

# What can language learners do

In the context of  
machine translation

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# 内容提要

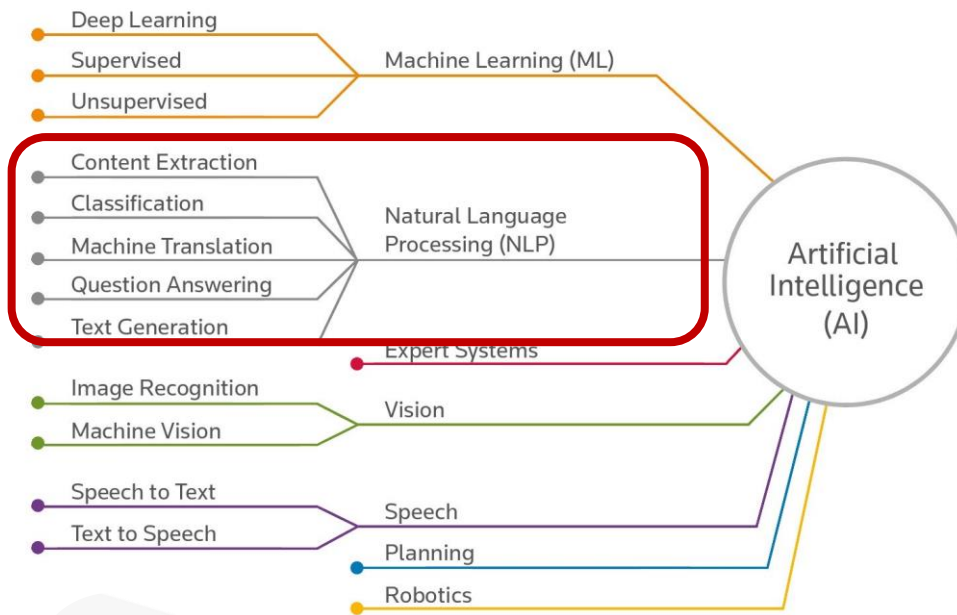
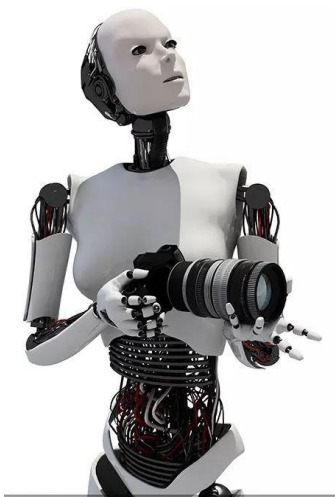
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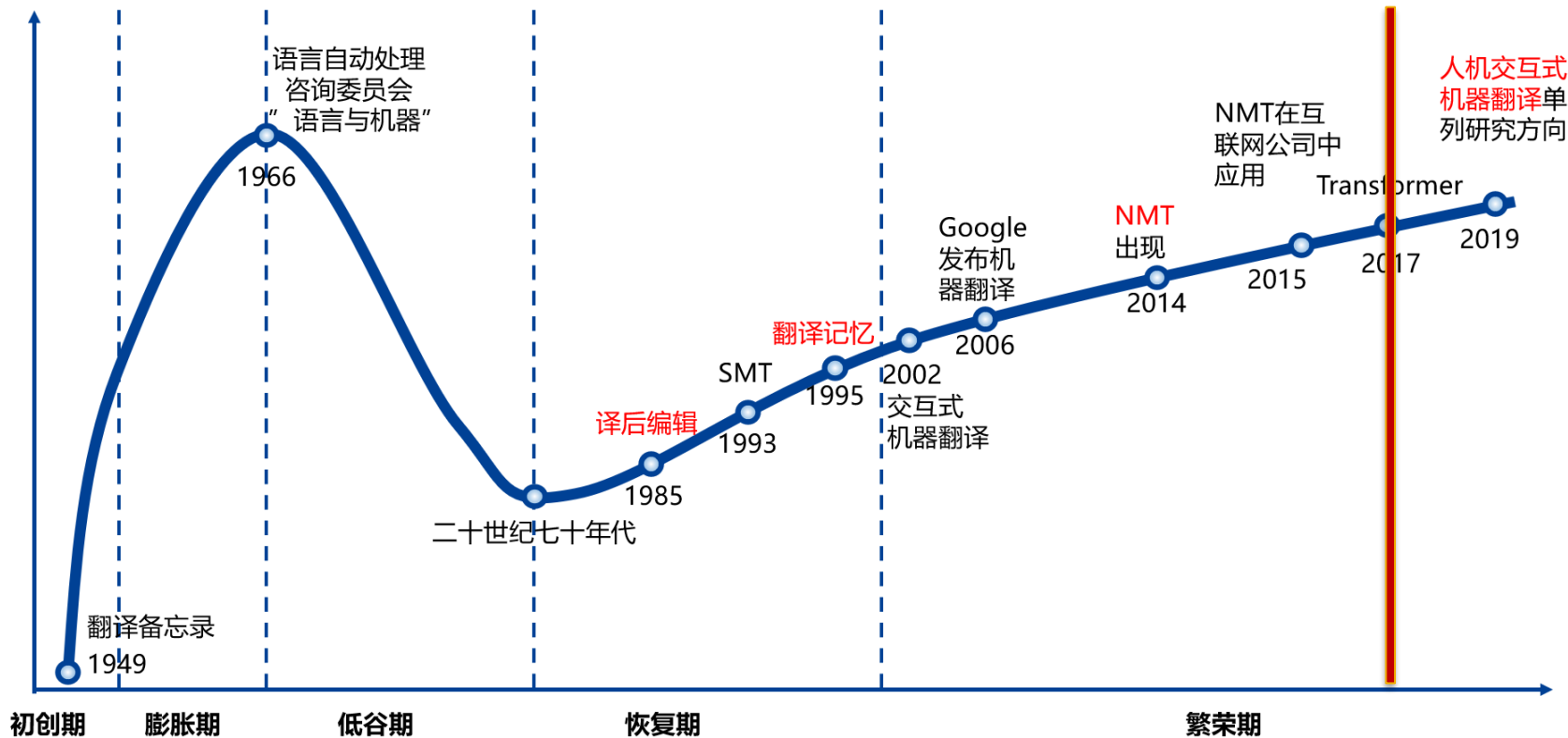
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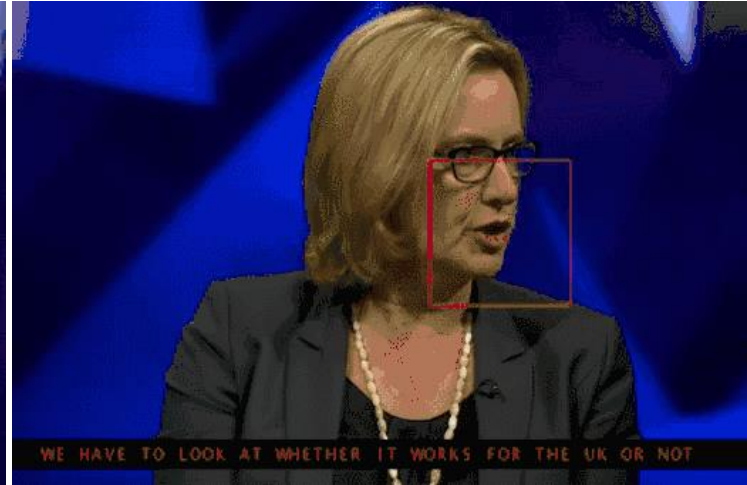
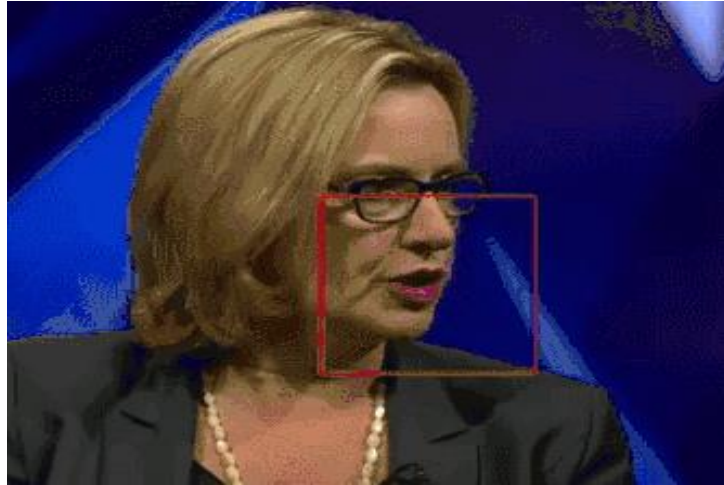
3 MTPE research

