

# Does String-Based Neural MT Learn Source Syntax? Xing Shi, Inkit Padhi and Kevin Knight



# interlingua semantics hidden space hidden space syntax hidden space phrases words SOURCE TARGET

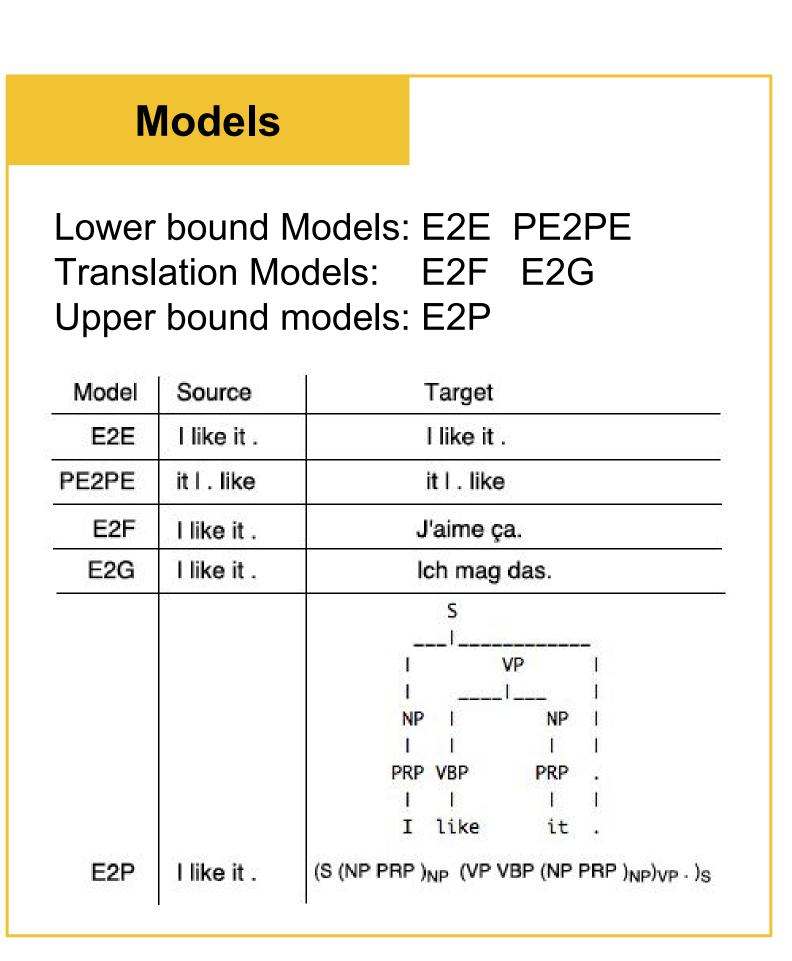
## Where is Neural Machine Translation?

