

汉英双语命名实体识别与对齐的联合方法

A Joint Model to Identify and Align Bilingual
Named Entities

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1. Introduction

- **Named entities (NEs) include:** Person Names (PER), Location Names (LOC), Organization Names (ORG), temporal and numerical expressions
- **NEs carry essential meanings in human communication**
- **It is requisite to identify NEs in NLP**
 - To simplify NLP tasks
 - It is a very critical in MT and cross-lingual IR systems

1. Introduction

- **The basic statistical data**
 - **C. Huang(2003)** gave the result on ‘People's Daily’: the number of NEs only takes about 8.7% in total number of words, but the errors in results of Chinese word segmentation take about 59.2% in wrong results.

1. Introduction

➤ Our statistics:

| 错误类型 | | 错误数 | 比例 (%) | | 例子 | |
|------|------|-------|--------|--------|-------|---------|
| 集外词 | 命名实体 | 人名 | 31 | 25.83 | 98.33 | 约翰 斯坦贝克 |
| | | 地名 | 11 | 9.17 | | 米苏拉塔 |
| | | 组织机构名 | 10 | 8.33 | | 泰党 |
| | | 时间和数字 | 14 | 11.67 | | 37万兆 |
| | 专业术语 | 4 | 3.33 | 脱氧核糖核酸 | | |
| | 普通生词 | 48 | 40.00 | 致病原 | | |
| 切分歧义 | | 2 | 1.67 | | 歌名为 | |
| 合计 | | 120 | 100 | | | |

The statistics are carried out based on 418 sentences, 19,777 Chinese characters and 11,739 words, randomly chose form web pages.

1. Introduction

- ① We randomly chose 100 sentences from the test set of NIST2005 MT evaluation:
 - There are 242 NEs in 87 sentences
 - **PER: 78** **LOC: 119** **ORG: 45**
 - 173 NEs are correctly translated (**P=71.5%**)
 - 13 NEs are wrongly translated **69=50_{PER}+4_{LOC}+15_{ORG}**
 - 56 NEs are not translated (**81.2% of 13+56**)
 - The BLEU scores increased from **28.02% to 30.05% (+2.03%)** after we replaced the wrong and NULL translations with correct translations

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② We randomly chose another 100 sentences from the test set of NIST2005 MT evaluation:

- There are 281 NEs in all 100 sentences
- 192 NEs are correctly translated (**P=68.3%**)
- 89 NEs are not translated or wrong translations
 - 84.3% are not translated
 - 15.7% are wrong translations

$$P^* = (71.5\% + 68.3\%)/2 = 69.9\%$$

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- It is a very challenging work to identify and translate NEs
 - Unknown words occurred frequently
 - Semantic **translation** interweaved with phonetic **transliteration**
 - PER: 胡锦涛 ↔ Hu Jintao 金成勋 ↔ Kim Sung-Hoon
时光 ↔ Shi Guang 成龙 ↔ Jackie Chan
 - LOC: 小斯莫基河 ↔ Little Smoky River
 - ORG: 北京冶金学院 ↔ Beijing Institute of Metallurgy

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Why we can't directly translate NEs ?

| Translation modals | Examples | What NEs are fit? |
|---|--|-------------------------|
| Based on phonetic rules | 北京/Beijing;東京/ Tokyo | Some PERs, LOCs, ORGs |
| Irregular transliteration | 吉百利/ Cadbury | Some PERs, trade marks |
| Full semantic translation | 自動化所/ Inst. of Auto. | Some ORGs |
| Combination of transliteration and translation | 北海公園/ Beihai Park; 加勒比共同體/Caribbean Community | Some LOCs and ORGs |
| Partial transliteration and partial translation | 星巴克/ Starbucks; 劍橋/ Cambridge | Rare |
| Liberal translation or paraphrase | 蝴蝶夢/ Rebecca; 母女情深/ Terms of Endearment | Film names, book names |
| Different translations for one word | 孫中山/ Sun Zhongshan or Sun Yat-Sen | Forward transliteration |

1. Introduction

NE Alignment has been focused

- It is the first step to train (NE) translation model
 - May help to correct word alignment
- NE-pairs can be extracted from internet
 - NEs emerge from time to time, and could be transformed in various ways
 - In many cases we don't know how to translate a NE

1. Introduction

There are two methods for NE Alignment:
Asymmetrical vs. Symmetrical

- **NE recognition is only done on the source side (Al-Onaizan and Knight, 2002)**
 - Use identified source NEs to locate the corresponding target NEs
- **The strong point is to avoid the target NE recognition errors**
 - However, source NE recognition errors still remain

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Symmetrical NE Alignment

- Recognize both source and target NEs (as initial *anchors*)
- Adopt *expansion strategy* (Huang et al., 2003)
 - Shrinking and enlarging the boundaries of **anchors**
 - Select the top NE linking-pairs between expanded candidate-sets
- In our experiments it greatly raises the NE-pair including-rate before alignment (from 83.9% to 96.1%)
 - Useless, if NEs are un-recognized initially

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- Example:

据报道 <加拉巴戈斯/PER> 國家公園以及當地漁民...

