

# Case Frame Constraints for Hierarchical Phrase-based Translation Japanese-Chinese as an example

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# Outlook

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- ◆ Experiment
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# Motivation

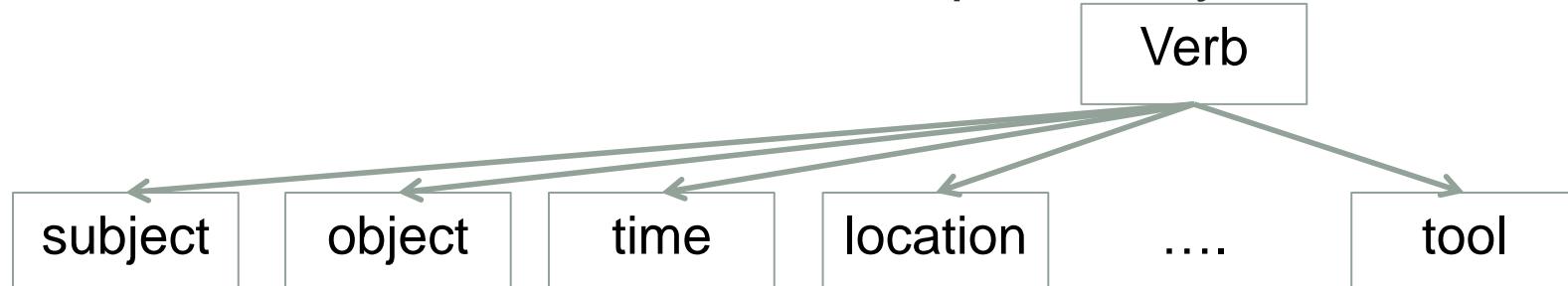
- Hierarchical phrase-based model limit
  - rule length limit (10)
  - variables limit (2)
  - glue rules
- Linguistic features (Japanese)
  - subject – object – verb structure
  - auxiliary words

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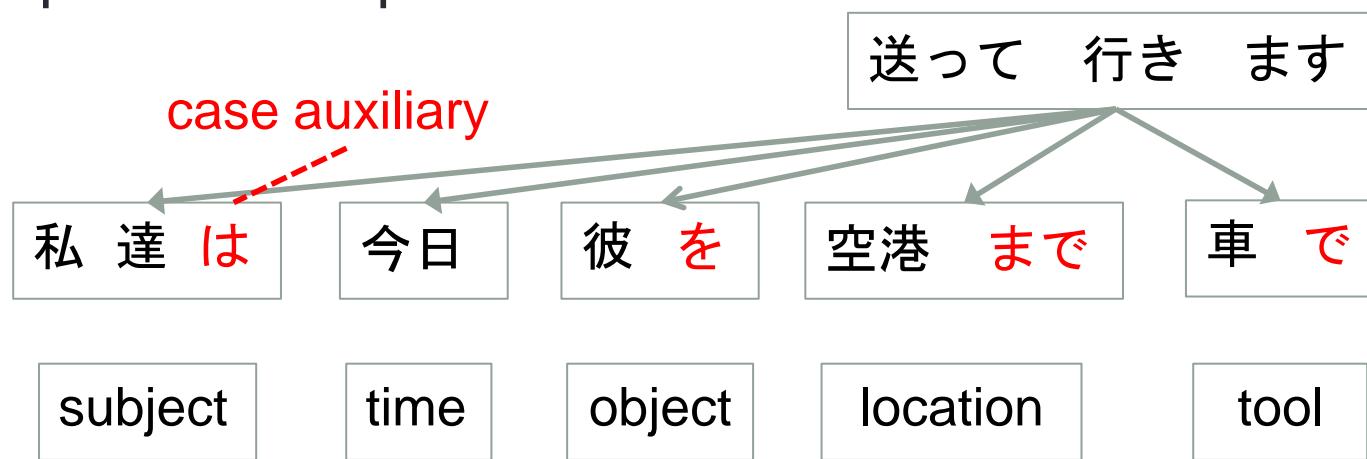
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# Case Frame

