

Natural Language Processing



Machine Translation III

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Syntactic Models



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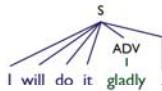


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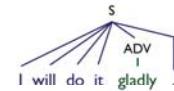
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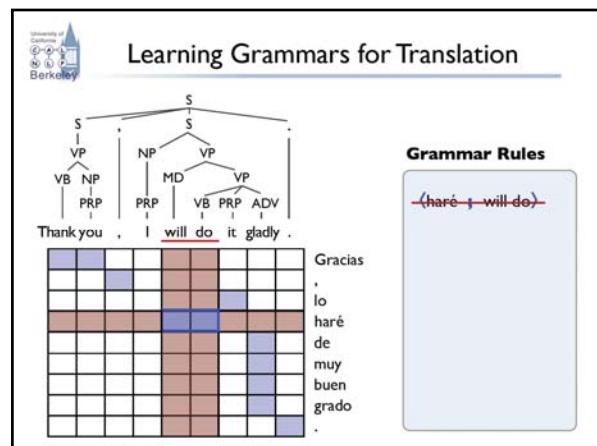
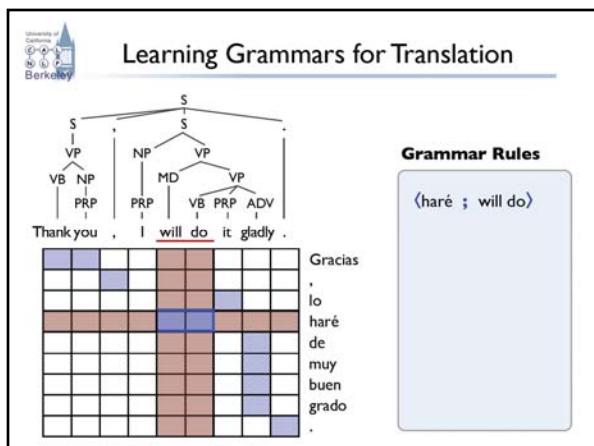
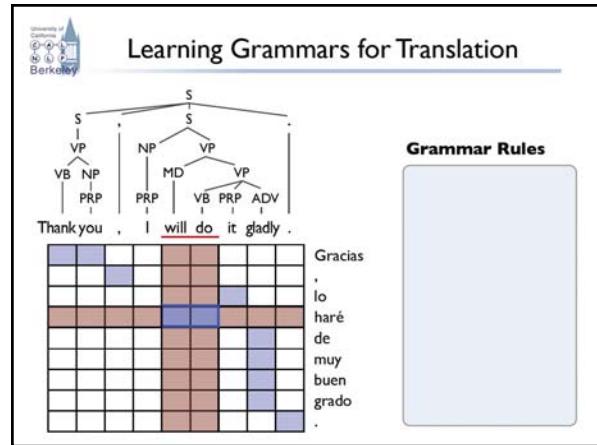
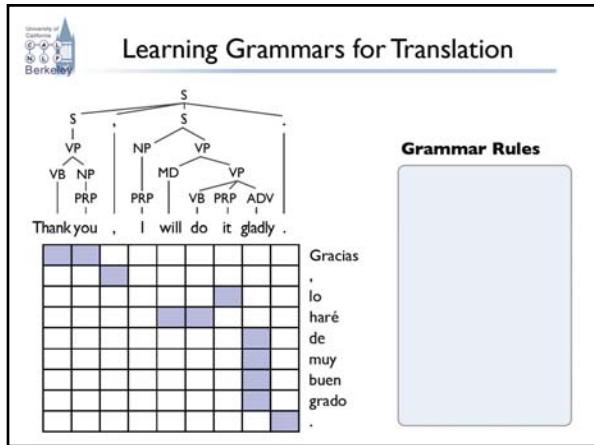
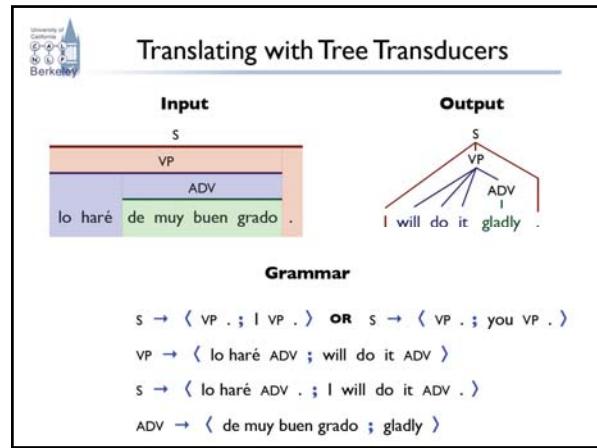
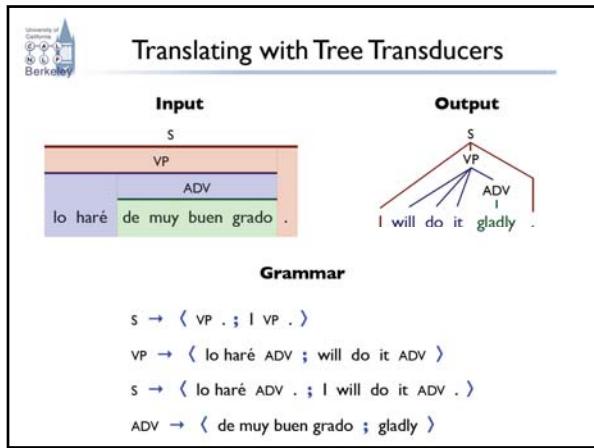
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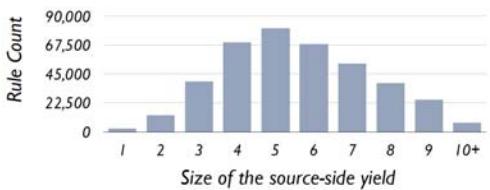
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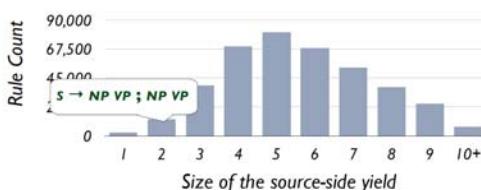


