Hierarchical Machine Translation

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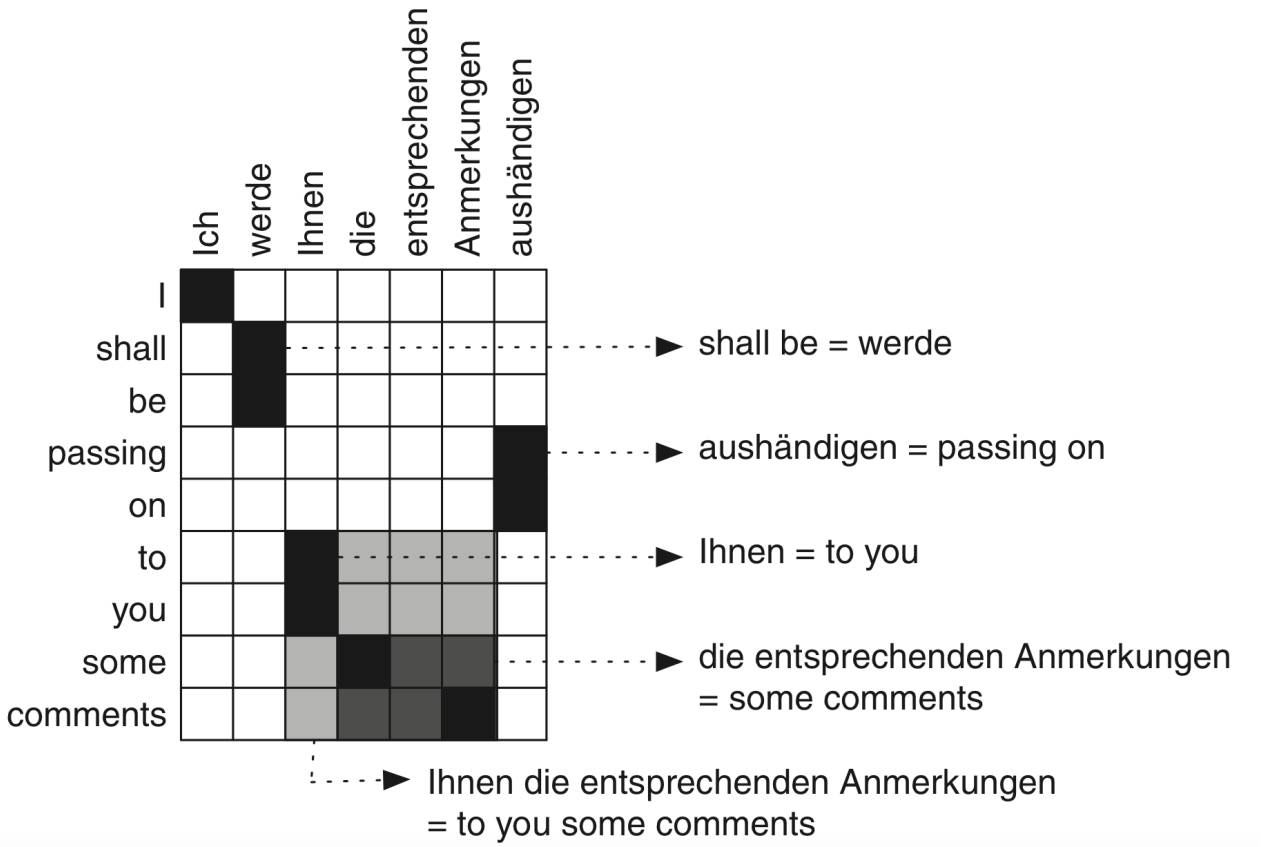

Figure: Koehn [2010]

werde X aushändigen | shall be passing on X

Why hierarchical structure?

Better generalisation

- compositionality
- reordering

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- part of the model of translational equivalences
  the part that determines the space of translations

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Modelling

- how many parameters do we have to estimate?