- Verb case frame is similar with dependency relation



- Specific to Japanese



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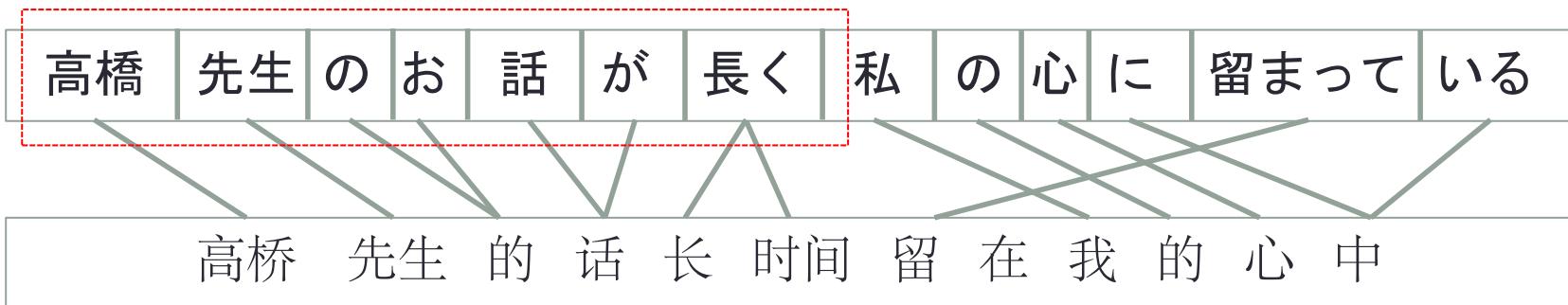
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# Method

- Case frame constraints on hierarchical phrase-based rules (CF-HPBs)
- Case Frame Rules (CF-Rs)
- Decoding
  - Chunk-based Dependency Tree to String

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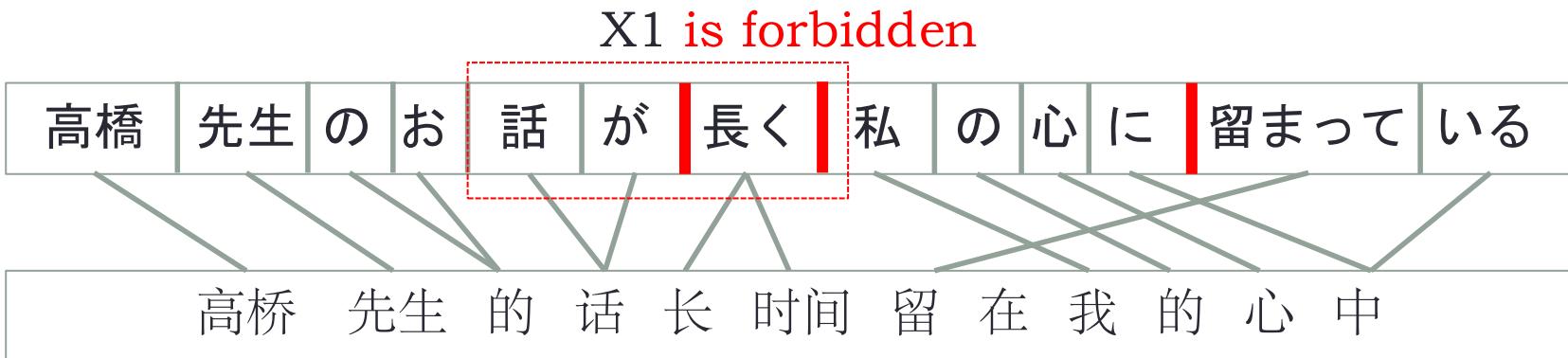
- Hierarchical phrase-based rule constraints