# MT developmnet









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中國與布基納法索恢復外交關係



給大家有一段問候

· 政府致力在大灣區協助香港青年，提供多元的發展機遇。 ● 香港運輸及

原文（标题）	How Much Risk Is Being Added by Insurers' Banking Acquisitions?
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译文 (GT2-2016.10)	保险公司的银行收购增加了多少风险？
人工翻译	保险商收购银行（股权）会增加多少风险？

引自微信公众号“译言千金”



# 人机翻译大PK

人工翻译VS机器翻译，鹿死谁手，你说了算



The powers that be cannot simply ignore us.

A 不能忽视我们的力量。

B 当权者不能就这样无视我们。

C 权力不能简单地忽视我们。

D 这些权力不能简单地忽视我们。

正确率：53%



A: 25%

B: 11%

C: 23%

D: 41%



## 人机翻译大PK



But the Chinese companies have long struggled with a reputation for the rampant selling of counterfeit goods on their platforms.



但这些中国公司长期以来一直因平台售假猖獗而名声不佳。

人工翻译

(140人)25%

但长期以来，中国企业一直以其平台上猖獗的假冒商品销售著称。

译文来自必应机器翻译

(58人)11%

但是中国公司长期以来一直在为其平台上猖獗销售假冒商品的名声而挣扎。

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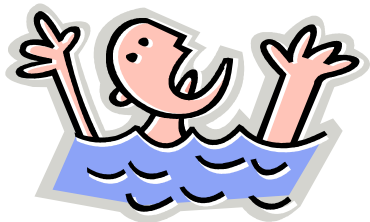
(125人)23%

但长期以来，这些中国企业一直因其平台上猖獗的假货销售而名声不佳。

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(228人)41%

# MT can speak like humans



Way out?



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- 90% translation replaced by MT;
  - MT: semi-products.

**How to improve productivity with MT?**

# PE involvement

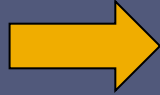
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- **quality of final product**
- **quality requirements**
- **levels of post-editing**

**M**  
**T**  
**P**  
**E**

# GOALS OF MT

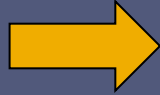
1. To understand



- MT without PE
- Light PE

# GOALS OF MT

2. To communicate



- Minimal PE:
- Full PE:

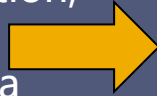
	<b>Light Post-editing</b>	<b>Full Post-editing</b>
<b>Grammar</b>	minor issues are acceptable	must be correct
<b>Punctuation</b>	variations/errors are acceptable	must be correct and consistent
<b>Spelling</b>	minor issues and/or variations are acceptable	consistent including hyphenation
<b>Terminology</b>	understandable and usable	accurate and consistent
<b>Style and tone</b>	not offensive	appropriate for content
<b>Style</b>	variations are acceptable	Consistent: headers, list items
<b>Formatting</b>	not important	consistent with the source text



# Productivity

## Productivity of a post-editor:

- qualification to which extent a post-editor is productive in transforming a raw output into a text that fulfills its intended function;
- measured by looking at the speed of a post-editor by taking into account his accuracy and proficiency.



# Productivity Testing

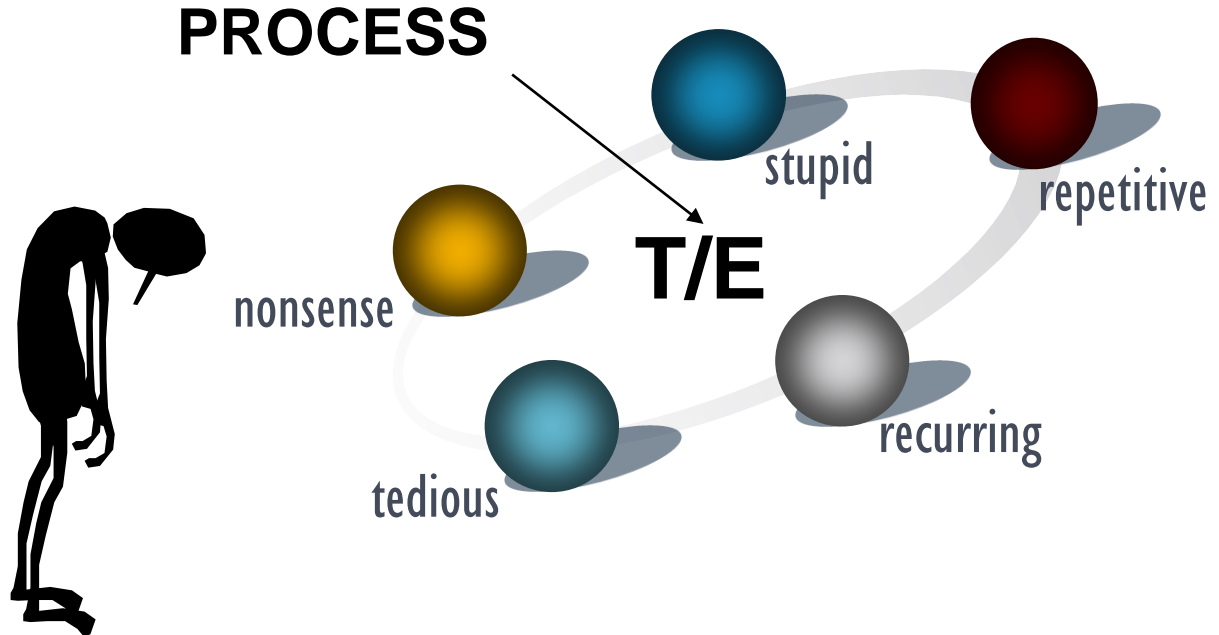
- provides information on the difference in speed between MT post-editing and translation from scratch;
- an indirect way of evaluating translations;
- scores not assigned directly to translated segments;
- but effort measured in terms of time and edit-distance.