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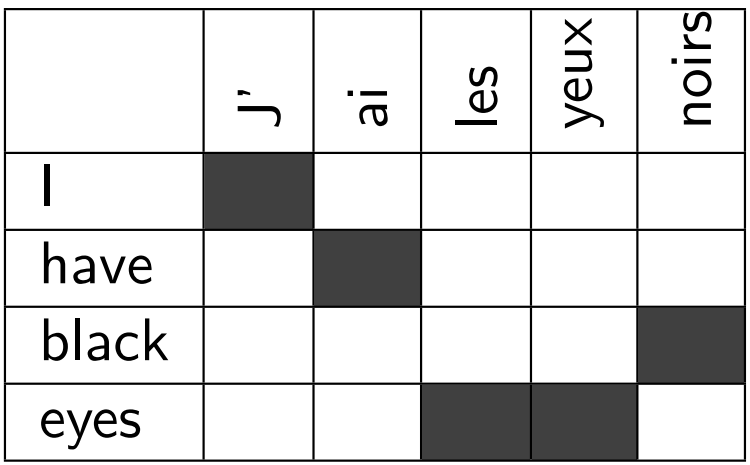

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	J'	ai	les	yeux	noirs
I	■				
have		■			
black					■
eyes			■	■	

- Monotone
  J'$_1$ ai$_2$ $\rightarrow$ I$_1$ have$_2$

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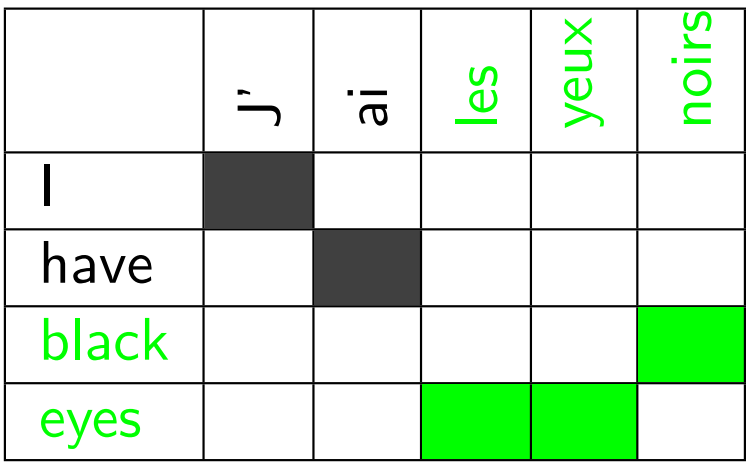

- Swap
  les yeux$_4$ noirs$_5$ $\rightarrow$ black$_3$ eyes$_4$

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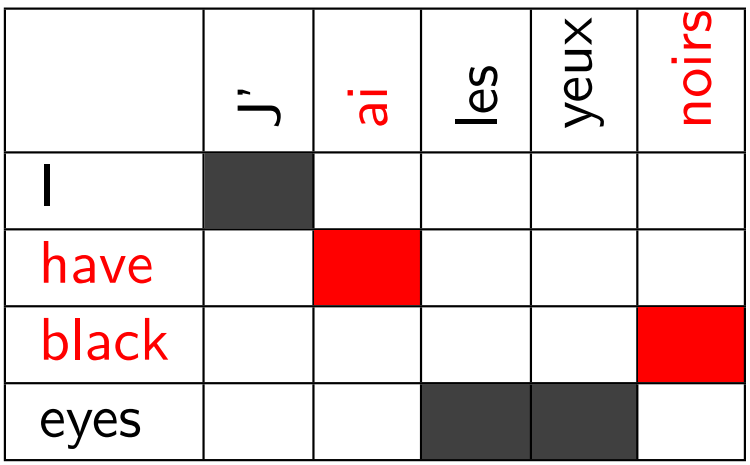

- Discontinuous
  ai$_2$ X_{3-4} noirs$_5$ $\rightarrow$ have$_2$ black$_3$ X_4

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Discontiguous Phrases

	Je	ne	vais	pas
I	■			
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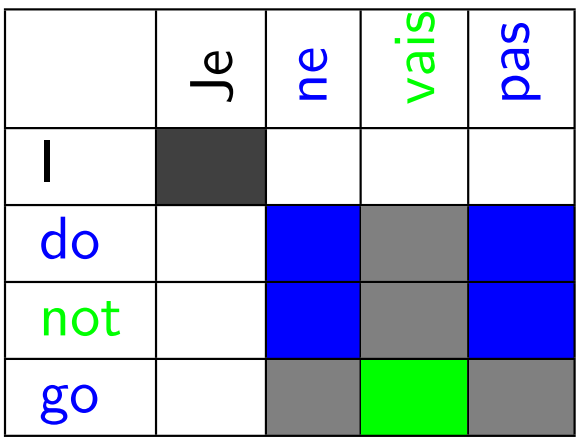