The report said the [Galapagos/PER] National Park and local fishermen ...

加拉巴戈
加拉巴戈斯
加拉巴戈斯国
加拉巴戈斯国家

.....

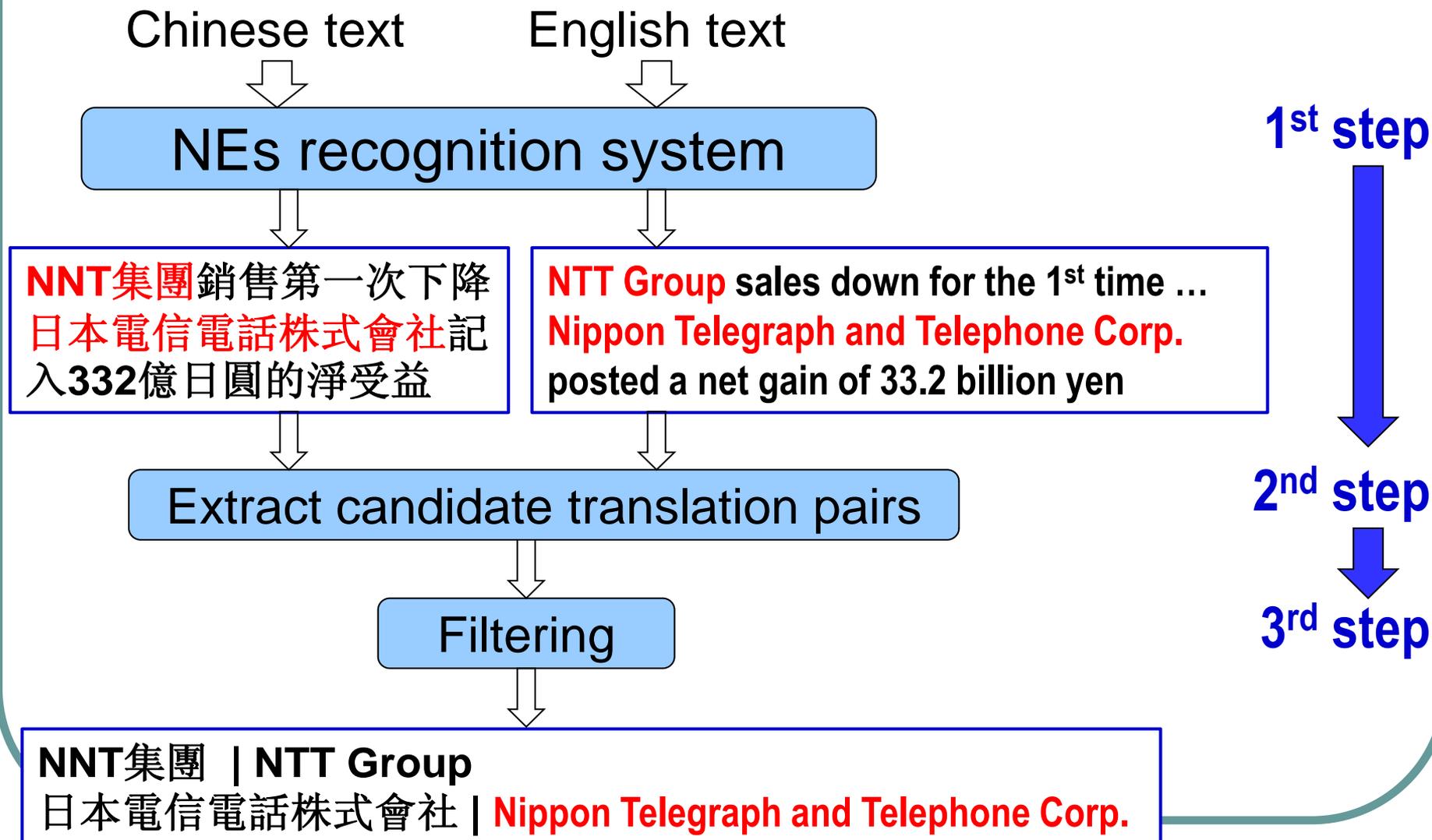
加拉巴戈斯国家公园

Said the Galapagos
the Galapagos
Galapagos
Galapagos National

.....

