

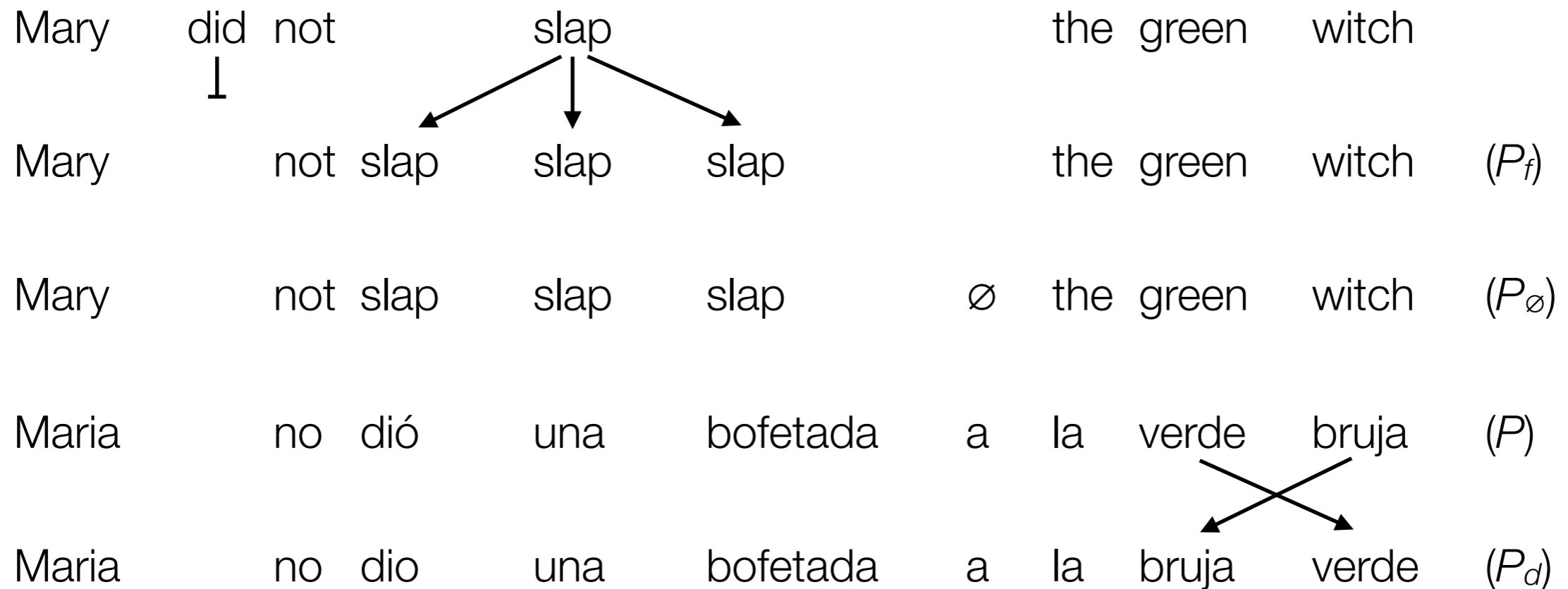
MACHINE TRANSLATION II: NOW WITH 100% MORE SYNTAX

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IBM MODEL III

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$P_f(n \mid s)$: target token s aligns to n source tokens

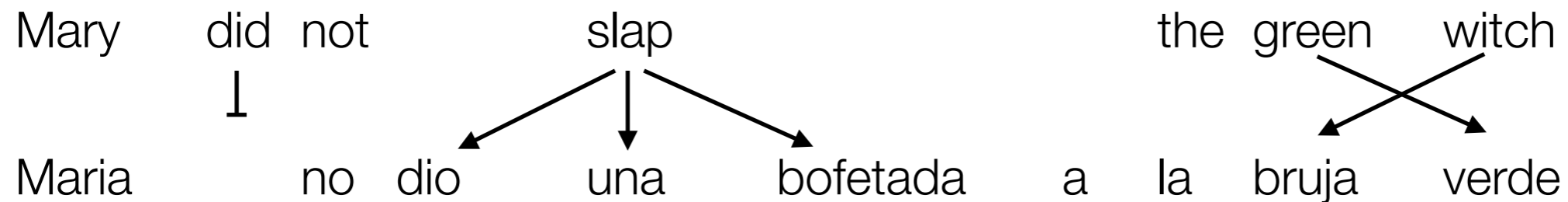
$P(t \mid \emptyset)$: a target token t aligns to no source token