# MTPE research

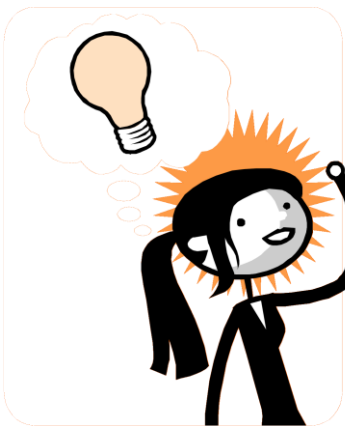
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# Car

User manuals



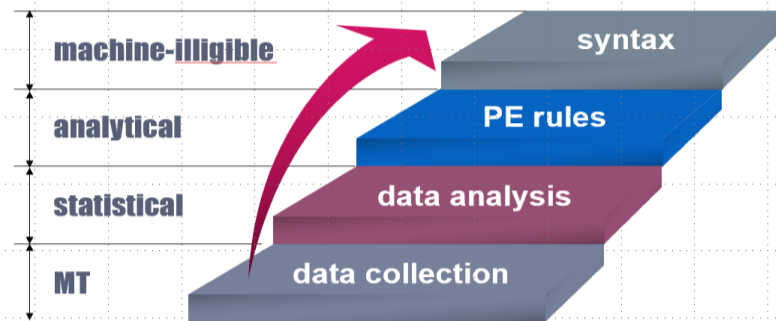
# MOE project: MTPE



- **Goal**
  - PE automation
- **Design**
  - MT error patterns

## ➤ PE automation

MOE funded project (2007)



MT: Huajian

# Taxonomy

Lexical	Syntactic	Typographical + ZT	
1) Terminology	1) order	1) Symbol	1) Identical
2) POS	2) NP	2) Punctuation	2) Almost
3) Abbr	3) VP	3) Bracket	3) Zero T
4) Verbs ...	4) PP	4) Unit	
5) Missed	5) Passive	5) Number	
6) Overdone	6) Infinitive		
	7) Gerund		

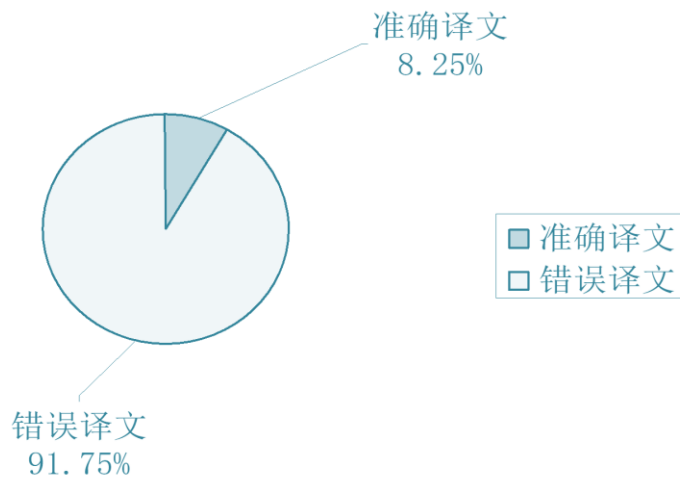
Research  
data

No.	Taxonomy	Number	Percentage
1	terminology	67428	46.43%
2	conjunctions	1138	0.78%
3	POS	7410	5.10%
4	Abbreviations	6892	4.75%
5	Missed	2844	1.96%
6	Replacement	7600	5.23%
7	No translation	9569	6.59%
8	Word order	13975	9.62%
9	Noun Phrases	3618	2.49%
10	Verb Phrases	10470	7.21%
11	Prep Phrases	5888	4.05%
12	Passives	3836	2.64%
13	Infinitives	317	0.22%
14	Gerunds	880	0.61%
15	Miscellaneous	3366	2.32%
total		145,231	100%

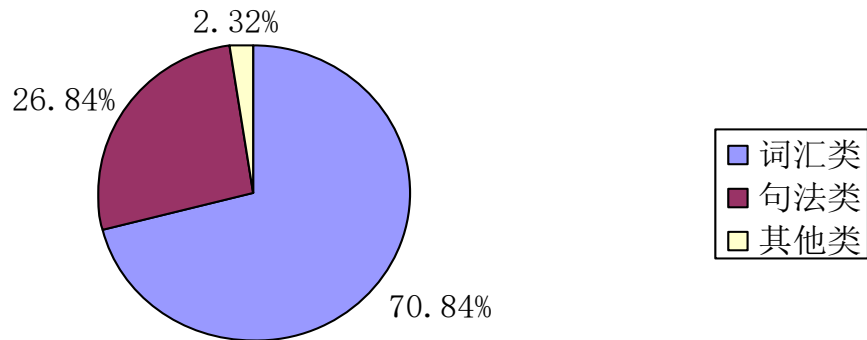
# MTPE research results

错误率

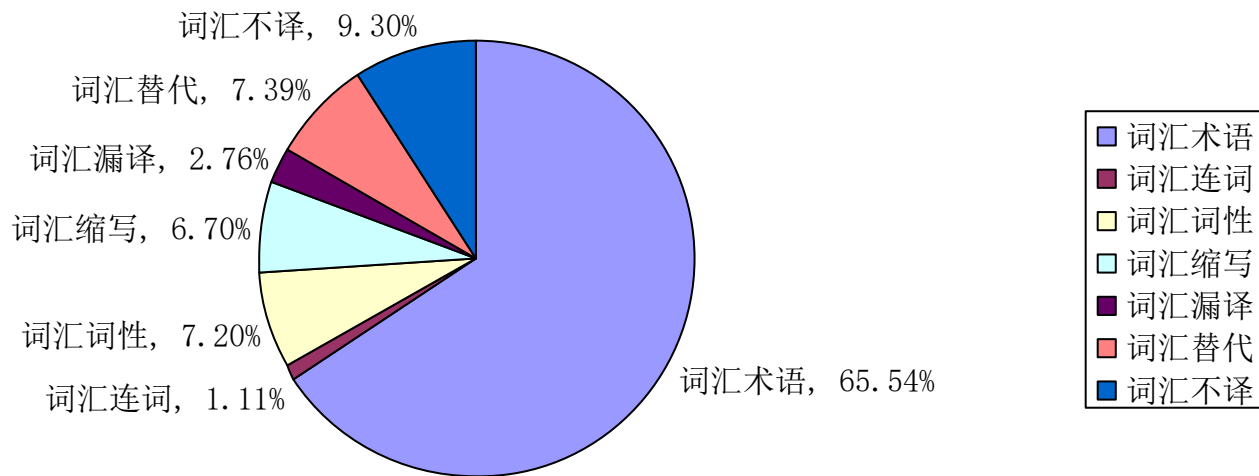
百分比



一级错误



# Lexical errors





## examples

### lexical

#### •Terminology

- mute \*哑的; 静噪
- circuit \*巡回; 电路
- ground body  
\*身体地; 车身搭铁
- Intelligent \*聪明的; 智能