- Gappy phrase
  ne vais pas → do not go
  ne X_{vais} pas → do not X_{go}

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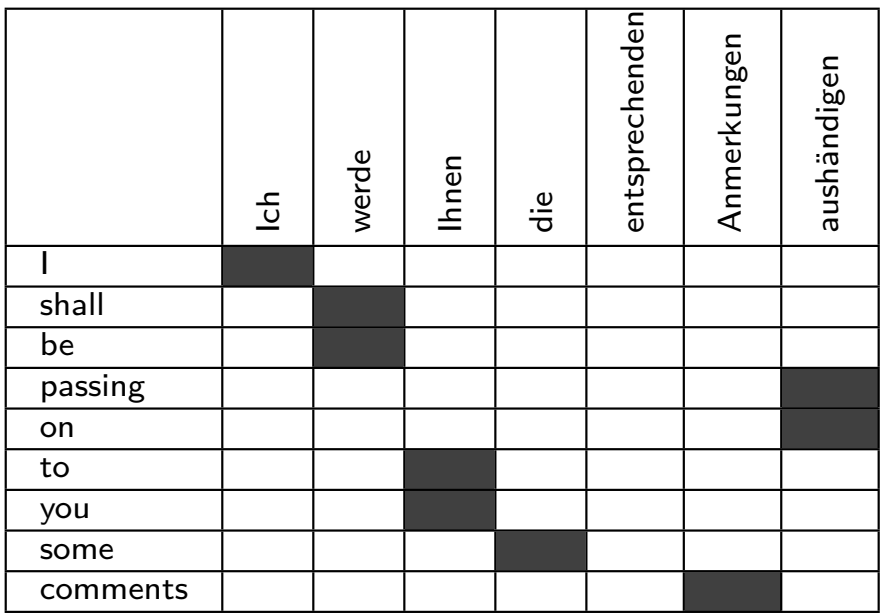

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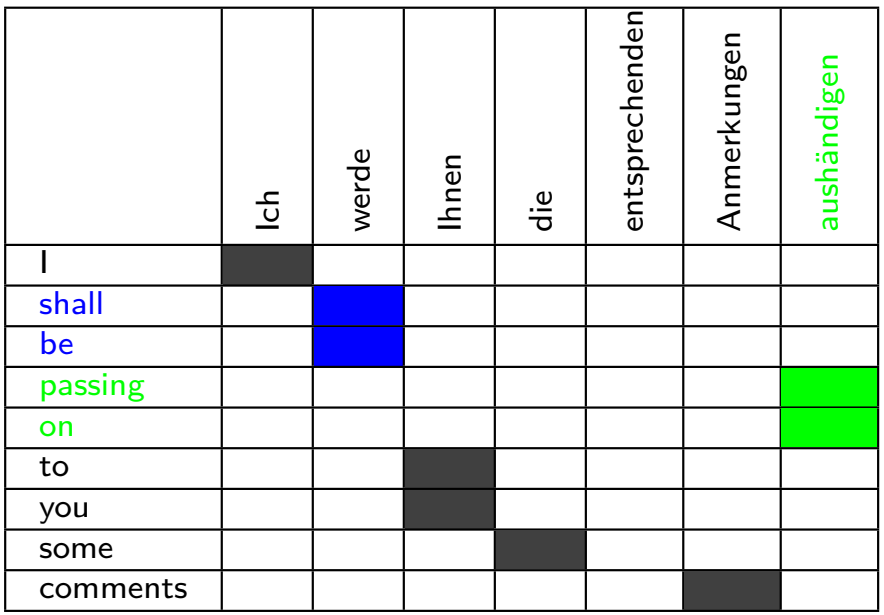