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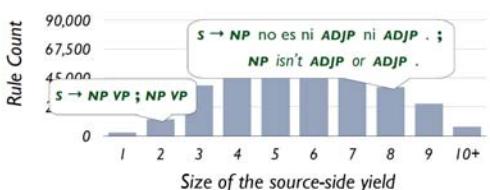


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Syntactic Decoding

 Tree Transducer Grammars

S *NN* *NNP*
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Synchronous Grammar

NNP → Colorado ; Colorado
NN → canto rodado ; boulder
S → No se olvide de subir un *NN* en *NNP* ; Don't forget to climb a *NN* in *NNP*

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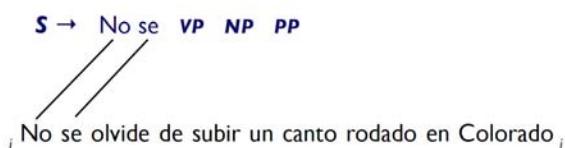
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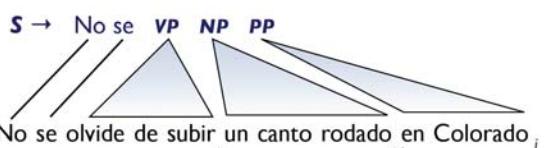
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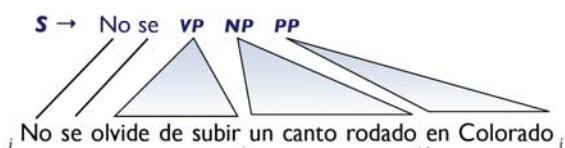
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Problem: Applying adjacent non-terminals is slow



Eliminating Non-terminal Sequences

Lexical Normal Form (LNF)

- (a) lexical rules have at most one adjacent non-terminal
- (b) all unlexicalized rules are binary.

Original rule: $S \rightarrow \text{No se } VB \ VB \ un \ NN \ PP$

Transformed rules: $S \rightarrow \text{No se } VB \sim VB \ un \ NN \sim PP$
 $VB \sim VB \rightarrow VB \ VB$
 $NN \sim PP \rightarrow NN \ PP$

- Parsing stages:
 - Lexical rules are applied by matching
 - Unlexicalized rules are applied by iterating over split points

Flexible Syntax

Soft Syntactic MT: From Chiang 2010



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Previous work

	string-to-string	ITG (Wu 1997)	Hiero (Chiang 2005)
	string-to-tree	Yamada & Knight 2001	Galley et al 2004/2006
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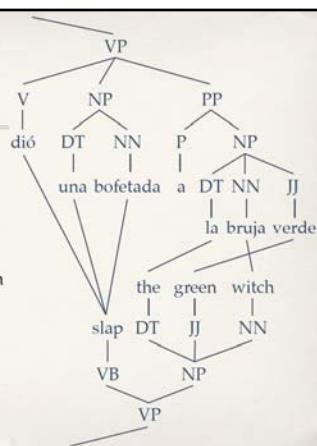
Hiero Rules

- $S \rightarrow \langle S_{[]} X_{[]}, S_{[]} X_{[]} \rangle$
- $S \rightarrow \langle X_{[]}, X_{[]} \rangle$
- $X \rightarrow \langle yu X_{[]} you X_{[]}, have X_{[]} with X_{[]} \rangle$
- $X \rightarrow \langle X_{[]} de X_{[]}, the X_{[]} that X_{[]} \rangle$
- $X \rightarrow \langle X_{[]} zhiyi, one of X_{[]} \rangle$
- $X \rightarrow \langle Aozhou, Australia \rangle$
- $X \rightarrow \langle shi, is \rangle$
- $X \rightarrow \langle shaoshu guojia, few countries \rangle$
- $X \rightarrow \langle bangjiao, diplomatic relations \rangle$
- $X \rightarrow \langle Bei Han, North Korea \rangle$

From [Chiang et al, 2005]