Galapagos National Park

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Summary:

- NE recognition errors
- NE recognition in two sides is independent with each other
 - **To jointly identify and align NEs**

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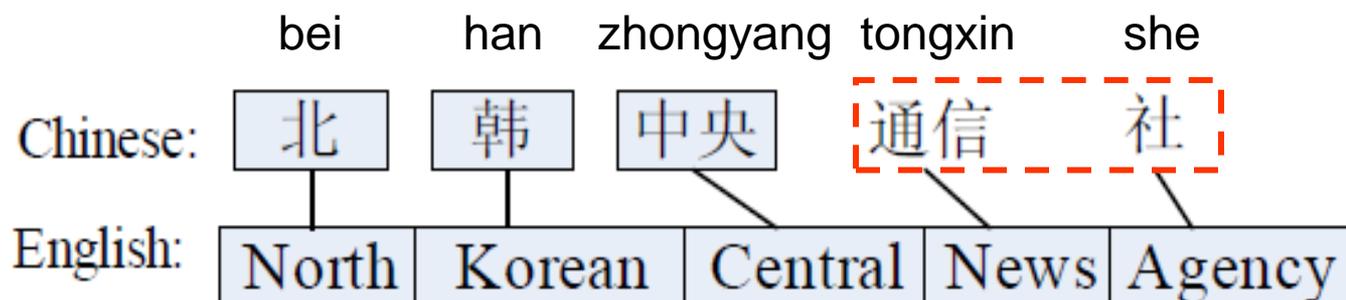
Why we jointly identify and align NEs ?

- Different language has different properties
 - Identifying NE boundaries is difficult for Chinese (un-tokenized language)
 - Classifying NE types is hard for English
- NE alignment may help to recover NER errors
 - To correct the unreliable part from the reliable counterpart in another language

2. Our Motivations

How alignment helps?

- Correcting wrong NE boundaries

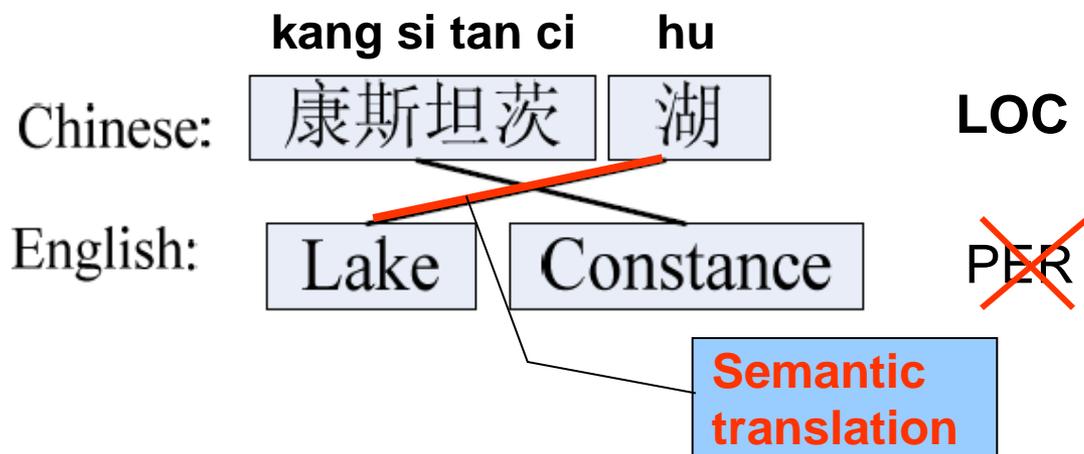


OBSERVATION:

The Chinese has difficulties to identify NE boundaries or even word boundaries

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- Correcting wrong NE type

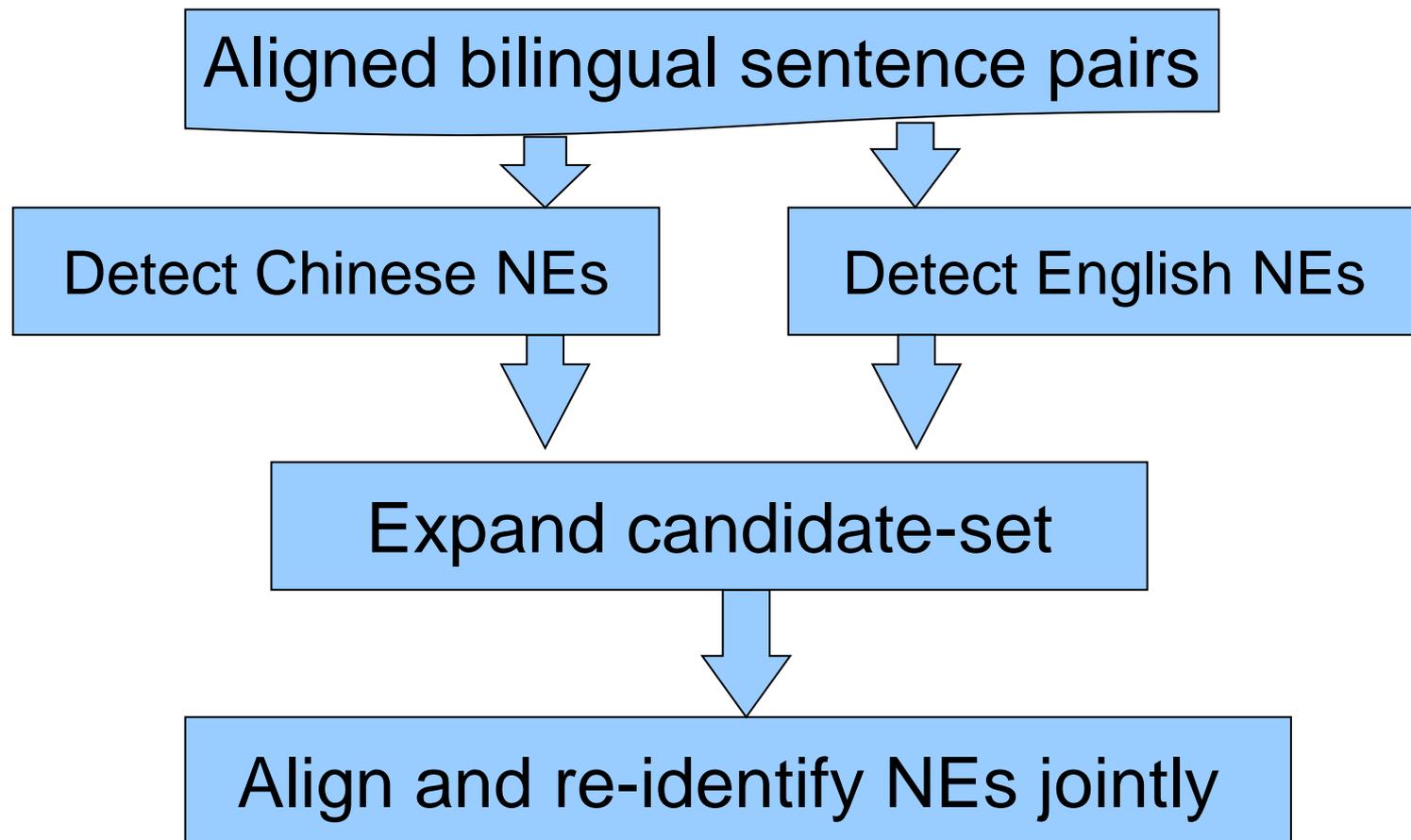


OBSERVATION:

English has difficulty to identify NE types

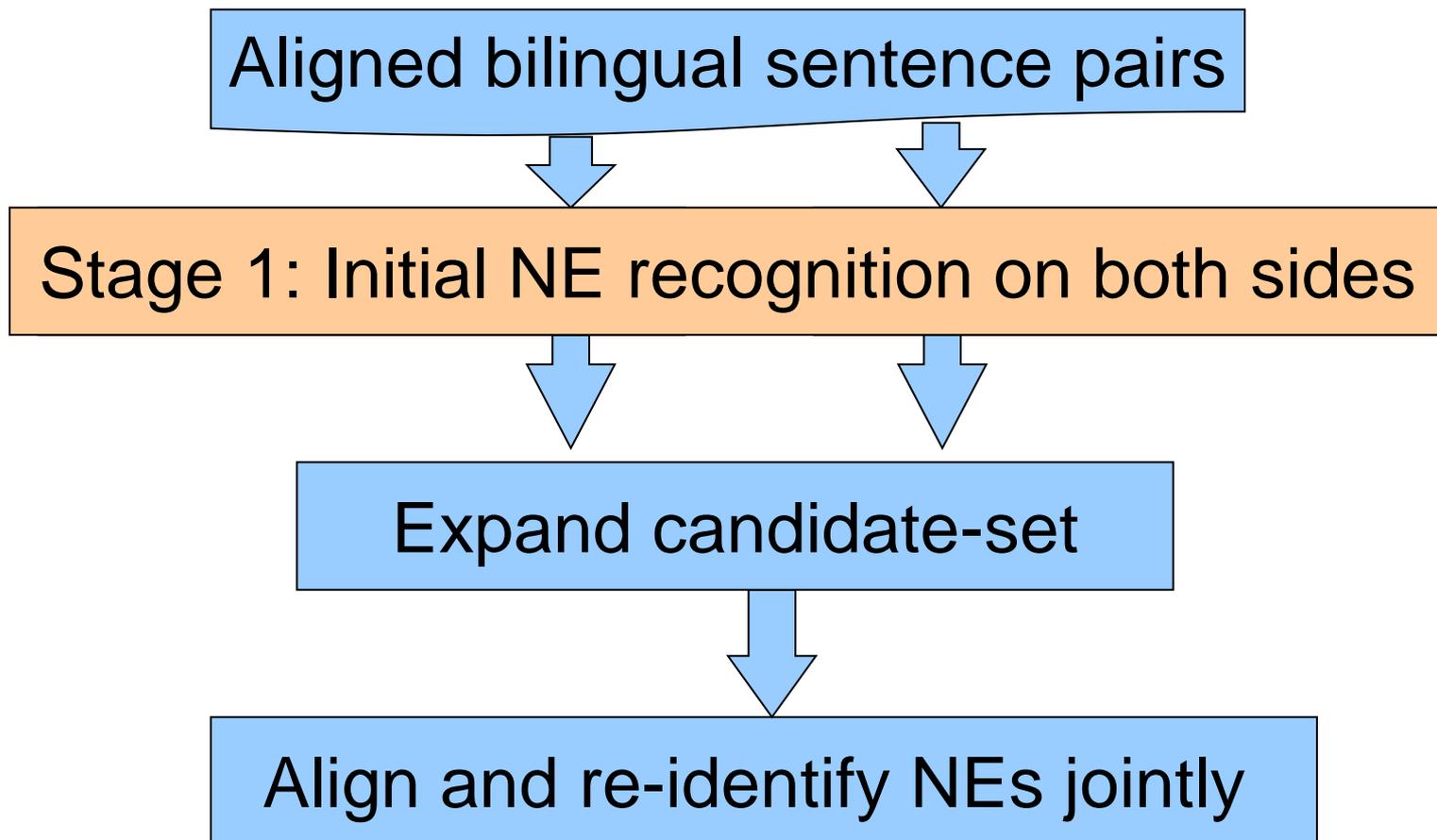
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Aligned bilingual sentence pairs

