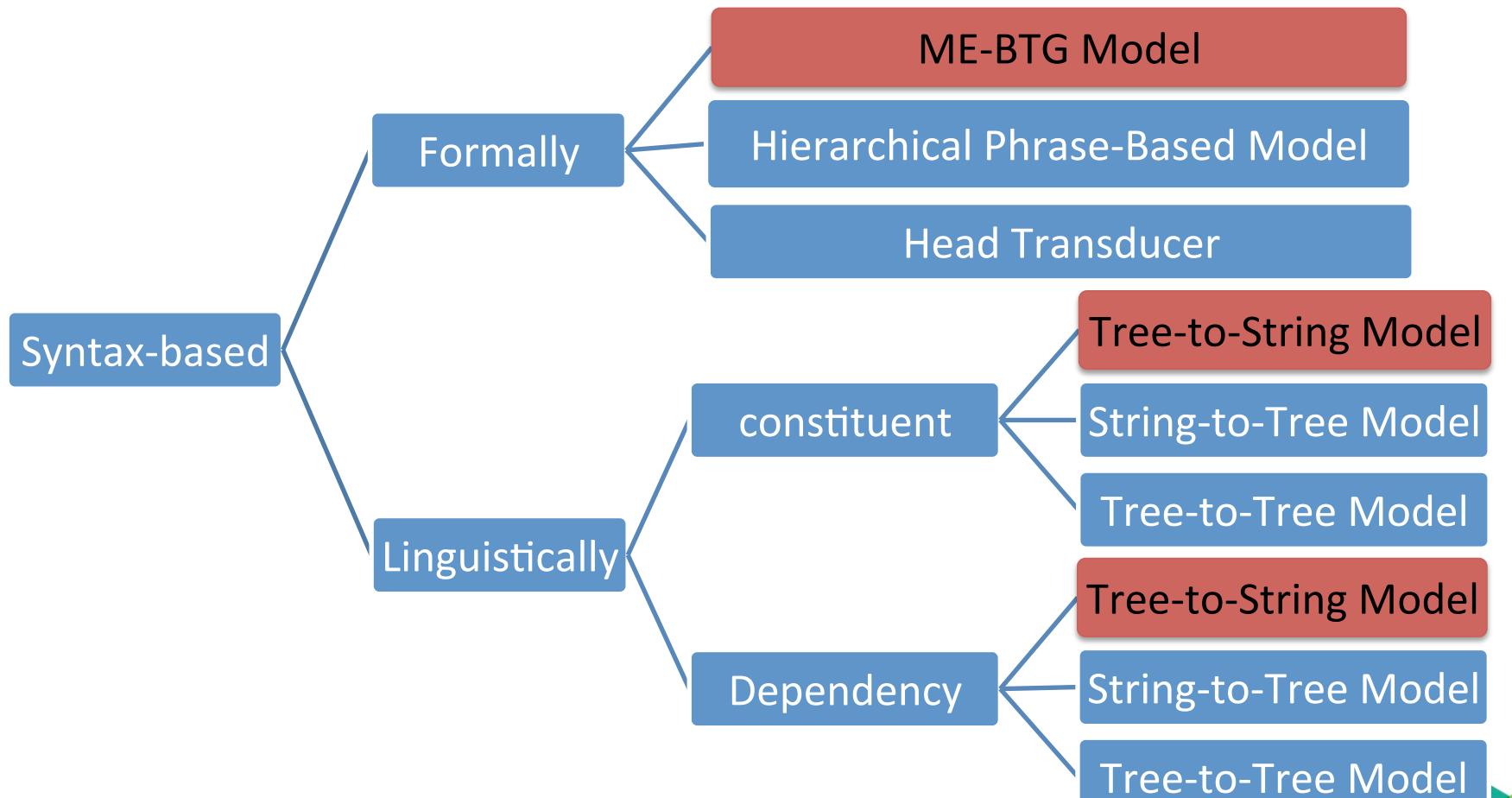
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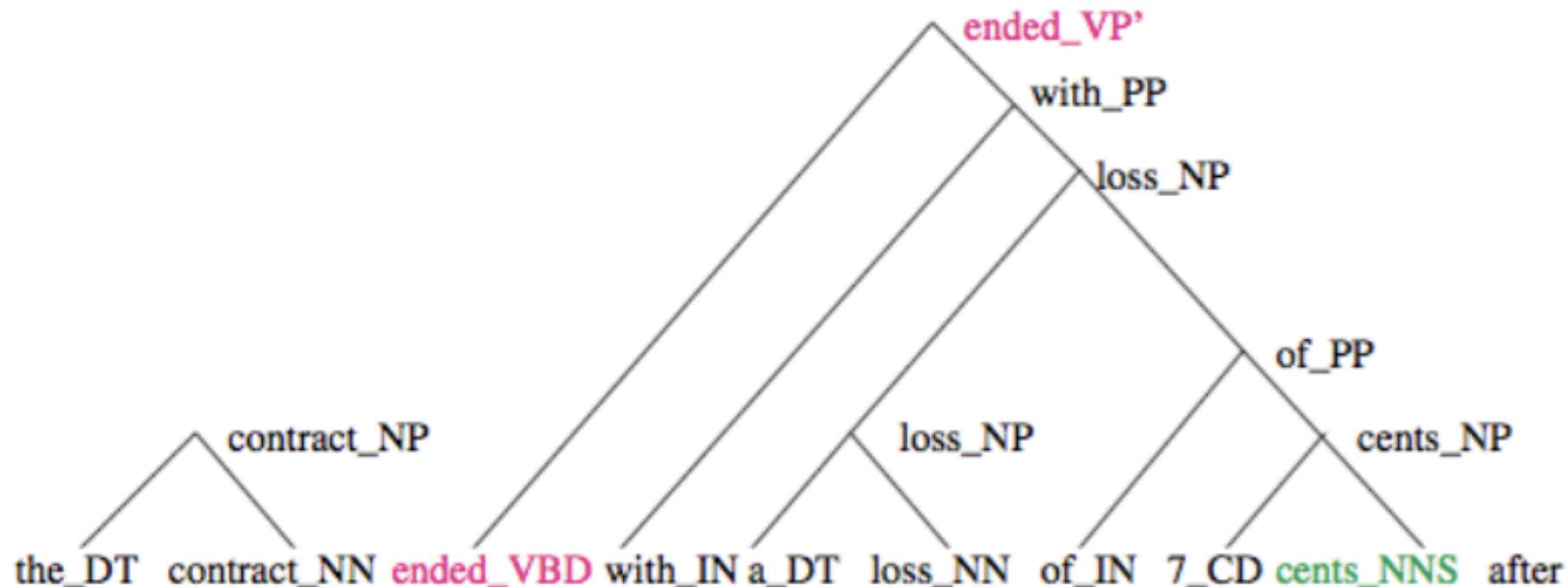