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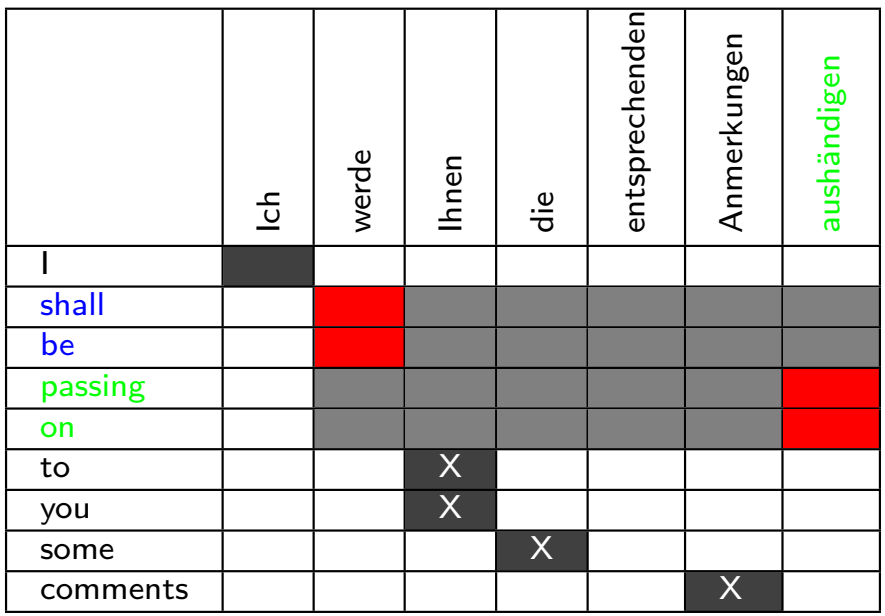

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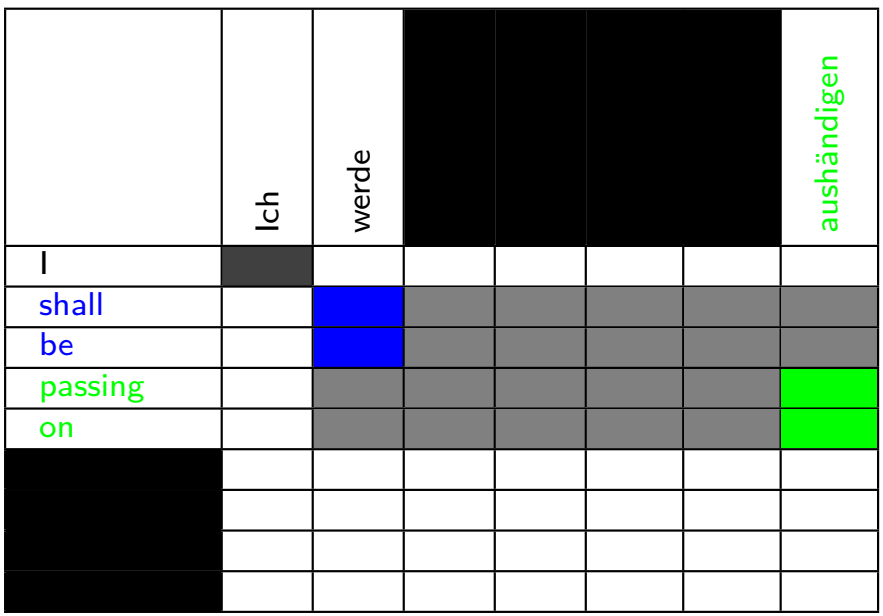

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- Unless we replace all those words by a variable

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Long Distance Reordering

shall be passing on to you some comments

werde Ihnen die entsprechenden Anmerkungen aushändigen

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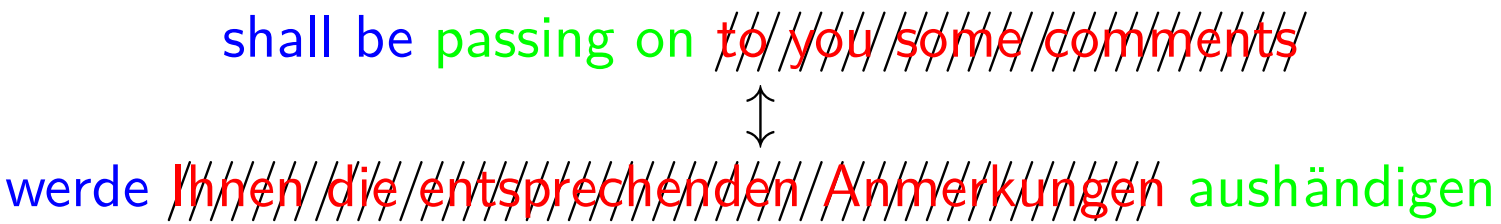