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Stage 1: Initial NE recognition on both sides

Stage 2: NE-candidate-set expansion

Align and re-identify NEs jointly

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Stage 2: NE-candidate-set expansion

Stage 3: NE alignment & re-identification

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Stage 1: Initial NE recognition on both sides

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Two English words for shrinking and **three** for enlarging
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Stage 3: NE alignment & re-identification

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3. Our Joint Model

<穆夏拉夫/PER>在<伊斯蘭馬巴德/PER>的記者會上

He said at a press conference in [Islamabad/LOC]:

3. Our Joint Model

<穆夏拉夫 < $CNE_i, CType_i$ >_{i=1}^S, S = 2 巴德/PER>的記者會上

He said at a press conference in [Islamabad/LOC]:

$RCNE_1^{K_c}$

穆夏拉
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.....
伊斯蘭馬巴
伊斯蘭馬巴德

3. Our Joint Model

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He said at a press conference

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$RCNE_1^{K_C}$

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$RENE_1^{K_E}$

Islamabad
In Islamabad
Conference in Islamabad
Islamabad :
In Islamabad :
.....

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[$ENE_j, EType_j$]_{j=1}^T, T = 1 :

$K = \min(S, T) = 1$

$RCNE_1^{K_C}$

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穆夏拉夫

Cartesian product

$RENE_1^{K_E}$

Islamabad

$$\{ RCNE_{\langle k \rangle}^*, RENE_{[k]}^*, RType_k^* \}_{k=1}^K$$

$$= \arg \max_{\{ RCNE_{\langle k \rangle}, RENE_{[k]} \}_{k=1}^K} \left[\prod_{k=1}^K \text{score}(RCNE_{\langle k \rangle}, RENE_{[k]}) \right]$$

3. Our Joint Model

NE pair linking score:

- Given a candidate pair ($RCNE, RENE$), $RCNE$ (re-generated from CNE); $RENE$ (re-generated from ENE)

$Score(RCNE, RENE)$

$$= \max_{M_{IC}, RType} P \left(\boxed{RCNE, RENE}, \boxed{RType}, \boxed{M_{IC}} \mid \langle CNE, CType \rangle, CS, [ENE, EType], ES \right)$$

Re-generated NE candidates

Re-assigned NE type

Internal component mapping

3. Our Joint Model

$$M_{IC} \equiv \langle [cpn_{\langle n \rangle}, ew_{[n]}, Mtype_n]_{n=1}^N, \delta \rangle$$

A linked pair of Chinese component and an English word

Mapping type

Mapping type ratio

Mtype: Semantic Translation (TS) and Phonetic Transliteration (TL)

Mapping type ratio (δ): percentage of NE internal tokens translated semantically

Ex: <康斯坦茨湖>::[Lake Constance] $\delta=0.5$ (i.e., 1/2):

[**cpn1**: 康斯坦茨, **ew1**: Constance, TL] and [**cpn2**: 湖, **ew2**: Lake, TS]

3. Our Joint Model

Why we use mapping type ratio δ ?

- Distribution of semantic translation varies among different NE types
 - Semantic translation proportions for PER, LOC, and ORG are 0%, 28.6%, and 74.8% (LDC2005T34 training-set)
 - If $\delta > 0$, then it is very unlikely to be PER

3. Our Joint Model

- **Derive the NE linking Model**

$$P \left(M_{IC}, RType, RCNE, RENE \mid \begin{array}{l} \langle CNE, CType \rangle, CS, \\ [ENE, EType], ES \end{array} \right)$$

$$\cong P(M_{IC} \mid RType, RCNE, RENE) \\ \times P(RType \mid CNE, ENE, CType, EType)$$

Bilingual related factors

$$\times P(RCNE \mid CNE, CType, CS, RType)$$

$$\times P(RENE \mid ENE, EType, ES, RType)$$

Monolingual confidence factors

3. Our Joint Model

- **Derive the bilingual related factors**

$$\begin{aligned} & P(M_{IC} \mid RType, RENE) \\ & \equiv P([cpn_{\langle n \rangle}, ew_{[n]}, Mtype_n]_{n=1}^N, \delta \mid RType, RENE) \\ & \approx \prod_{n=1}^N \left[P(cp n_{\langle n \rangle} \mid Mtype_n, ew_{[n]}, RType) \right. \\ & \quad \left. \times P(Mtype_n \mid ew_{[n]}, RType) \right] \\ & \quad \times P(\delta \mid RType) \end{aligned}$$