$P(t \mid s)$: target token t is generated by aligned source token s

$P_d(j \mid i, |S|, |T|)$: target token t appears in position j when it is generated by aligned source token in position i and the source and target are $|S|$ and $|T|$ long, respectively

$P(t_0 \dots t_{|T|})$: the target consists of $t_0 \dots t_{|T|}$

WORD ALIGNMENT DATA STRUCTURE



MODEL III PARAMETER ESTIMATION

- One candidate alignment:

$$f_d(8 | 5, 7, 9) = f_d(8 | 5, 7, 9) + 1 \dots$$

- Two candidate alignments:

$$f_d(8 | 5, 7, 9) = f_d(8 | 5, 7, 9) + 1/2$$

$$f_d(8 | 6, 7, 9) = f_d(8 | 6, 7, 9) + 1/2$$

- But, the set of possible alignments grows *very fast*

MODEL I: TRANSLATION MODEL ESTIMATION VIA THE E.M. ALGORITHM

1. Compute $f(t | s)$, the conditional frequency of s co-occurring with t
2. Normalize $f(t | s)$ to get $P(t | s)$, the maximum likelihood conditional probability distribution
3. Let $a = 0$, $T = 0$ for all arguments.
4. For n iterations:

1. For all s, t , let

$$a(s, t) = a(s, t) + P(t | s)$$

$$Z(t) = Z(t) + P(t | s) .$$

2. For all s, t , let

$$P(t | s) = a(s, t) / Z(t)$$

then renormalize $P(t | s)$.