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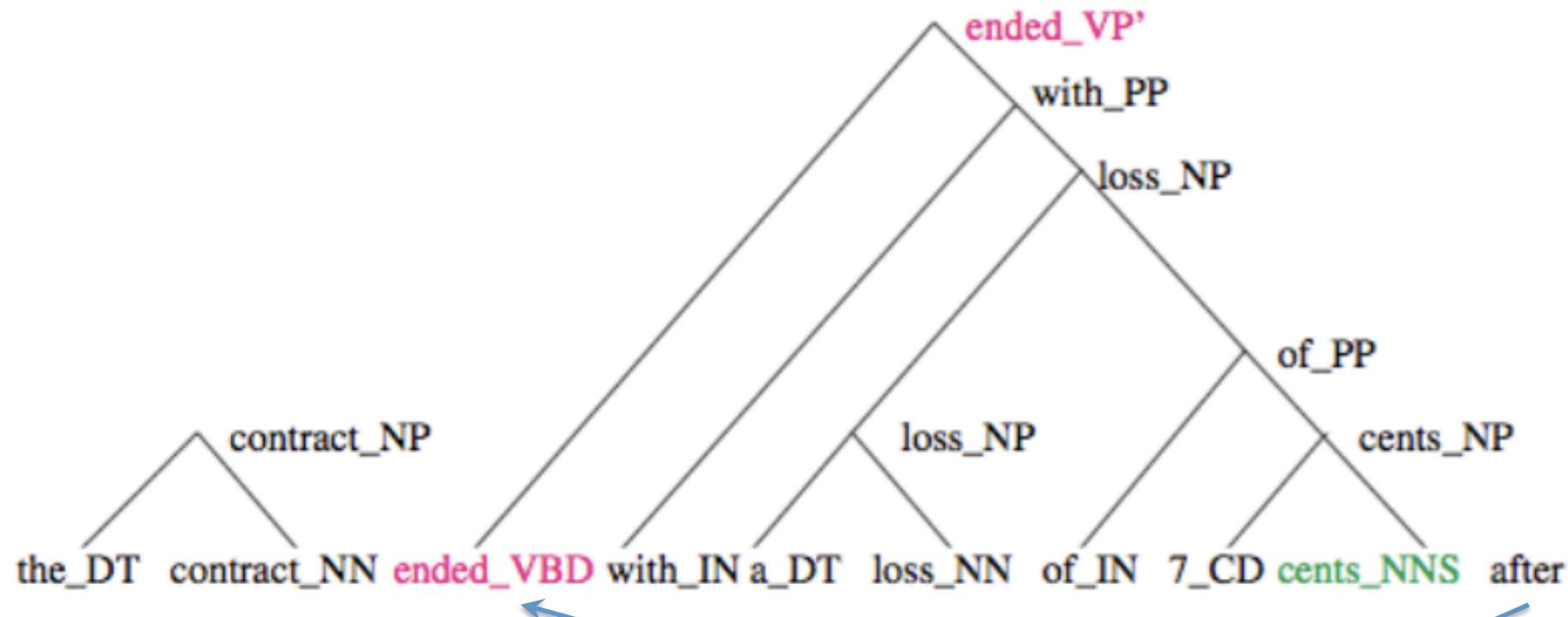
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Using syntax information to capture long distance dependency in target side