3. Our Joint Model

- Derive the monolingual confidence factors (for Chinese):

$$P(RCNE | CNE, CType, CS, RType)$$

make RCNE into a sequence

$$\cong P(LeftD, RightD, Str[RCNE] | Len_C, CType, RType)$$

$$\approx P(LeftD | Len_C, CType, RType)$$

Left/right distance features

$$\times P(RightD | Len_C, CType, RType)$$

$$\times \prod_{m=1}^M P(cc_m | cc_{m-1}, RType)$$

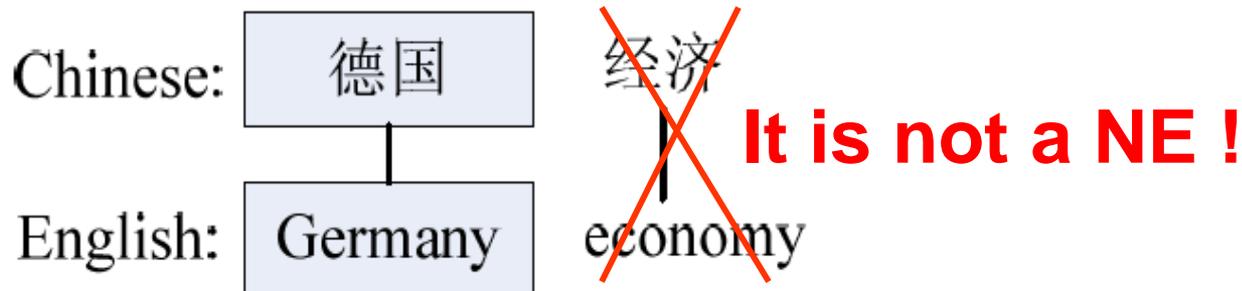
NE bi-gram feature

The length of the originally detected NE

3. Our Joint Model

Why we use LeftD and RightD features?

- Alignment alone is not enough
 - Initially recognized NEs carry NE scope information

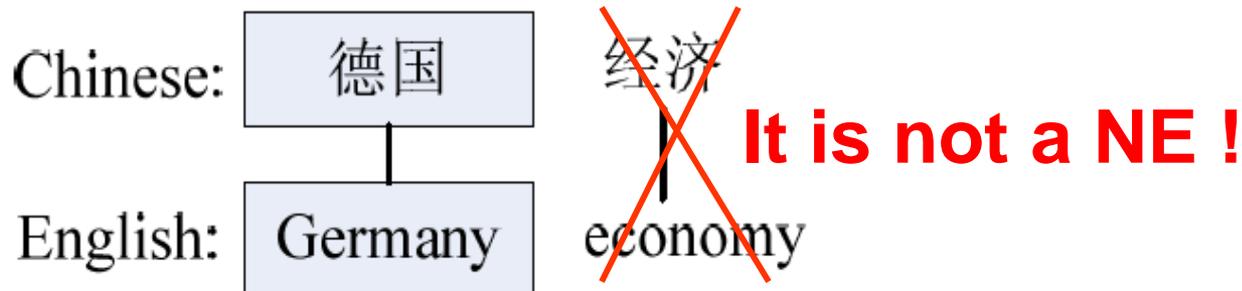


- LeftD and RightD provide anchor information
 - Denote the left and right distances that regenerated NE shrinks/enlarges from the initial anchor.

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- The initial recognition result is: “北韓中央”，
a candidate is: “韓中央**通信社**” (enlarging part)
The LeftD and RightD is “-1” and “+3” respectively

3. Our Joint Model

Weight the alignment model:

- All the bilingual and monolingual factors are weighted differently according to their contributions
- Using the well-known *Minimum Error Rate Training* (MERT) algorithm (Och, 2003) by minimizing the number of associated errors

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4. Experiments and Analysis

◆ Data-Sets

- **Training-Set-I:**
 - 90,412 aligned sentence-pairs, FBIS newswire data
- **Training-Set-II:**
 - LDC2005T34 bilingual NE dictionary (218,772 NE-pairs)
- **Development-Set:** for MERT weight training
 - 200 sentence pairs randomly selected from LDC2005T06
- **Testing-Set:** total 718 gold NE pairs
 - 300 sentence pairs randomly selected from LDC2005T06

4. Experiments and Analysis

◆ Experimental Setting

● Initial NE recognizers:

- Chinese NER (Wu et al., 2005):
 - Overall Performance 84.7% F-score
- English NER (AK McCallum, 2002, Mallet toolkit):
 - Overall Performance 82.3% F-score

http://mallet.cs.umass.edu/index.php/Main_Page

● Evaluation criterion

- Precision (P), recall (R) and F-score (F)
- Type-sensitive and type-insensitive performance