MODEL III: ALIGNMENT MODEL ESTIMATION VIA THE E.M. ALGORITHM

1. For n iterations:

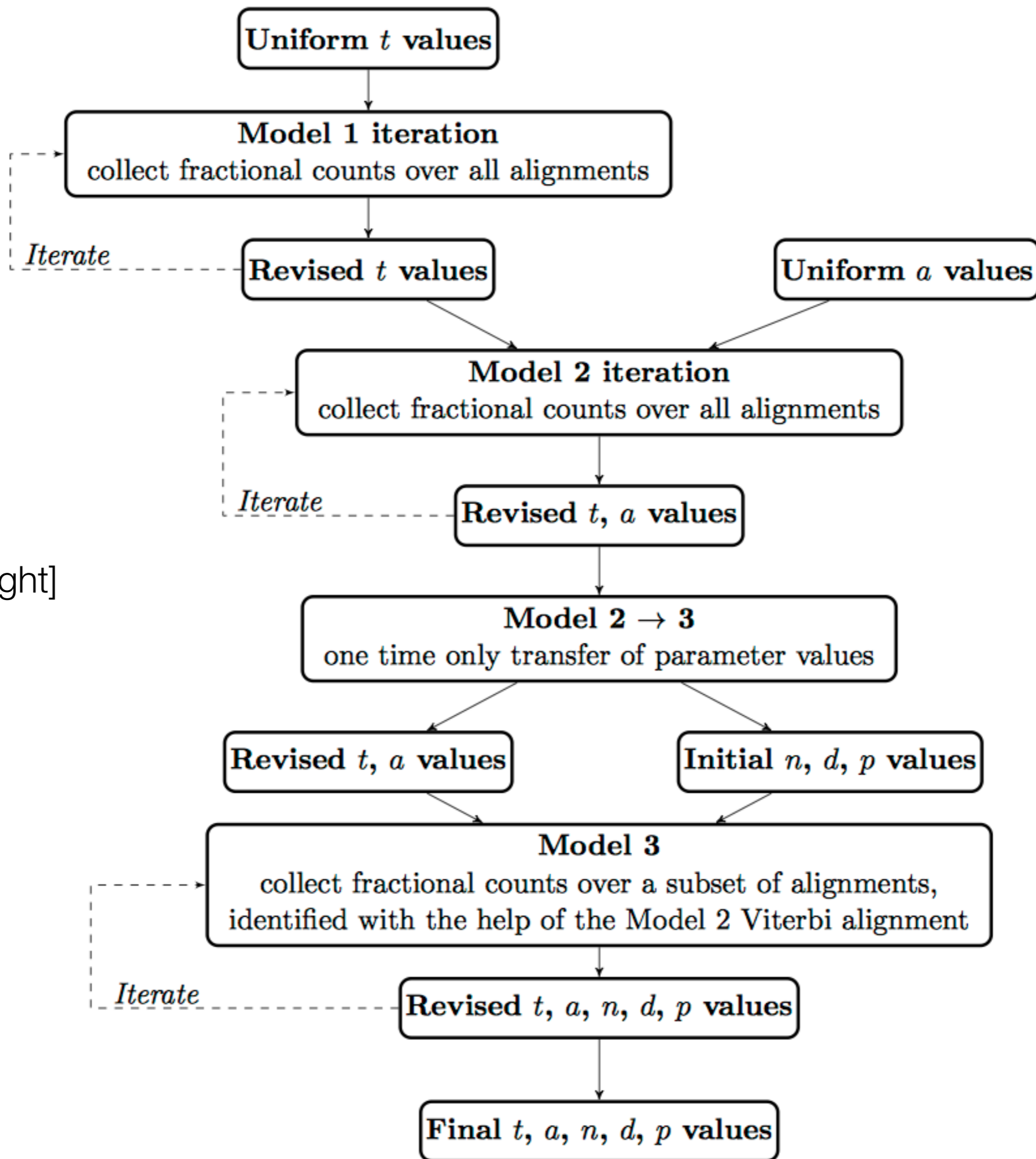
A. For all s_i, t_j , let

$$a(s_i, t_j) = a(s_i, t_j) + P(t_j | s_i) P_d(j | i, |S|, |T|)$$
$$Z(t_j) = Z(t_j) + P(t_j | s_i) P_d(j | i, |S|, |T|).$$

B. For all s_i, t_j , let

$$P(t_j | s_i) = a(s_i, t_j) / Z(t_j)$$

then renormalize P and P_d



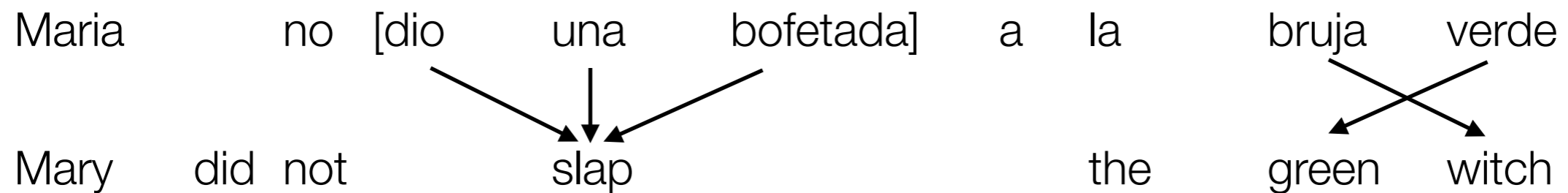
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PHRASE-BASED TRANSLATION

