

# Scoring Techniques

**Black-box:** Judging hypotheses produced by MT systems:

- **Adequacy** and **fluency** of whole sentences.  
Somewhat revisited under the name **Direct assessment (DA)**.
- **Relative ranking (RR) of full sentences** by several MT systems:  
Longer sentences hard to rank. Candidates incomparably poor.
- **Ranking of constituents**, i.e. parts of sentences:  
Tackles the issue of long sentences. Does not evaluate overall coherence.
- **Comprehension test:** Blind editing+correctness check.
- **Task-based:** Does MT output help as much as the original?  
Do I dress appropriately given a translated weather forecast?

**Gray-box:** Analyzing errors in systems' output.

- **HMEANT**, **HUME**: Is the core event structure preserved?
- **MQM**: Multi-dimensional quality metrics.

**Glass-box:** System-dependent: Does this component work?