4. Experiments and Analysis

◆ Baseline System (Huang et al., 2003)

- Adopt symmetric expansion strategy
- Utilize the monolingual information
 - Only a simple bi-gram model
- Adopt three cost functions:

- Transliteration cost $\sum_{(i,j) \in A^*} [\arg \max_{\{cpn_i \in E_{cpn_i}\}} \log P(ew_j | cpn_i)]$

- Translation cost $\log \frac{1}{J^I} \prod_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J P(cp_n_i | ew_j)] + \log \frac{1}{I^J} \prod_{j=1}^J \sum_{i=1}^I P(ew_j | cp_n_i)$

- NE scope tagging cost (bi-gram model)

$$\min_{RType} [-\log(\prod_{m=1}^M P(cc_m | cc_{m-1}, RType)) - \log(\prod_{n=1}^N P(ew_n | ew_{n-1}, RType))]$$

4. Experiments and Analysis

◆ Experimental Results

- The NE-pair alignment performance

| Models | P (%) | R (%) | F (%) |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Baseline | 77.1 (67.1) | 79.7 (69.8) | 78.4 (68.4) |
| <i>Exp-1 (All-N-BiFactors)</i> | 77.7 (73.5) | 79.9 (75.7) | 78.8 (74.6) |
| <i>Exp-2 (Fully-JointModel)</i> | 83.7 (78.1) | 86.2 (80.7) | 84.9 (79.4) |
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$$\left[\prod_{n=1}^N P(cpn_{\langle n \rangle} | Mtype_n, ew_{[n]}, RType) \right]^{\frac{1}{N}} \times P(Mtype_n | ew_{[n]}, RType)$$

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It also improves NE recognition performance
F-score (Chinese +3.9%; English +4.6%)

4. Experiments and Analysis

Why we have to use a derived model?

- **Why not ME framework with *primitive features*?**
 - No assumptions required
 - **Primitive Features**: internal component mapping, initial and final NE types, NE bigram-based string, and left/right distance
- **Tested under various training-sets:**
 - 400, 4,000, 40,000, and 90,412 sentence-pairs of Training-Set-I
 - Adopt YASMET toolkit (<http://www.fjoch.com/YASMET.html>)

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The derived model performs better!

- Model derivation also helps (not just features)
 - Providing additional human knowledge about the dependency between features (implied constraints)

| Models | 400 | 4,000 | 40,000 | 90,412 |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| ME framework | 36.5 (0%) | 50.4 (0%) | 62.6 (0%) | 67.9 (0%) |
| Un-weighted Joint Model | +4.6 (+12.6%) | +4.5 (+8.9%) | +4.3 (+6.9%) | +4.1 (+6.0%) |
| Weighted Joint Model | +5.0 (+13.7%) | +4.7 (+9.3%) | +4.6 (+7.3%) | +4.5 (+6.6%) |

Gap becomes more noticeable as training-set gets smaller

4. Experiments and Analysis

How about the capability in learning new NEs?

- New NE-pairs are extracted via semi-supervised learning
 - **Alignment imposes constraints**
 - **3.9% and 4.6%** F-score improvements on Chinese and English NER
 - **Split Training-Set-I into two parts:**
 - 50,412 (unlabeled data) and 40,000 (labeled data) sentence pairs
 - **Various seed data-sets:**
 - 100; 400; 4,000 and 40,000 are extracted from labeled data
 - **Iterate until the result converges**

4. Experiments and Analysis

- **Semi-supervised learning for English NER**

| Models | 100 | 400 | 4,000 | 40,000 |
|---|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Initial-NER | 36.7 (0%) | 58.6 (0%) | 71.4 (0%) | 79.1 (0%) |
| NER-Only | -2.3 (-6.3%) | -0.5 (-0.8%) | -0.3 (-0.4%) | -0.1 (-0.1%) |
| NER+Baseline (alignment, F. Huang) | +4.9 (+13.4%) | +3.4 (5.8%) | +1.7 (2.4%) | +0.7 (0.9%) |
| NER+Joint Model (alignment, Our) | +10.7 (+29.2%) | +8.7 (+14.8%) | +4.8 (+6.7%) | +2.3 (+2.9%) |

Note: The last three lines show the performance of semi-supervised methods by using different seed data to train 50,000 unlabeled sentences.