- $X \rightarrow (\text{高橋} \text{ } \text{先生} \text{ } X_1, \text{高桥} \text{ } \text{先生} \text{ } X_1)$
- $X \rightarrow (\text{高橋} \text{ } X_1 \text{ } \text{長く}, \text{高桥} \text{ } X_1 \text{ } \text{长} \text{ } \text{时间})$
- $X \rightarrow (X_1 \text{ } \text{話} \text{ } \text{が長く}, \text{话} \text{ } \text{长} \text{ } \text{时间})$
- Variables is meaningless and can not capture linguistic information

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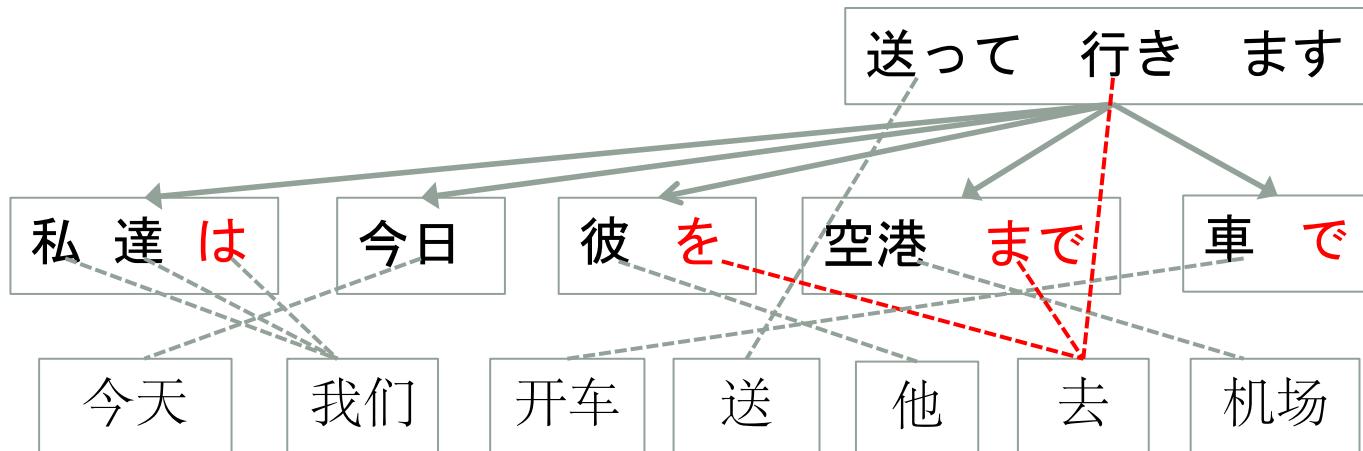
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- Variables are constraints to the inside of each case chunk
- X->(高橋 先生 X1 , 高桥 先生 X1)
- X->(X1 の お 話 が , X1 的 话)
- X->(X1 長く , X1 长 时间)