#### • Preposition

- for \*以来; 适用于
- with \*和; 带有

#### •Parts of Speech

- cover \*投保; 后盖
- rear header \*养育; 后

### syntactic

#### Past participle

- in the direction indicated by arrow A
- \*在箭A 表明的指示里;  
如箭头A所示方向

#### Word order

- This is the display signal circuit from the multi-display controller to the TV display.

\*这显示信号巡回从多显示器控制器到电视展示。

/这是自多功能显示屏控制器至电视显示屏的显示屏信号电路。

### typographic

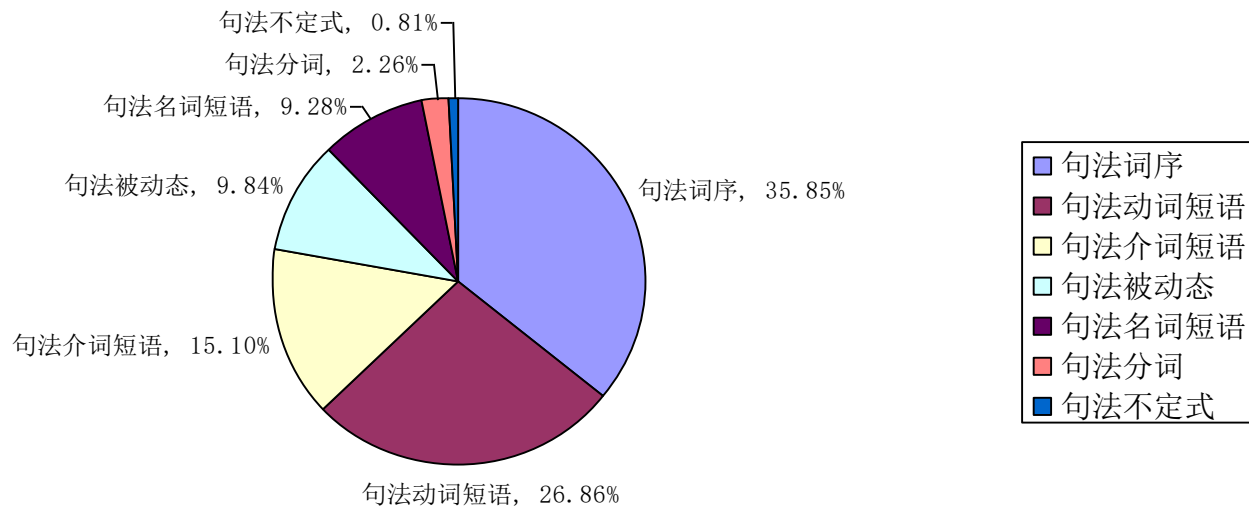
#### Brackets

- Remove the rear seat for Ottoman seat (see page 1024)

\*为长椅位子(参阅页除去靠后的座位1024)。

/拆下带 Ottoman 座椅的后排座椅 (参见1024 页) 。

# Syntactic errors



8)a Then the user **tries to** move away from the vehicle.

M: 然后用户努力从车辆移开。

H: 然后用户试图离开车辆。

**subject control**

example

8)b Then the **user<sub>i</sub>** tries **PRO<sub>i</sub>** to move away from the vehicle.

9)a Allow the engine **to idle** and check DTC.

M: 对闲置允许发动机并且检查DTC。

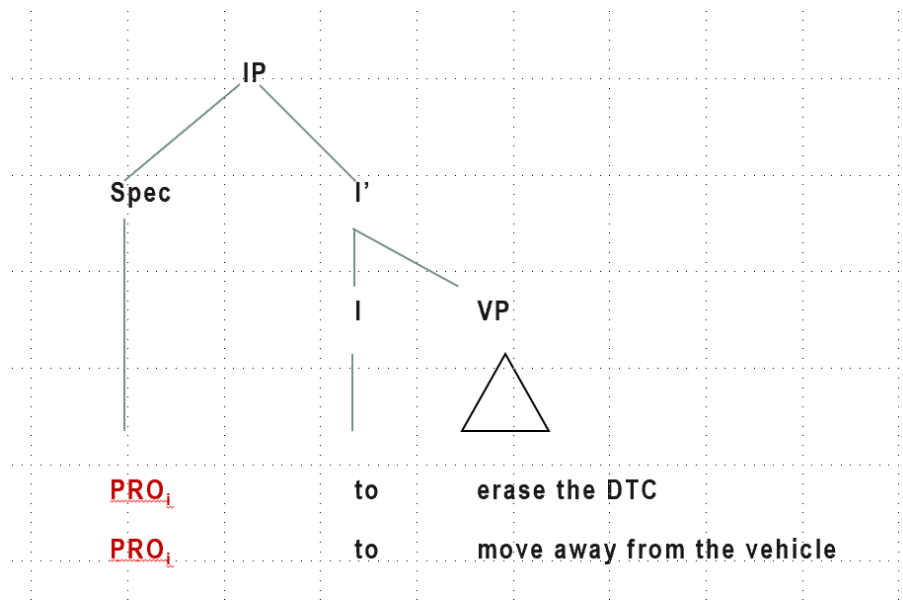
H: 让发动机怠速运转并检查DTC。

**object control**

9)b Allow the **engine<sub>i</sub>** **PRO<sub>i</sub>** to idle and check DTC.