4. Experiments and Analysis

◆ Four types of errors:

| Error types | Reference NE-Pair | Initial NE anchors | Final output | Percentage |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| (A) Inconsistency of original NEs or components | {<乌伯林更 <u>镇</u> >:: [Berlingen]} | CNE: <乌伯林> ENE: [Berlingen] | {<乌伯林>:: [Berlingen]} | 23% (25) |
| (B) Missing or spurious anchors | {<东 <u>协</u> >:: [ASEAN]} | CNE: <> ENE: [ASEAN] | No such alignment | 24% (27) |
| (C) Unassumed mapping types | {<葛兰素制药厂 >:: [GSK]} | CNE: <葛兰素> ENE: [GSK]; [Ziagen] | {<葛兰素>:: [Ziagen]} | 27% (30) |
| | {<明仁>:: [Akihito]} | CNE: <明仁> ENE: [Akihito] | {<明仁>:: [Hirohito]} | |
| (D) Wrong NE scope | {<南北韩>:: [South and North Koreas]} | CNE: <韩> ENE: [North Koreas] | {<北韩>:: [North Koreas]} | 26% (29) |

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Acronym/Abbreviation: (GSK for “GlaxoSmithKline Factory”)

Loanword: Japanese kanji “明仁”，pronounced as “Mingren”，aligns with “Akihito”.

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5. Conclusion

- ◆ **We have proposed a joint model derived in a principled way**
 - **Capable to learn new NE-pairs via semi-supervised learning**
 - **Some novel features/factors are introduced:**
 - Bilingual related factors:
 - Mapping type ratio & NE type consistency
 - Monolingual certainty factors:
 - Initial NE anchor information (LeftD and RightD)
 - Normalized NE bi-gram score

5. Conclusion

◆ Our joint model outperforms the baseline system:

- From **68.4% to 81.7%** in type-sensitive F-score, 18.6% relative improvement
- Outperforms ME model with primitive features: **13.7% relative improvement for 400** sentence-pairs
- Capable to learn new NE-pairs via semi-supervised learning
- The experiments have proven that the alignment factors are essential in learning new NE-pairs via semi-supervised learning

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◆ Problems:

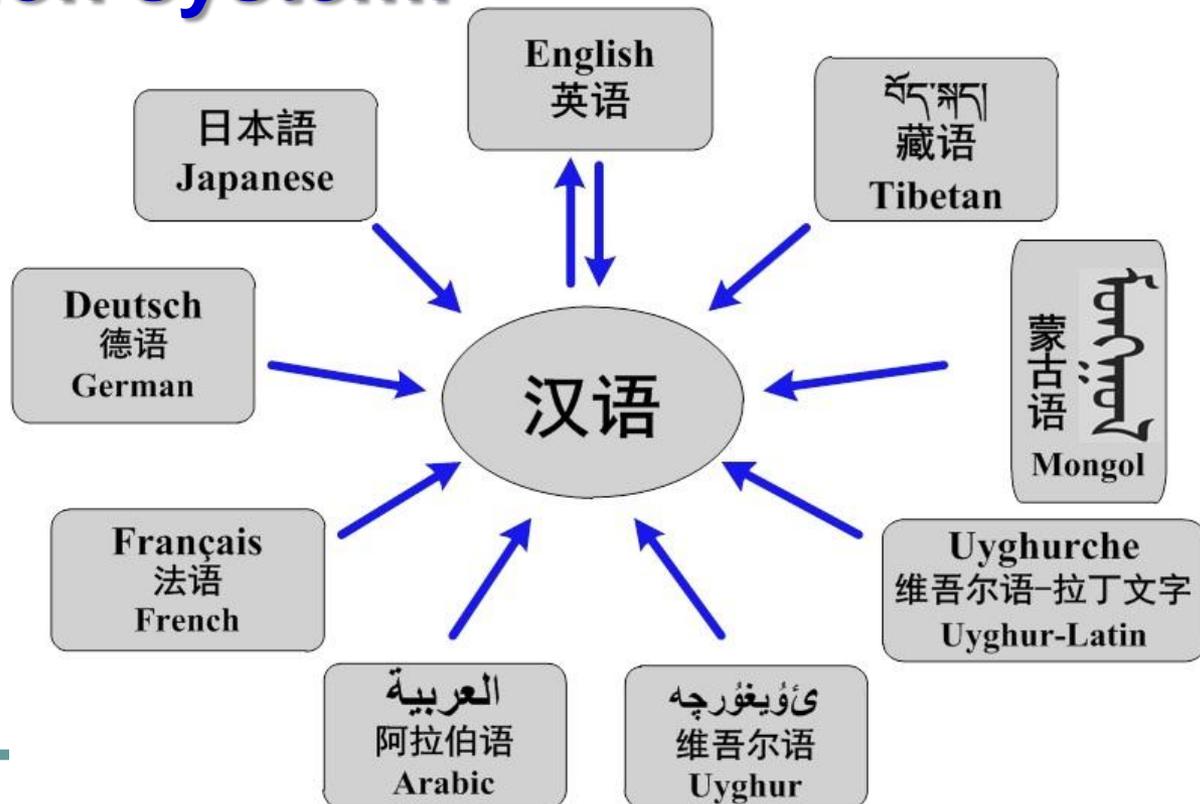
- The introduced features are not linguistic knowledge dependent, especially no semantic information involved
- It is not enough only based on parallel corpora

◆ Future work

- To develop linguistically related features
- Use internet data

5. Conclusion

- ◆ This work has been partially employed in our English-Chinese machine translation system:



5. Conclusion

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