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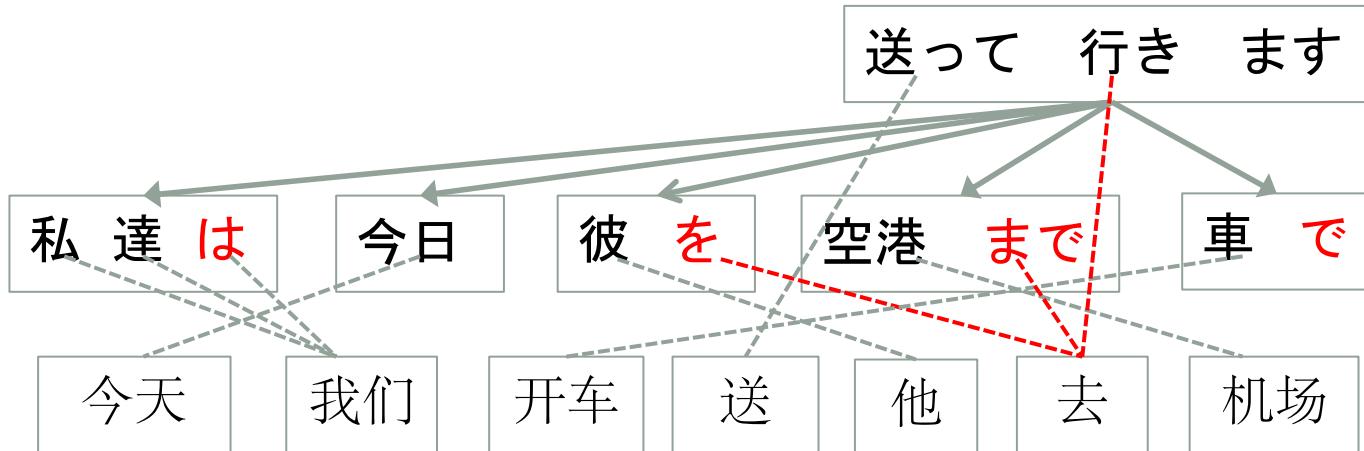
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- Each child chunk is generalized as an variables softly
- head chunk (root) remains to be word level

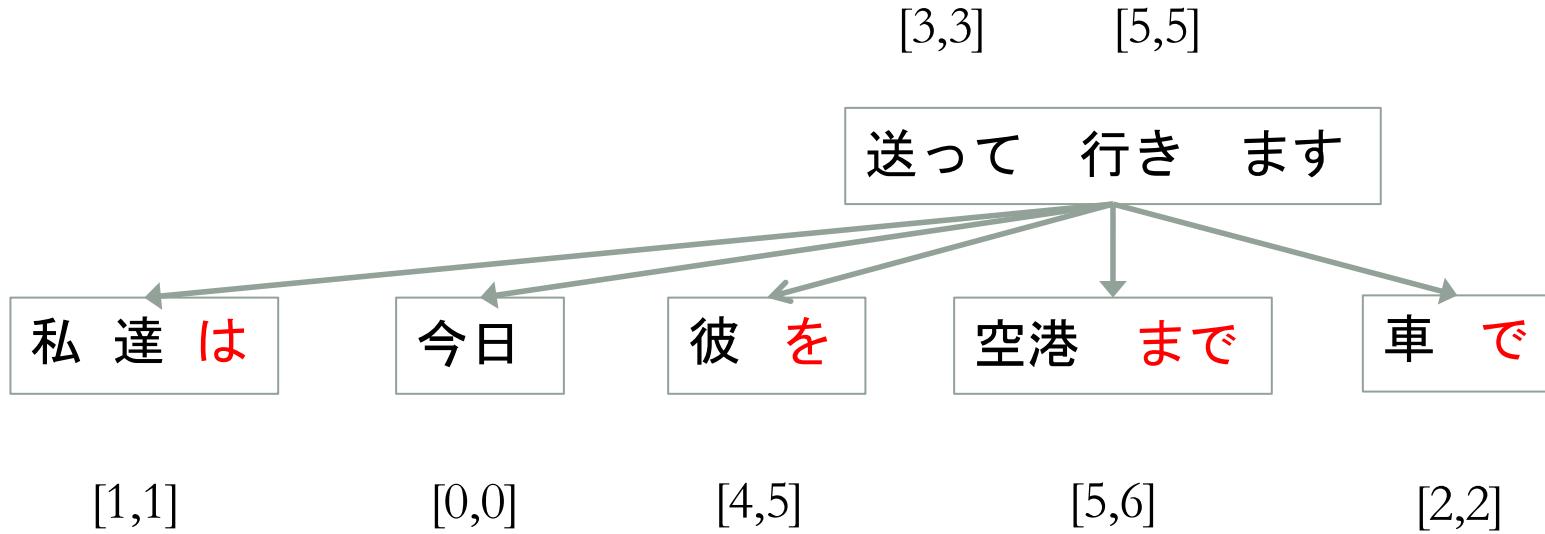
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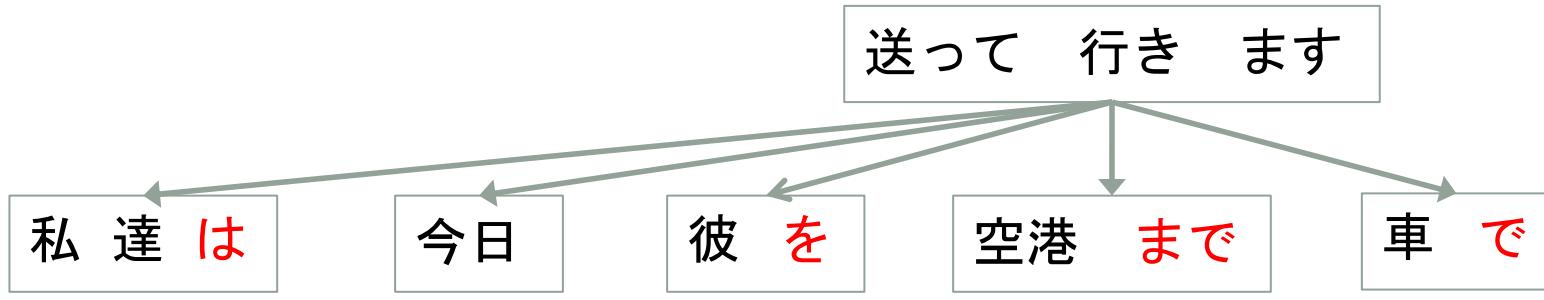
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{0,0,1,1,0,0,1}