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# Existing work

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- Generative Structural Language Model (Charniak, 2003)  
Eugene Charniak, Kevin Knight, and Kenji Yamada. 2003. Syntax-based language models for statistical machine translation. In *Proceedings of MT Summit IX. Intl. Assoc. for Machine Translation.*
- Idea
  - Estimate head n-gram probability
  - Using POS for smoothing
- Disadvantage
  - Only available when the target tree is generated
  - Can only be used in re-ranking rather than decoding
  - Generative model: features are fixed and not tunable



Heng Yu, Haitao Mi, Liang Huang, and Qun Liu. 2014. A Structured Language Model For Incremental Tree-to-String Translation. To be appeared in Proceedings of the 25th International Conference on Computational Linguistics (Coling2014)

- Dependency-based Language Model
- Incremental: can be used in left-to-right decoding
- Discriminative Model:
  - Large number of user-defined features
  - Feature weights tunable



# Preliminary work

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- Incremental Tree-to-String Decoding  
Liang Huang and Haitao Mi. 2010. Efficient incremental decoding for tree-to-string translation. In Proceedings of EMNLP, pages 273–283.
- Structured perceptron with inexact search  
Liang Huang, Suphan Fayong, and Yang Guo. 2012. Structured perceptron with inexact search. In Proceedings of NAACL 2012, Montreal, Quebec.