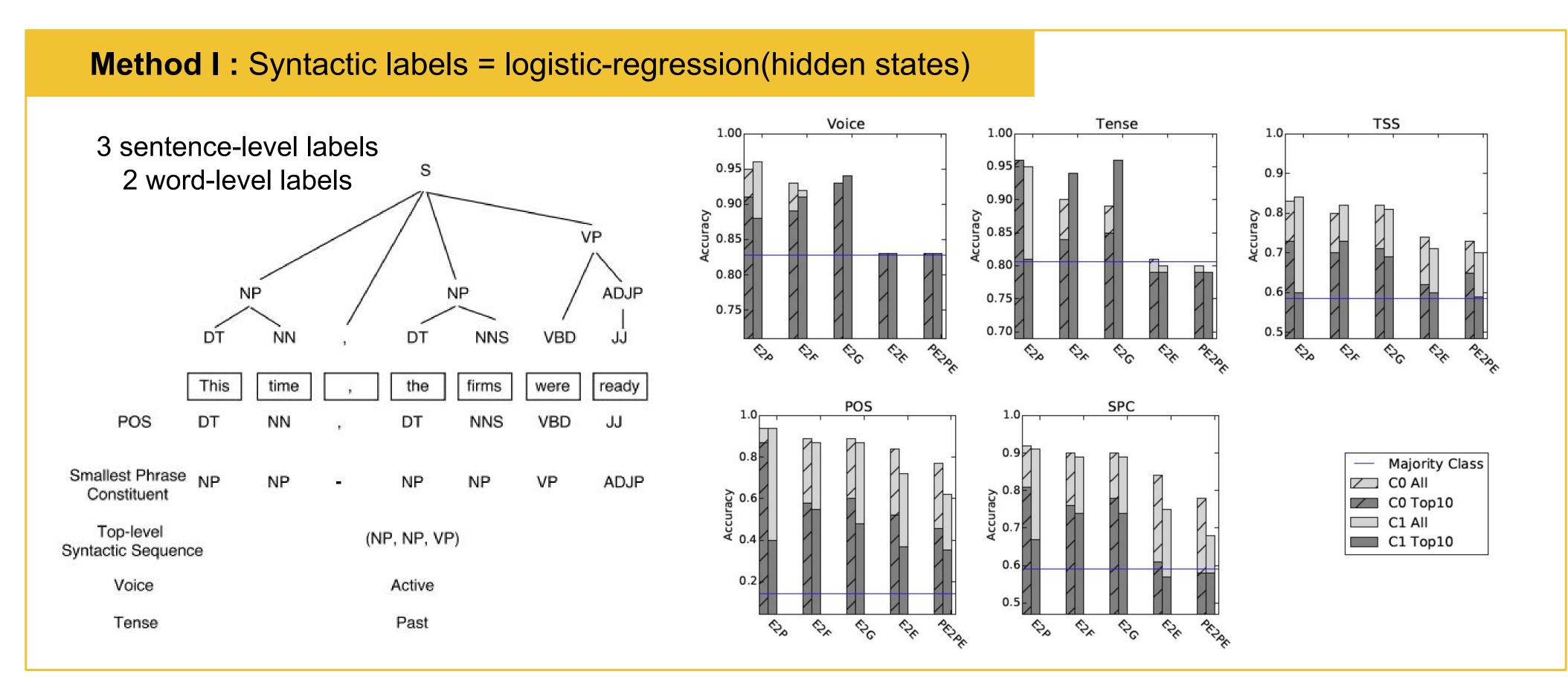
### Question

- 1. Whether does <u>encoder</u> learn syntactic information of source sentence?
- 2. What kind of syntactic information does the encoder learn?
- 3. **How much** syntactic information does the encoder learn?

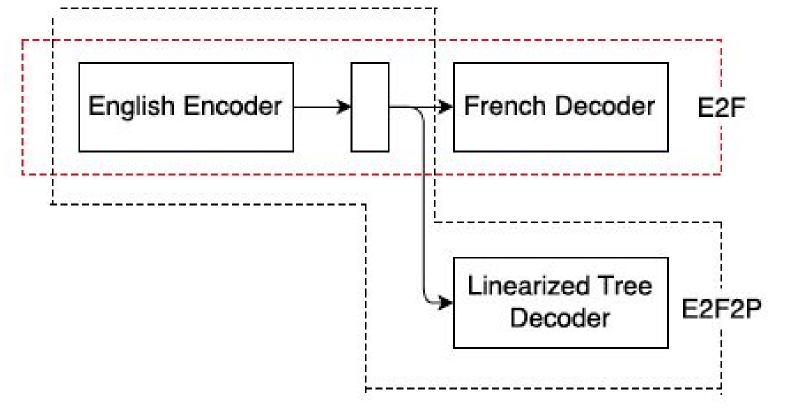
### Conclusion

- 1. NMT encoder learns quite a lot syntactic information, but still lost subtle details.
- 2. Not too much difference between E2F and E2G
- 3. NMT encoder is better than Autoencoder if you want to convert sentence into vector.





# Method 2: Extract whole parse tree from NMT encoder



Model	Labeled F1	POS Tagging Accuracy
PE2PE2P	58.67	54.32
E2E2P	70.91	68.03
E2G2P	85.36	85.30
E2F2P	86.62	87.09
E2P	93.76	96.00