[3,3]

{0,0,0,1,0,0,0}

[5,5]



span [1,1]

[0,0]

[4,5]

[5,6]

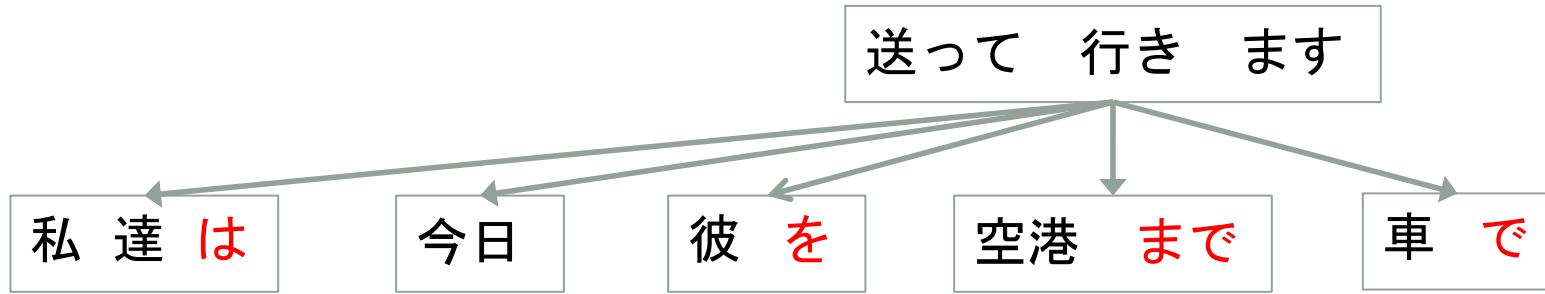
[2,2]

position {0,0,1,1,1,1,1} {1,0,1,1,1,1,1} {0,0,0,1,0,0,1} {0,0,0,0,0,0,0} {0,0,1,1,0,1,1}

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- Case Frame Rules

3	1
$\{0,0,1,1,0,0,1\}$	$\{0,0,0,1,0,0,0\}$
[3,3]	[5,5]



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[4,5]