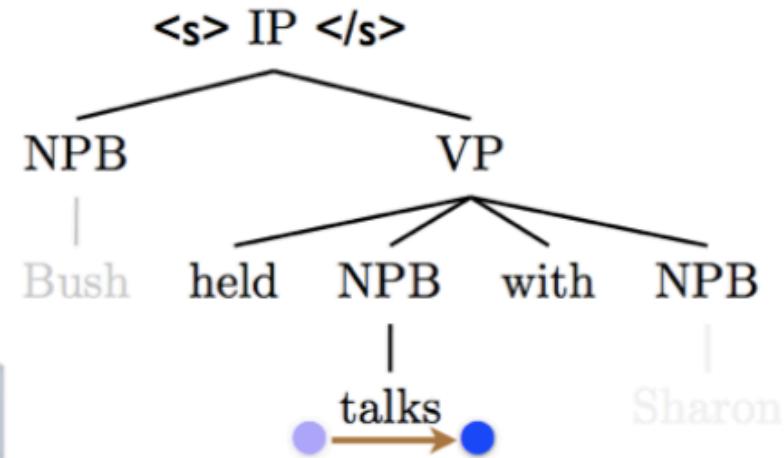
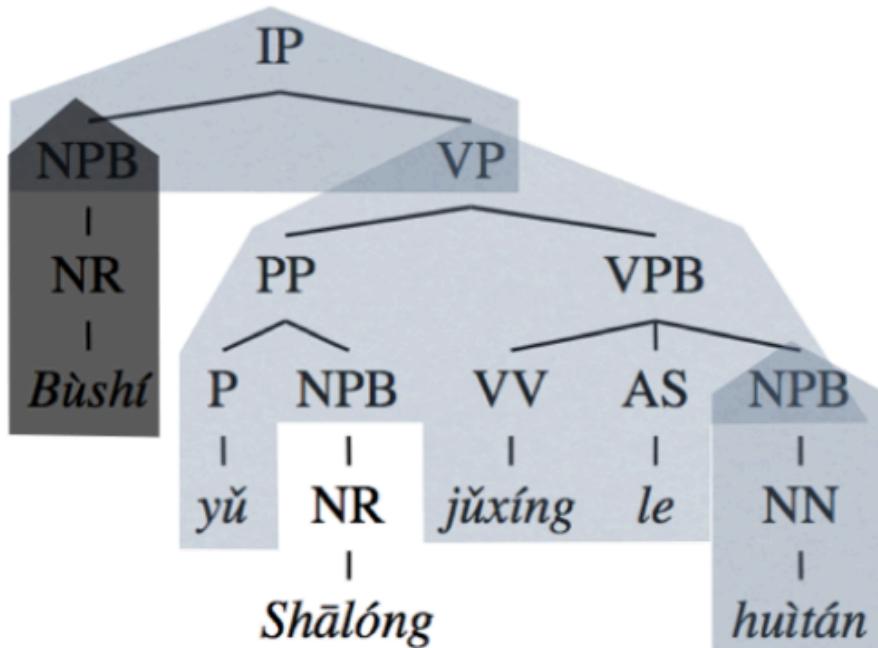
# Incremental Tree-to-String Decoding

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Huang 2010

$[\varepsilon \rightarrow <\text{s}> \cdot \text{IP} </\text{s}>]$   $[\text{IP} \rightarrow \text{NPB} \cdot \text{VP}]$   $[\text{VP} \rightarrow \text{held} \cdot \text{NPB with NPB}]$   $[\text{NPB} \rightarrow \text{talks} \cdot]$