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Long Distance Reordering

shall be passing on X

$\updownarrow$

werde X aushändigen

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- long-distance reordering
- lexicalised reordering

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Initial phrase pairs created with same heuristic as PBSMT.

shall be passing on to you some comments

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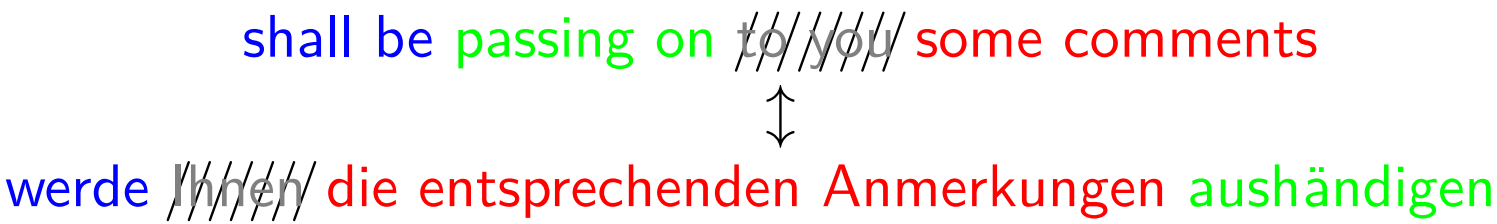

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$[X] \rightarrow$ shall be passing on X_1 X_2 | werde X_1 X_2 aushändigen

$[X] \rightarrow$ shall be passing on X_3 | werde X_3 aushändigen

$[X] \rightarrow$ to you | Ihnen

$[X] \rightarrow$ some comments | die entsprechenden Anmerkungen

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Hiero - Scoring

Relative frequency: assume all fragments have been "observed"
Give a count of one to phrase pair occurrence, then distribute its weight equally among the obtained rules.

- Joint rule probatility: $p(LHS, RHS_{source}, RHS_{target})$

$$p(X, \text{la maison } X_1, \text{the } X_1 \text{ house})$$

- Rule application probability: $p(RHS_{source}, RHS_{target}|LHS)$

$$p(\text{la maison } X_1, \text{the } X_1 \text{ house}|X)$$

- Direct translation probability: $p(RHS_{target}|RHS_{source}, LHS)$

$$p(\text{the } X_1 \text{ house}|\text{la maison } X_1, X)$$

- Noisy-channel translation probability: $p(RHS_{source}|RHS_{target}, LHS)$

$$p(\text{la maison } X_1|\text{the } X_1 \text{ house}, X)$$

- Lexical translation probability

$\prod_{t_i \in RHS_{target}} p(t_i|RHS_{source}, a)$ $\prod_{s_i \in RHS_{source}} p(s_i|RHS_{target}, a)$

Hiero - Model

Log-linear combination of features

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Log-linear combination of features Linear model

$$S_\theta(e, d, f) = \theta^T \sum_{r_{s,t} \epsilon d} h_i(r_{s,t}|e, f)$$

where s is a span over F,
t is a span over E
and r is a rule.
Weighted synchronous CFG.
LM.

Hiero - Model

(0) J' (1) ai (2) les (3) yeux (4) noir (5)
(0) I (1) have (2) black (3) eyes (4)

$$X[0-2/0-2] \rightarrow \text{J' ai}|\text{I have}$$

$$X[2-4/3-4] \rightarrow \text{les yeux}|\text{eyes}$$

$$X[2-5/2-4] \rightarrow X[2-4]\text{noir}|\text{black}X[3-4]$$

$$S[0-5/0-4] \rightarrow X[0-2]X[2-5]|X[0-2]X[2-4]$$

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Tree-based

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- SCFG (TM) $\times$ FSA (LM)

Questions?

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