H: 让发动机怠速运转并检查DTC。

## Tree diagram



## Diagnosis:

### Problem:

- Object control

### Solution:

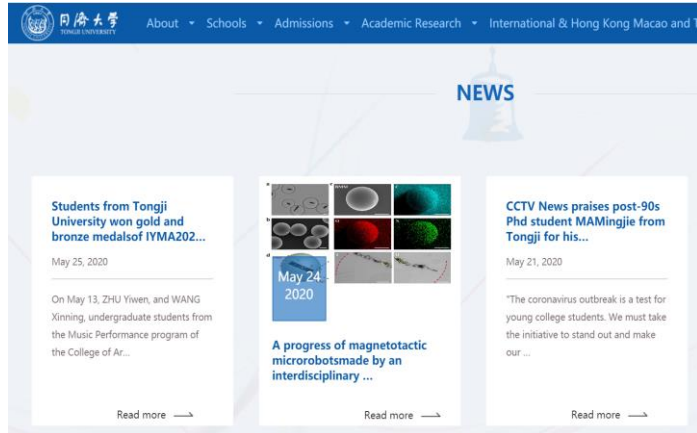
- To use PRO in MT rules

↓  
Pre-editing

# Example

## Tongji University

- Term bank
- database



**BUT ...**

5月17日，同济大学基本完成了2020年全日制硕士研究生的网络远程复试工作，并顺利举行了2020年博士研究生的第一场网络远程复试。

-- 同济新闻 20200517



# 复试

the second round  
entrance examinations

Google: retest

Baidu: retest, reexamine