$<\text{s}>$  Bush held talks



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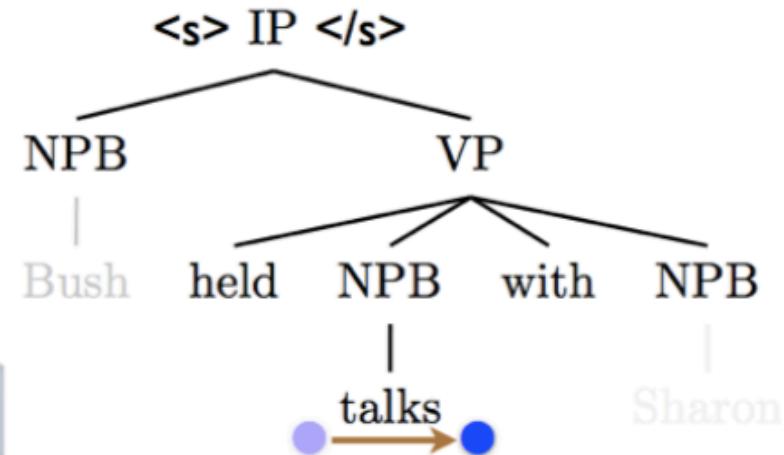
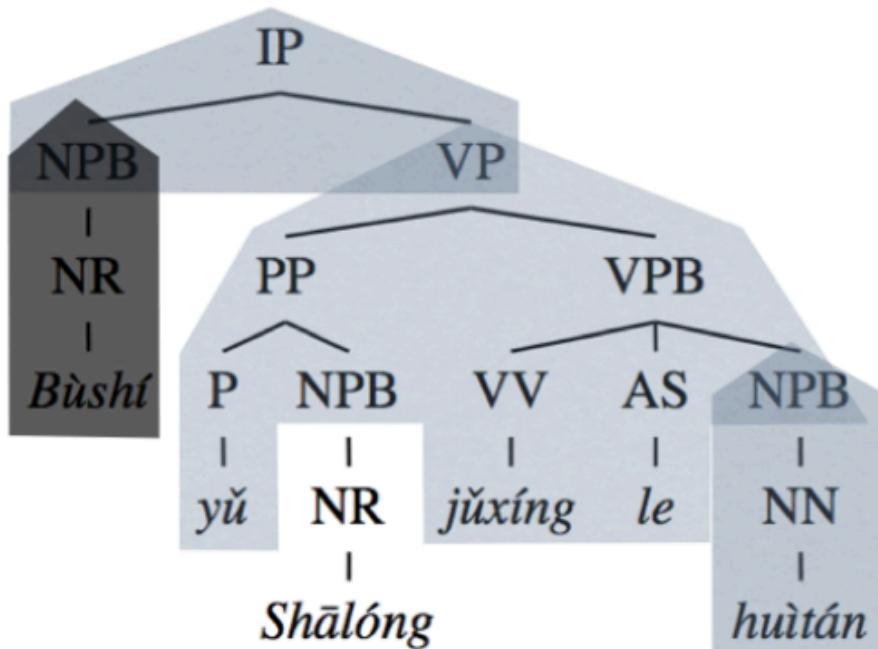
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$<s>$  Bush held talks



*action: scan*

Left-to-Right vs Top-down or Bottom-up



# Online Structural LM for SMT

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	stack	2-gram	SLM
	[ . IP ]		
<i>p</i>	[ . IP ] [. NP VP]		
<i>p</i>	[ . IP ] [. NP VP] [. Bush]		
<i>s</i>	[ . IP ] [. NP VP] [Bush . ]	Bush	$S_1$ : Bush
<i>c</i>	[ . IP ] [NP . VP]	Bush	$S_1$ :
<i>p</i>	[ . IP ] [NP . VP] [. held NPB with NPB]	Bush	$S_1$ :
<i>s</i>	[ . IP ] [NP . VP] [held . NPB with NPB]	Bush held	$S_2$ : Bush held
<i>p, s</i>	[ . IP ] [NP . VP] [held . NPB with NPB] [a meeting . ]	a meeting	$S_3$ : Bush held a meeting
<i>s</i>	[ . IP ] [NP . VP] [held NP with . NPB]	meeting with	$S_4$ : Bush held a meeting with
<i>p, s</i>	[ . IP ] [NP . VP] [held NPB with . NPB] [Sharon. ]	with Sharon	$S'_4$ : Bush held a meeting with
<i>c</i>	[ . IP ] [NP . VP] [held NPB with NPB. ]	with Sharon	$S_5$
<i>c</i>	[ . IP ] [NP VP. ]	with Sharon	$S_5$
<i>c</i>	[ IP . ]	with Sharon	$S_5$



# Experiment Results

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System	BLEU	(sec/sen)
baseline (BL)	21.06	5.7
BL + reranking	21.23	0.03
BL + PTB $n$ -gram	21.10	6.3
BL + Hassan	21.30	8.4
BL + ours	21.64*	48.0

Training Corpus:  
1.5M sent. pairs

System	03	04	05	08
baseline	19.94	22.03	19.92	21.06
+SLM	21.49*	22.33	20.51*	21.64*

Decoding time:  
8 x Baseline



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# Evaluation for Machine Translation

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**Candidate 1:** It is a guide to action which ensures that the military always obeys the command of the party

**Candidate 2:** It is to insure the troops forever hearing the activity guidebook that party direct

**Reference 1:** It is a guide to action that ensures that the military will forever heed party commands

**Reference 2:** It is the guiding principle which guarantees the military forces always being under the command of the party

**Reference 3:** It is the practical guide for the army to heed the directions of the party

**Question:** Given the human translations as references, how to evaluation the machine translation candidates automatically?