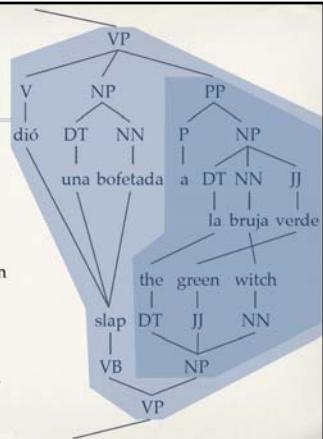
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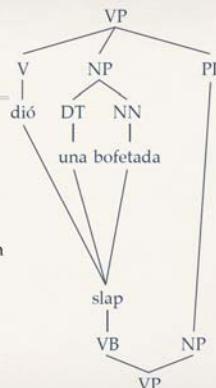
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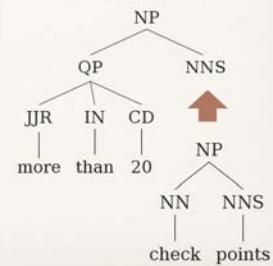


Why is tree-to-tree hard?

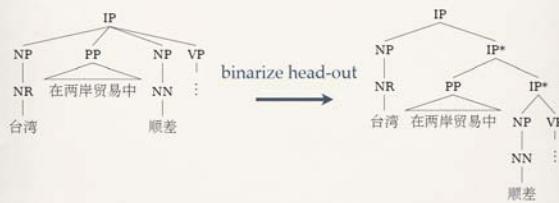
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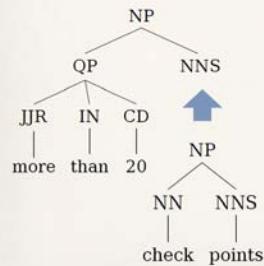
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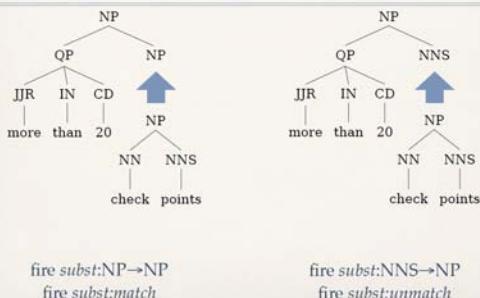


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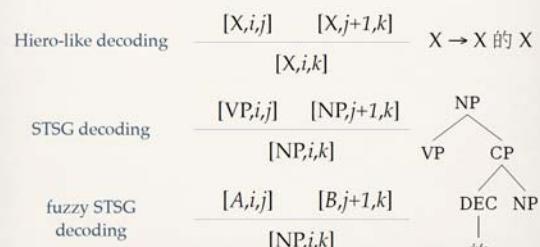


- ♦ STSG: allow only matching substitutions
- ♦ Hiero-like: allow any substitutions
- ♦ Let the model learn to choose:
 - ♦ matching substitutions
 - ♦ mismatching substitutions
 - ♦ monotone phrase-based

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Results

extraction	Chinese-English			Arabic-English		
	rules	feats	BLEU	rules	feats	BLEU
Hiero	440M	1k	23.7	790M	1k	48.9
fuzzy STSG	50M	5k	23.9	38M	5k	47.5
fuzzy STSG +binarize	64M	5k	24.3	40M	6k	48.1
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Example tree-to-tree translation

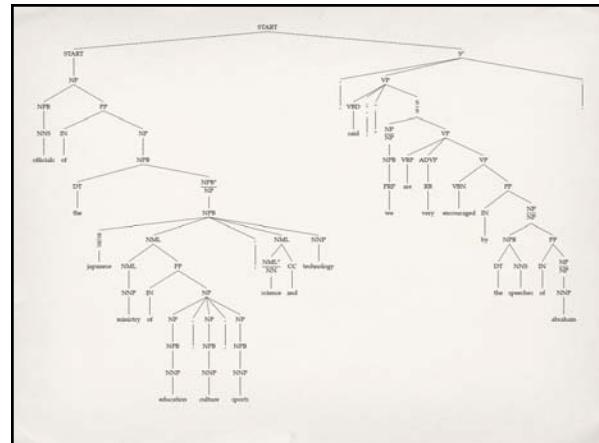
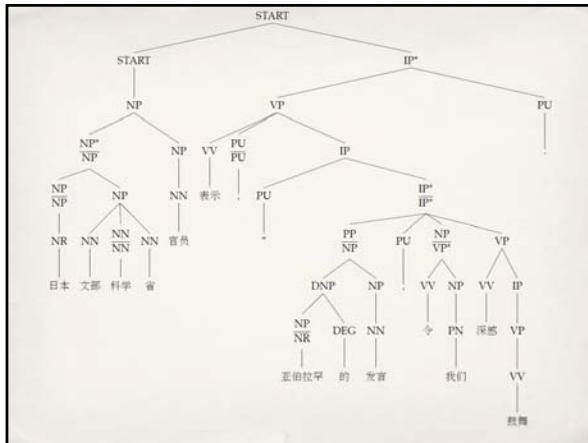
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Exploiting GPUs

Lots to Parse



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