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position  $\{0,0,1,1,1,1,1\}$   $\{1,0,1,1,1,1,1\}$   $\{0,0,0,1,0,0,1\}$   $\{0,0,0,0,0,0,0\}$   $\{0,0,1,1,0,1,1\}$

rank 5

6

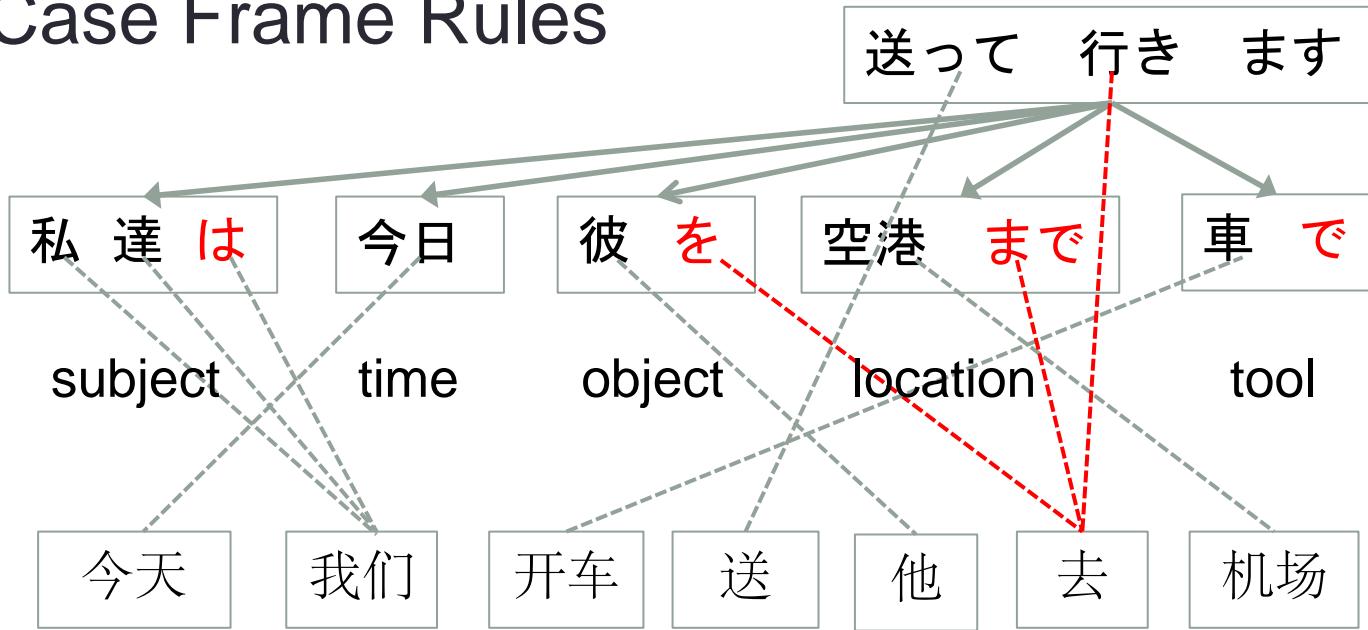
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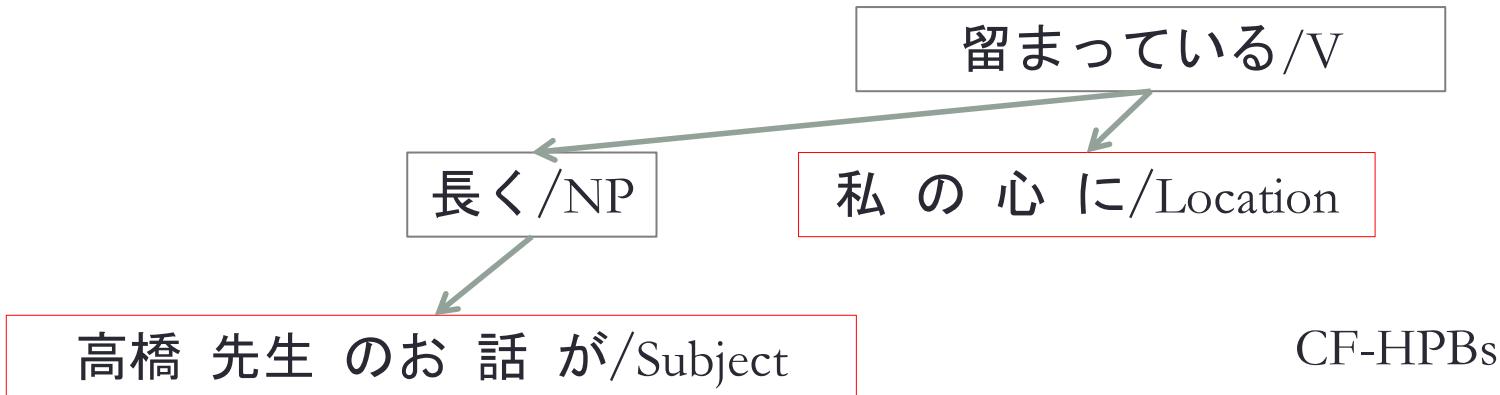
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$X \rightarrow \{(X1:\text{subject}) (X2:\text{time}) (X3:\text{object}) (X4:\text{location}) (X5:\text{tool})\}$  送って 行き ます,  
X2 X1 X5 送 X3 去 X4}