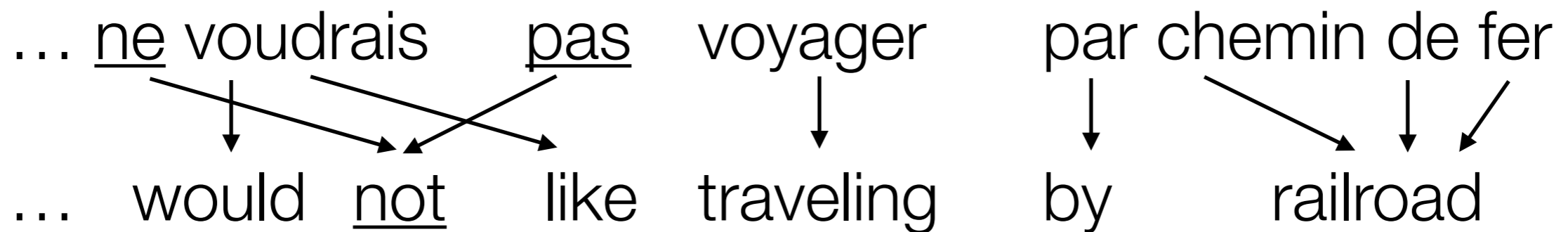
BASIC PHRASE-BASED TRANSLATION MODELS

1. Segment source S into phrases $s_1 \dots s_N$
2. Reorder each s_i according to distortion model P_d
3. Translate each s_i according to phrasal translation model P

PHRASAL ALIGNMENTS



PHRASAL ALIGNMENT TEMPLATES WITH GAPS



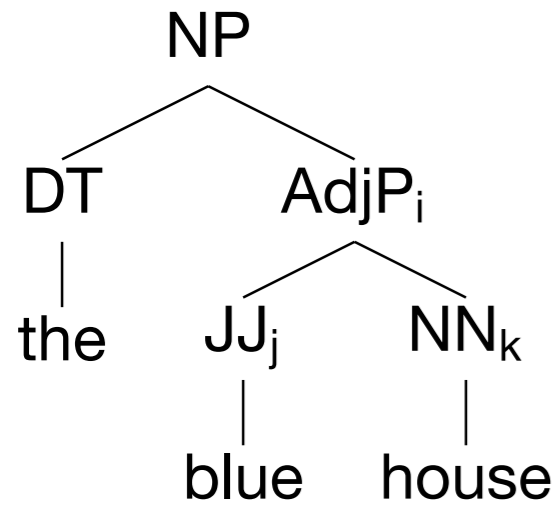
SYNTAX-BASED TRANSLATION

HIERARCHICAL PHRASAL ALIGNMENT

he adores [listening [to music]_j]_i
kare ha [[ongaku wo]_j kiku]_i no ga daisuki desu

The diagram illustrates hierarchical phrasal alignment between the English sentence "he adores [listening [to music]_j]_i" and the Japanese sentence "kare ha [[ongaku wo]_j kiku]_i no ga daisuki desu". Three arrows originate from the English phrase structure: one from "listening" pointing to "ongaku wo", one from "to" pointing to "kiku", and one from "music" pointing to "daisuki".