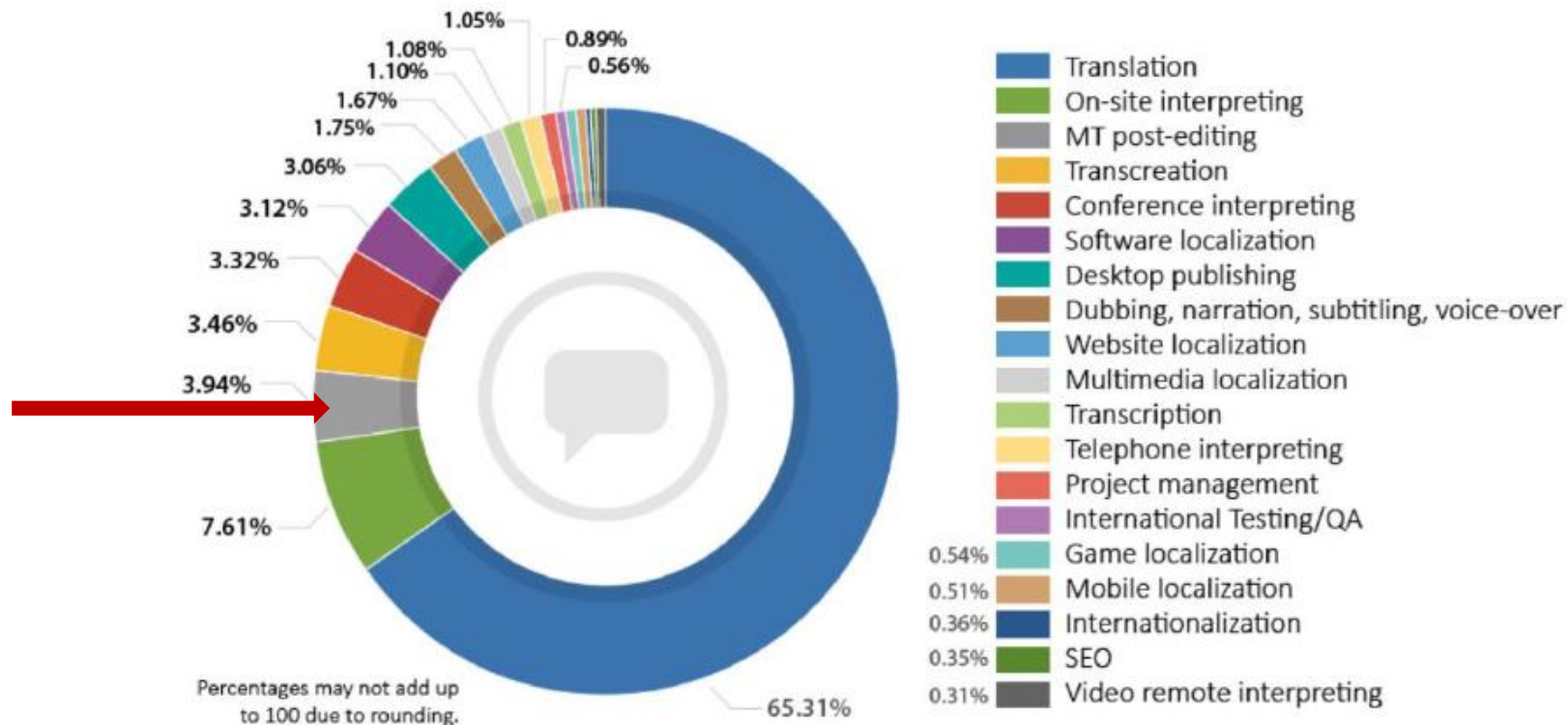
Tencent: retest

Sogo: second interview

Youdao: the second interview,  
secondary examination,  
reexamination

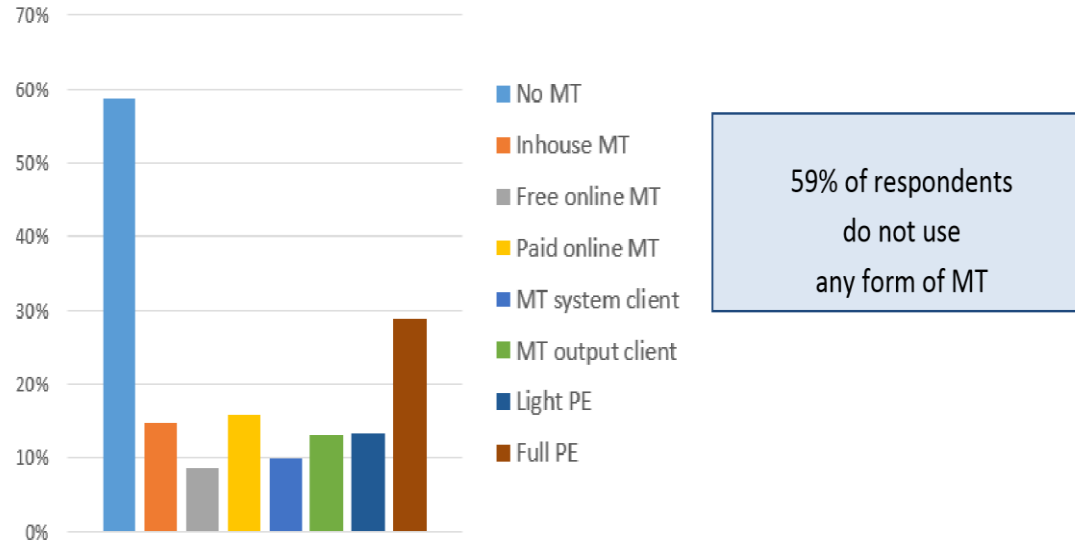
term

# 全球语言服务的类型及比例



## TECHNOLOGY

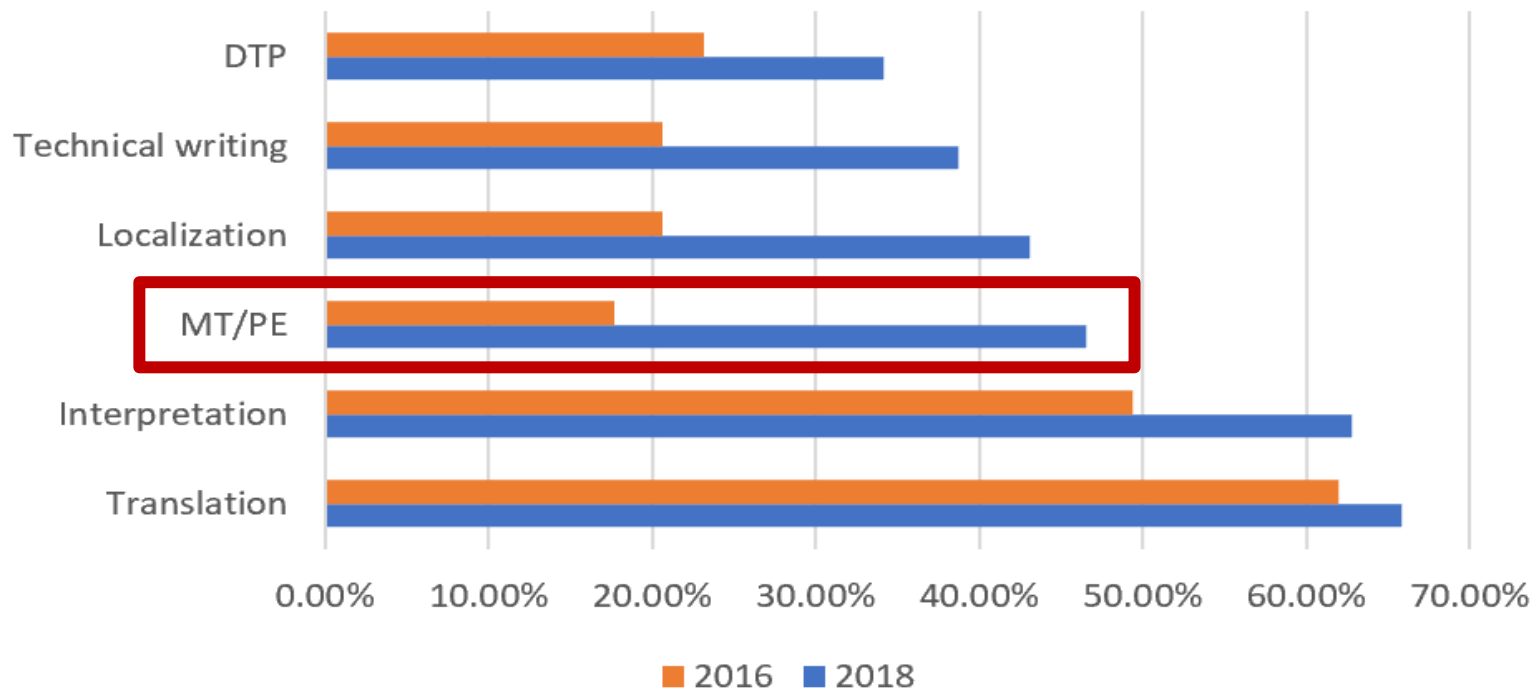
### MACHINE TRANSLATION



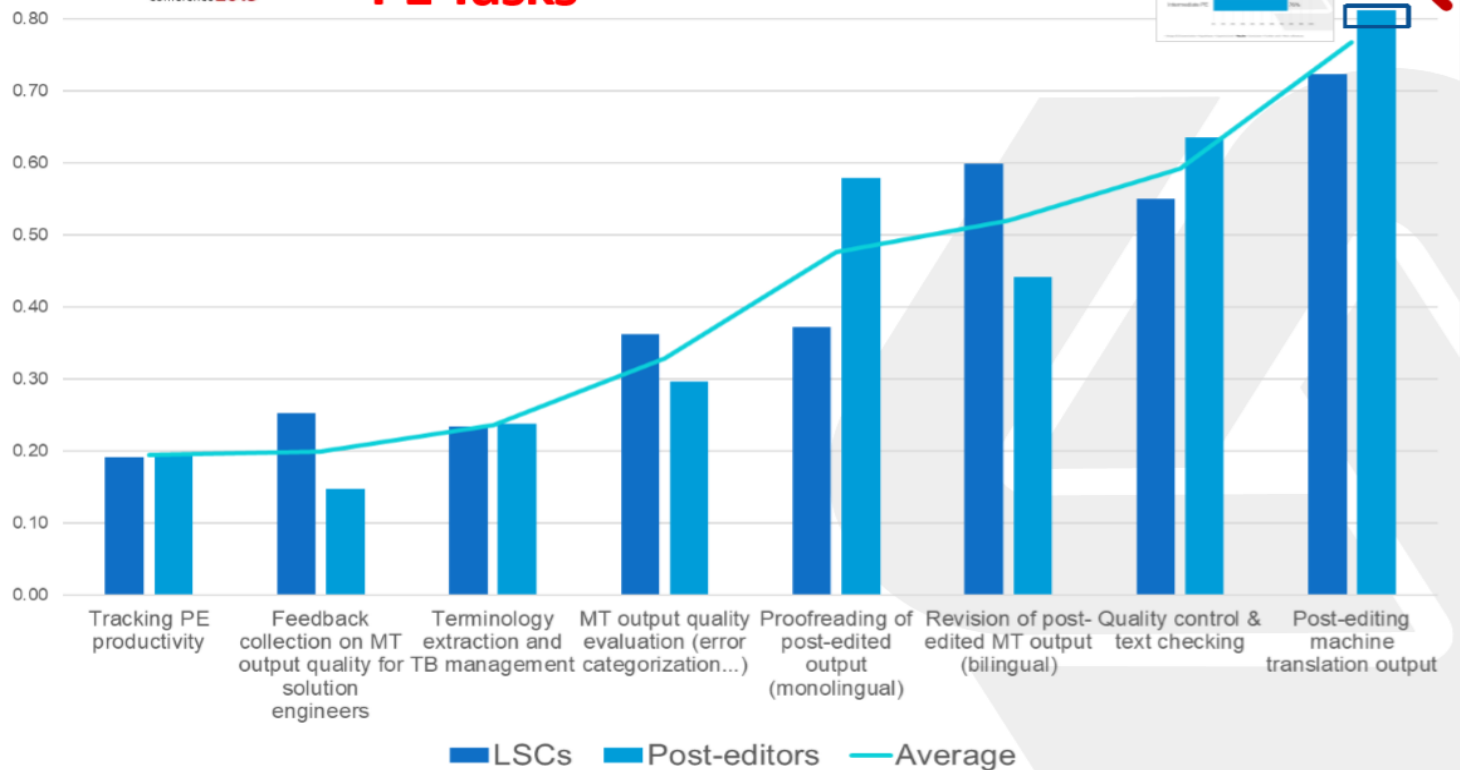
LSPs that are using MT usually provide their clients with **fully post-edited output**.