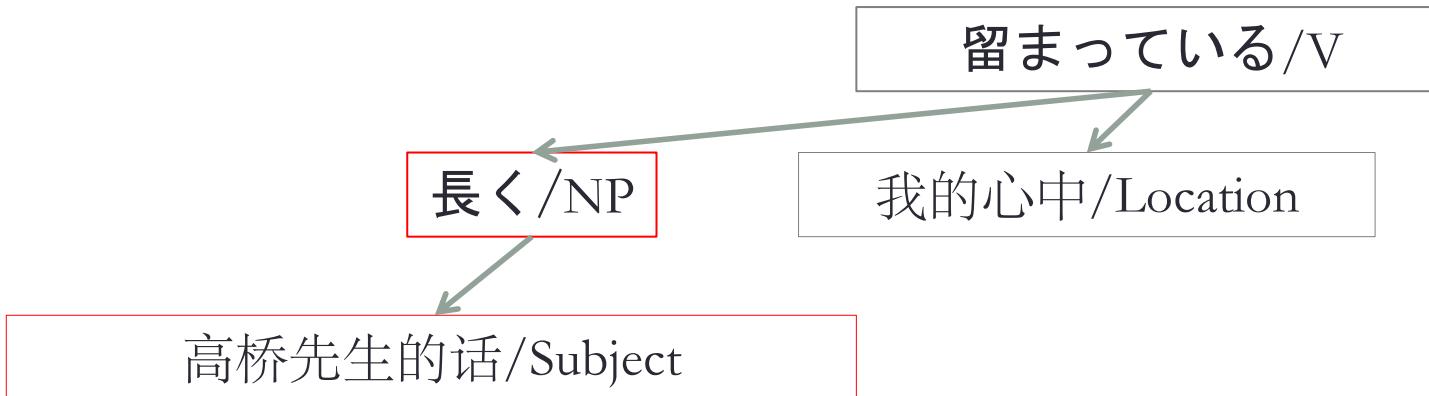
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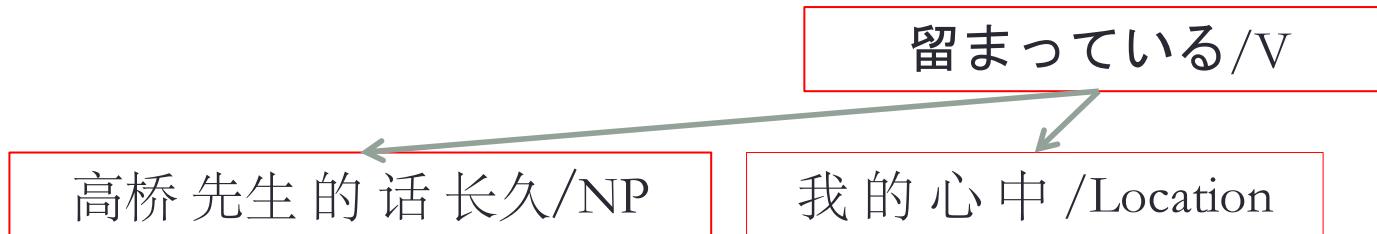
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CF-R<sub>S</sub>  
 $X \rightarrow \{(X1:\text{Subject}) \text{ 長く/NP , X1 长久}\}$