SOURCE



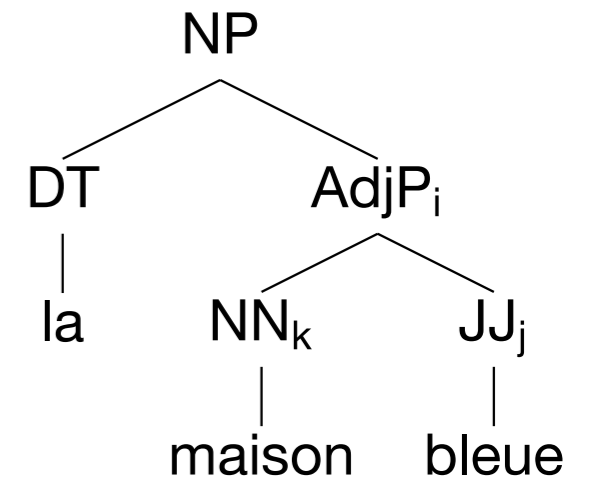
the [blue house]_i

the_i blue_j house_k

Semantic transfer
 $\lambda x. \text{HOUSE}(x) \ \& \ \text{BLUE}(x)$



TARGET



la [maison bleue]_i

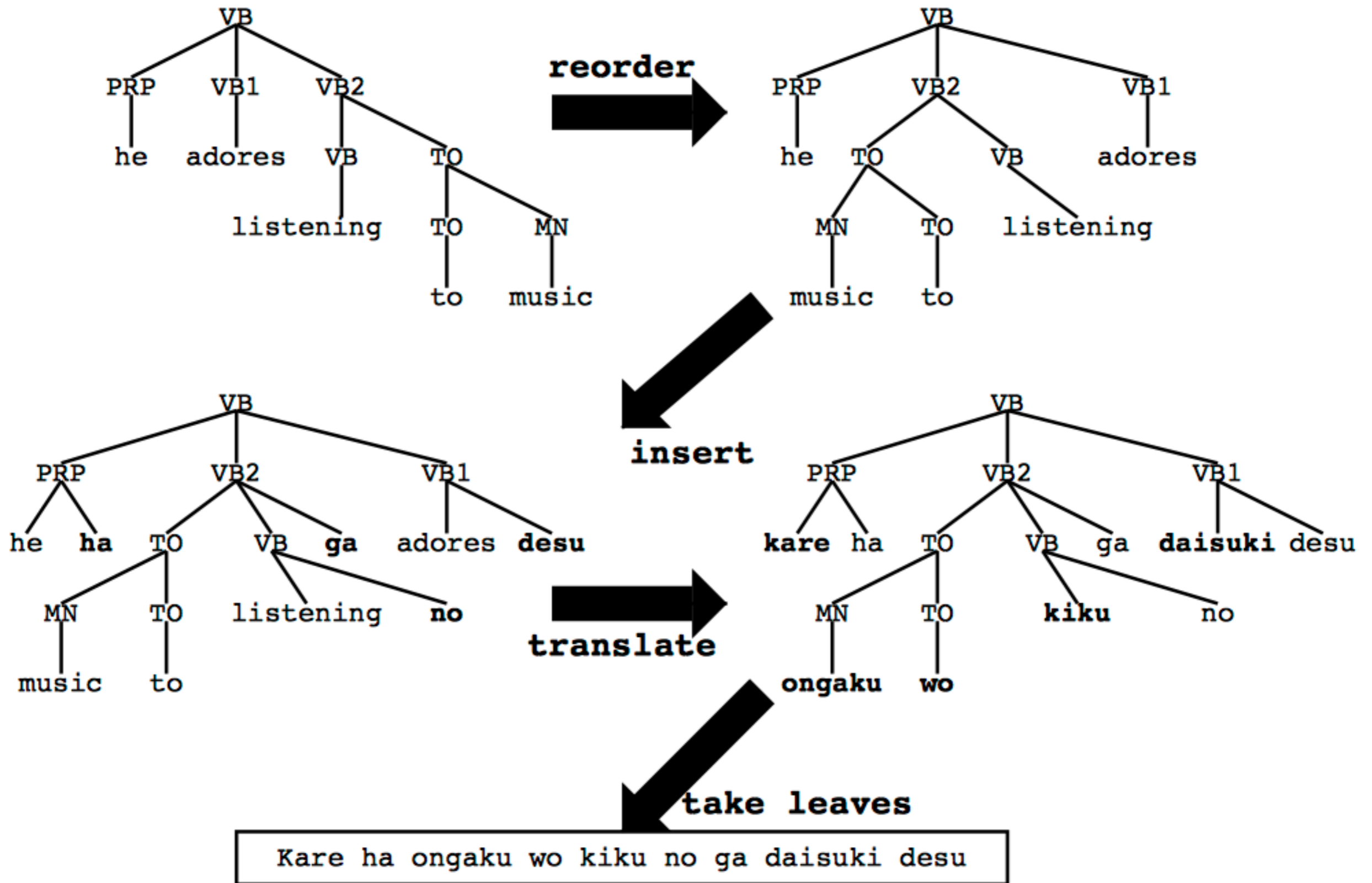
la_i maison_k bleue_j

Source analysis

word-to-tree transfer

Target generation