# Increase of Language Service Demands in China

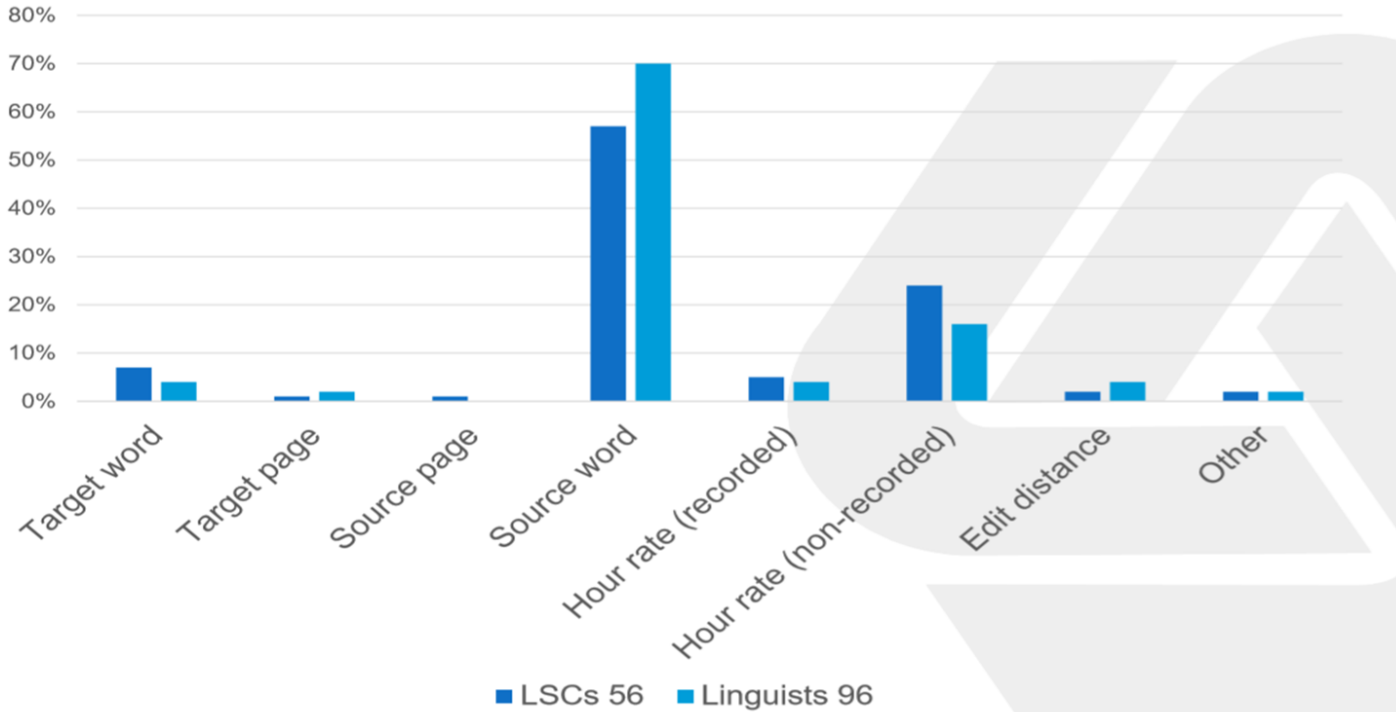


# PE Tasks



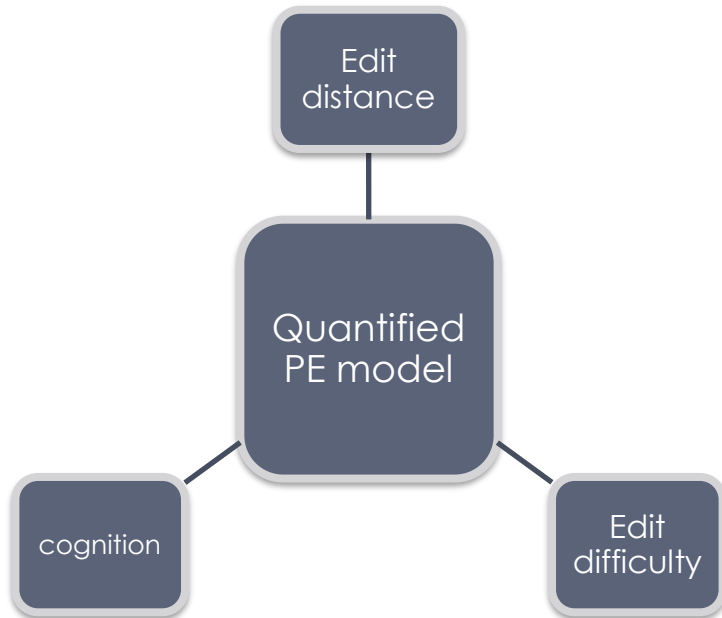
PE  
tasks

## Payment methods



PE  
payment

# PE research



**NMT-based Quantified PE Model**  
National Social Science Foundation 2019



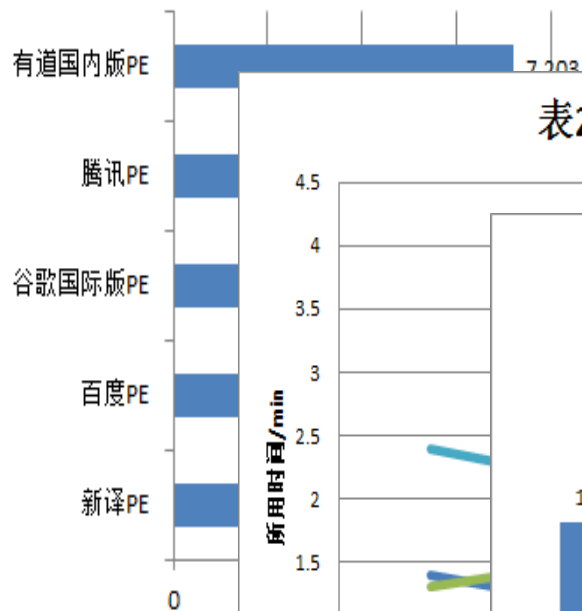
# Which MT?