# Existing MT Evaluation Metrics

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- Lexicalized Metrics

BLEU NIST Rouge WER PER METEOR AMBER

- Syntax-based Metrics

STM HWCM

- Semantic-based Metrics

MEANT HMEANT

- Combinational Metrics

LAYERED DISCOTK



# Existing MT Evaluation Metrics

Metrics	知识类型	模型	优点	缺点
基于词汇的方法	词汇	相似度 错误率	善于捕捉词汇或短语	不能捕捉句法结构
基于句法的方法	句法信息	相似度	一定程度上捕捉句法信息	机器译文端句法分析正确率不能保证
基于语义的方法	语义信息	相似度	一定程度上捕捉语义信息	SRL准确率不理想 缺乏有效的语义表示方法
集合多种类型知识的方法	词汇 句法 语义	机器学习 相似度	兼顾各类型知识 性能最好	不适合没有训练语料的情况



# Parsing as Evaluation

- We proposed a novel MT Evaluation Metrics based on Dependency Parsing Model
- We use the reference translations as the training corpus to train a parser
- The parser are used to parse the translation candidates
- The score of the parsing model obtained by the translation candidates are regarded as its quality score.



# WMT 2015 Metric Shared Tasks

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Correlation coefficient Direction	Pearson Correlation Coefficient						Spearman's Average
	fr-en	fi-en	de-en	cs-en	ru-en	Average	
DPMFCOMB	.995 ± .006	.951 ± .013	.949 ± .016	.992 ± .004	.871 ± .025	.952 ± .013	.879 ± .053
RATATOUILLE	.989 ± .010	.899 ± .019	.942 ± .018	.963 ± .008	.941 ± .018	.947 ± .014	.905 ± .047
DPMF	.997 ± .005	.939 ± .015	.929 ± .019	.986 ± .005	.868 ± .026	.944 ± .014	.867 ± .050
METEOR-WSD	.982 ± .011	.944 ± .014	.914 ± .021	.981 ± .006	.857 ± .026	.936 ± .016	.797 ± .062
CHRF3	.979 ± .012	.893 ± .020	.921 ± .020	.969 ± .007	.915 ± .023	.935 ± .016	.834 ± .068
BEER_TREPEL	.981 ± .011	.957 ± .013	.905 ± .021	.985 ± .005	.846 ± .027	.935 ± .016	.827 ± .064
BEER	.979 ± .012	.952 ± .013	.903 ± .022	.975 ± .006	.848 ± .027	.931 ± .016	.828 ± .061
CHRF	.997 ± .005	.942 ± .015	.884 ± .024	.982 ± .006	.830 ± .029	.927 ± .016	.877 ± .051
LEBLEU-OPTIMIZED	.989 ± .009	.895 ± .020	.856 ± .025	.970 ± .007	.918 ± .023	.925 ± .017	.857 ± .055
LEBLEU-DEFAULT	.960 ± .015	.895 ± .020	.856 ± .025	.946 ± .010	.912 ± .022	.914 ± .018	.813 ± .071
BS	-.991 ± .008	-.904 ± .019	-.800 ± .029	-.961 ± .008	-.569 ± .042	-.845 ± .021	-.758 ± .054
USAAR-ZWICKEL-METEOR-MEDIAN	n/a	.934 ± .016	.935 ± .019	.973 ± .007	.891 ± .024	.933 ± .016	.849 ± .044
USAAR-ZWICKEL-METEOR-MEAN	n/a	.945 ± .014	.921 ± .020	.982 ± .006	.866 ± .026	.929 ± .016	.833 ± .041
USAAR-ZWICKEL-METEOR-ARIGEO	n/a	.945 ± .014	.921 ± .020	.982 ± .006	.866 ± .026	.929 ± .016	.833 ± .041
USAAR-ZWICKEL-METEOR-RMS	n/a	.949 ± .014	.895 ± .023	.982 ± .006	.815 ± .030	.910 ± .018	.821 ± .039