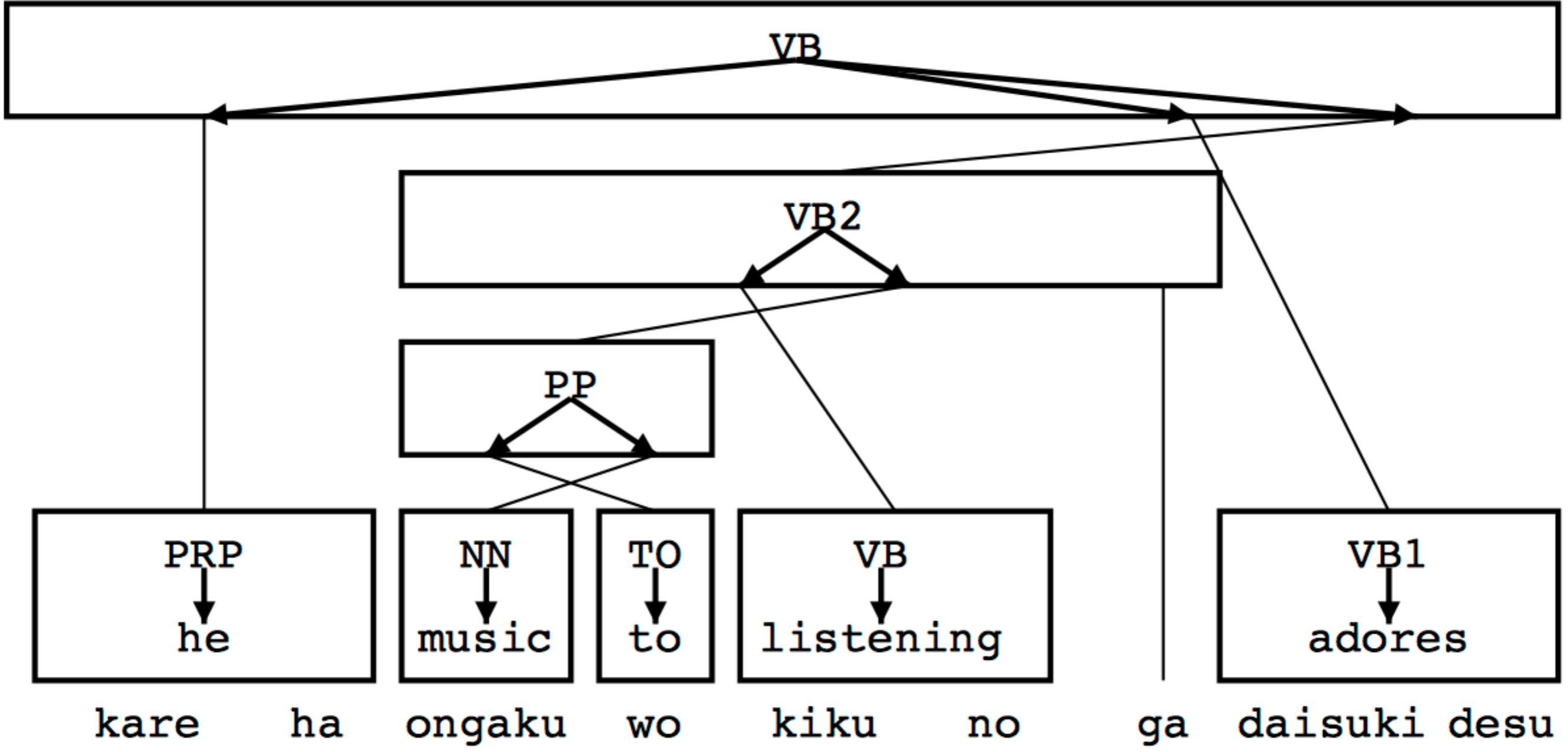
VAUQUOIS TRIANGLE



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DECODING AS PARSING

1. Pick target tokens T
2. Project pre-terminals over tokens in T
3. Combine pre-terminals to project higher-level non-terminal until all tokens in T share a root



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