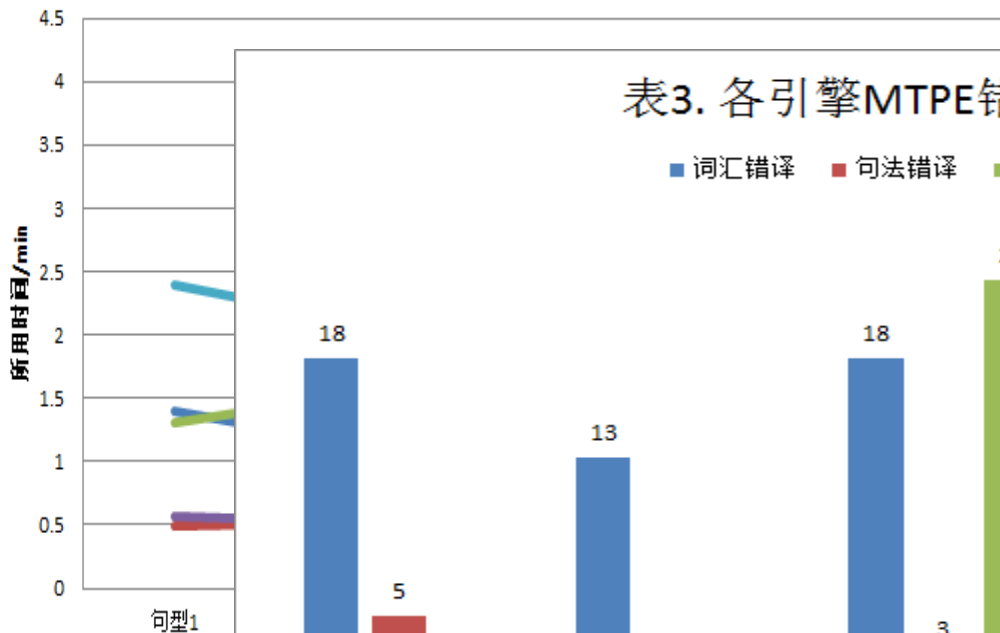
PE perspective

# PE testing: Patents 2018

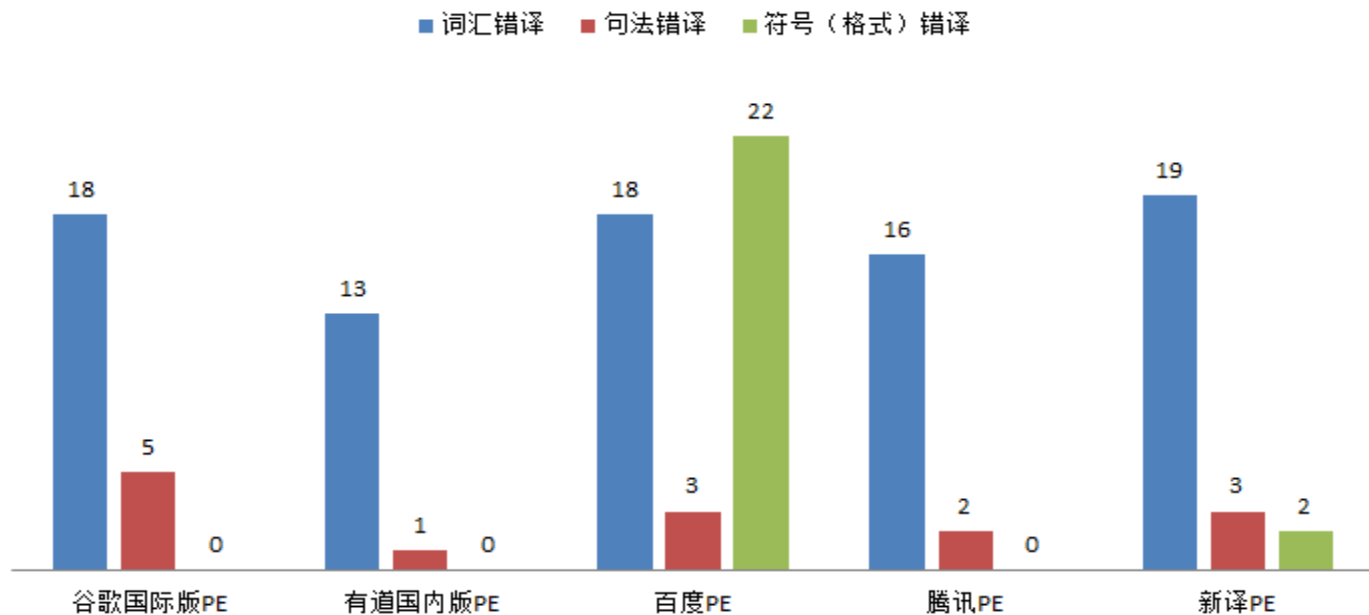
## 表1. 各引擎MT后PE所花时间/min



## 表2. 五类句型对应的引擎MTPE时间统计



## 表3. 各引擎MTPE错误类型统计



# PE testing: biology 2018

	谷歌国际	有道国内	百度	腾讯	新译
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句型1: 主谓定宾句		谷歌国际	有道国内	百度	腾讯	新译

句型2: 无句		谷歌国际	有道国内	百度	腾讯	新译

句型3: 被动句	MT星级	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★★	★★★★☆	★★★★
				☆☆	☆☆	☆☆

句型4: 形容词谓语句		谷歌国际	有道国内	百度	腾讯	新译

句型5: 动词补语句	MT星级	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
		△	△	△	△	△

句型5: 动词补语句	PE时间 (分钟)		谷歌国际	有道国内	百度	腾讯	新译
句型5: 动词补语句	漏译		★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
	增译		★☆☆	★☆☆	☆☆	☆☆	☆☆
	误译						
	PE时间 (分钟)		15	14	17	12	12
句型5: 动词补语句	漏译		0	0	1	2	0
	增译		1	2	3	3	2
	误译		1	1	3	2	3

5 sent types

# AI: to turn machines into men

- **past 30 years**
  - Turn men into machines
- **future 30 years**
  - Turn machines into men

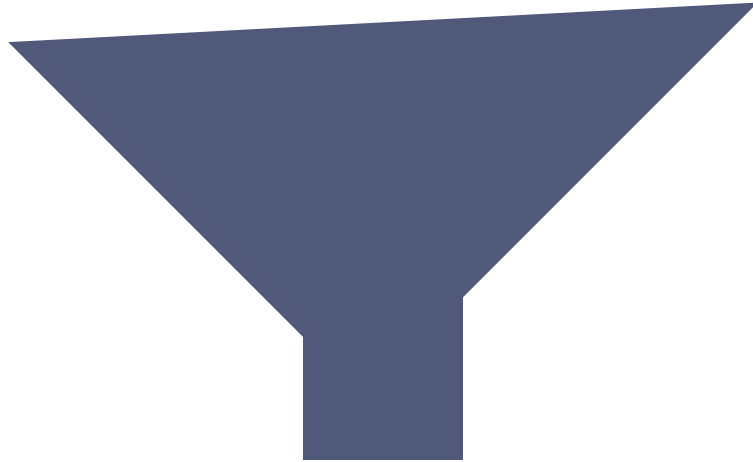
## ➤ **eventually**

- machines like men
- men more like men





**Thank you**





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