USAAR-ZWICKEL-COMET-RMS	n/a	.834 ± .023	.847 ± .027	.869 ± .014	.603 ± .041	.788 ± .026	.665 ± .069
USAAR-ZWICKEL-COMET-ARIGEO	n/a	.805 ± .025	.811 ± .030	.837 ± .016	.626 ± .040	.769 ± .028	.684 ± .063
USAAR-ZWICKEL-COMET-MEAN	n/a	.805 ± .025	.811 ± .030	.837 ± .016	.626 ± .040	.769 ± .028	.684 ± .063
USAAR-ZWICKEL-METEOR-HARMONIC	n/a	.542 ± .034	.553 ± .046	.712 ± .021	.407 ± .047	.554 ± .037	.770 ± .059
USAAR-ZWICKEL-COMET-HARMONIC	n/a	.463 ± .036	.511 ± .047	.614 ± .024	.406 ± .047	.498 ± .038	.596 ± .068
USAAR-ZWICKEL-COMET-MEDIAN	n/a	-.116 ± .044	.230 ± .051	.644 ± .025	.183 ± .054	.235 ± .043	.209 ± .092
PARMESAN	n/a	-.219 ± .043	.437 ± .047	.328 ± .035	.105 ± .055	.163 ± .045	.071 ± .080
USAAR-ZWICKEL-COSINE2METEOR-MEDIAN	n/a	-.236 ± .042	.014 ± .051	.509 ± .028	.102 ± .055	.097 ± .044	.048 ± .091
USAAR-ZWICKEL-COSINE2METEOR-MEAN	n/a	-.115 ± .044	-.337 ± .049	.450 ± .029	.318 ± .051	.079 ± .043	.086 ± .095
USAAR-ZWICKEL-COSINE2METEOR-ARIGEO	n/a	-.115 ± .044	-.337 ± .049	.450 ± .029	.318 ± .051	.079 ± .043	.086 ± .095
USAAR-ZWICKEL-COSINE2METEOR-RMS	n/a	-.093 ± .043	-.286 ± .052	.406 ± .031	.264 ± .052	.073 ± .045	.066 ± .087
USAAR-ZWICKEL-COSINE-MEDIAN	n/a	-.409 ± .039	-.502 ± .046	.817 ± .019	.072 ± .052	-.006 ± .039	-.082 ± .092
USAAR-ZWICKEL-COSINE2METEOR-HARMONIC	n/a	-.355 ± .040	-.117 ± .052	-.090 ± .033	.280 ± .053	-.070 ± .045	.099 ± .092
USAAR-ZWICKEL-COSINE-RMS	n/a	nan	.008 ± .052	.912 ± .013	nan	nan	.122 ± .079
USAAR-ZWICKEL-COSINE-MEAN	n/a	nan	-.048 ± .052	.908 ± .014	nan	nan	.111 ± .080
USAAR-ZWICKEL-COSINE-HARMONIC	n/a	nan	-.159 ± .052	.900 ± .014	nan	nan	.034 ± .077

Table 1: System-level correlations of automatic evaluation metrics and the official WMT human scores when translating into English.



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  - Forest-based Translation Approach
  - Dependency-based Model
- Syntax-based Language Model
  - Online Discriminative Structural LM for SMT
- Syntax-based Translation Evaluation Metrics
  - Dependency Parsing as Evaluation for SMT



# Future Work

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- Graph-based Translation Model
  - Sequence-based → Tree-based → Graph-based
  - A natural framework to incorporate various linguistic knowledge
    - (1) n-gram
    - (2) morphology
    - (3) syntax
    - (4) semantic
- Dependency Parsing as Evaluation for SMT
  - Extension to a discriminative model
  - Used as a combination framework





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