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CF-Rs

$X \rightarrow \{(X1:NP) (X2:Location) \text{ 留まっている/V, } X1 \text{ 留在 } X2\}$

高桥先生的话长久留在我的心中

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- Experiment data
  - CWMT 2011 Japanese-Chinese Corpus
    - Training data: 280k
    - Development data: 500
    - Testing data: 900
- Baseline system
  - In-house hierarchical phrase-based system (*hiero-re*)
  - Dependency tree to string system (*dep2str*)

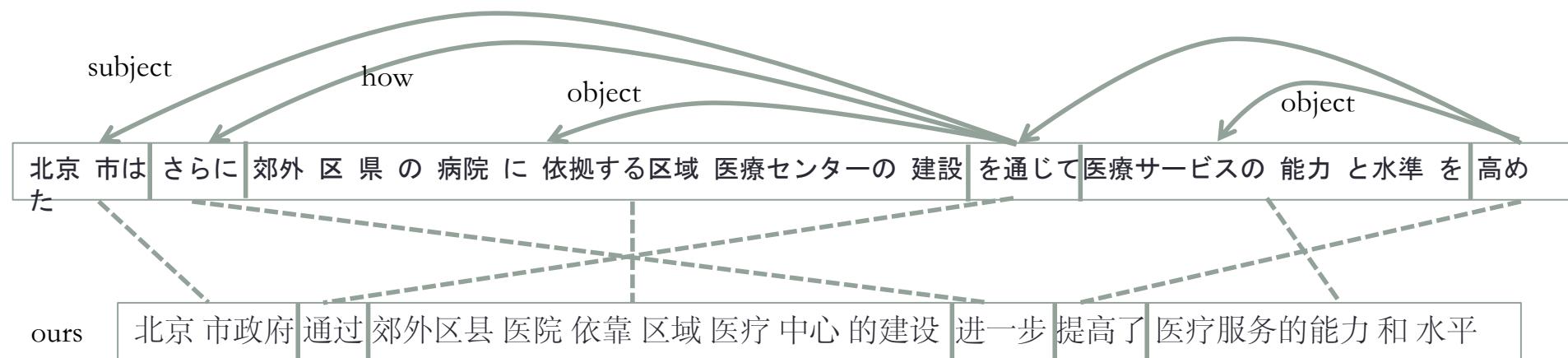
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- Experiment result

system	Rule #	BLEU
<i>Hiero-re</i>	24.0M	22.26
<i>dep2str</i>	2.8M	19.34
ours	1.4M+10M	22.62

# Experiment

- Example



ref

北京市进一步通过依据郊外区县的医院的区域医疗中心的建设提高医疗服务的能力和水准

hiero

北京市政府进一步郊外区县医院施政的区域医疗中心通过建设增加医疗服务的能力和水平

dep2str

北京市区县医院施政区域医疗中心的建设是医疗服务的能力和水平提高

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- Case frame is useful to reduce redundant hierarchical phrase rules, and to ensure the linguistic derivation
- Case frame rules can capture the reordering information instead of the glue rules
- Chunk-based dependency tree can be used to guide the derivation process without limitation of lexicalization (lots of auxiliary word)

# Future Work

- Noun case frame may be meaningful
- Consider the relation between hard constraints and soft constraints

Thanks for your attention