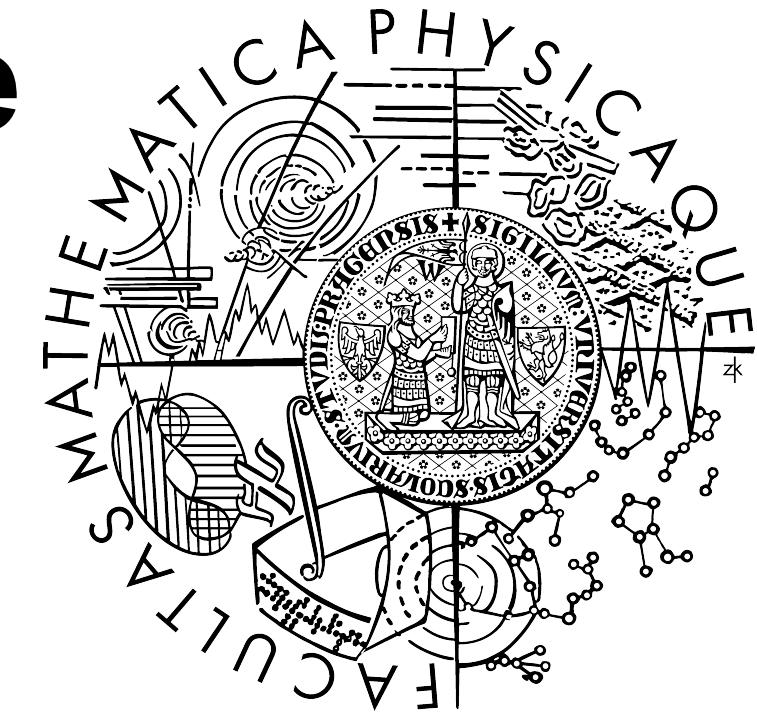


# Automatic Conversion of Russian Treebank SynTagRus into PDT Style



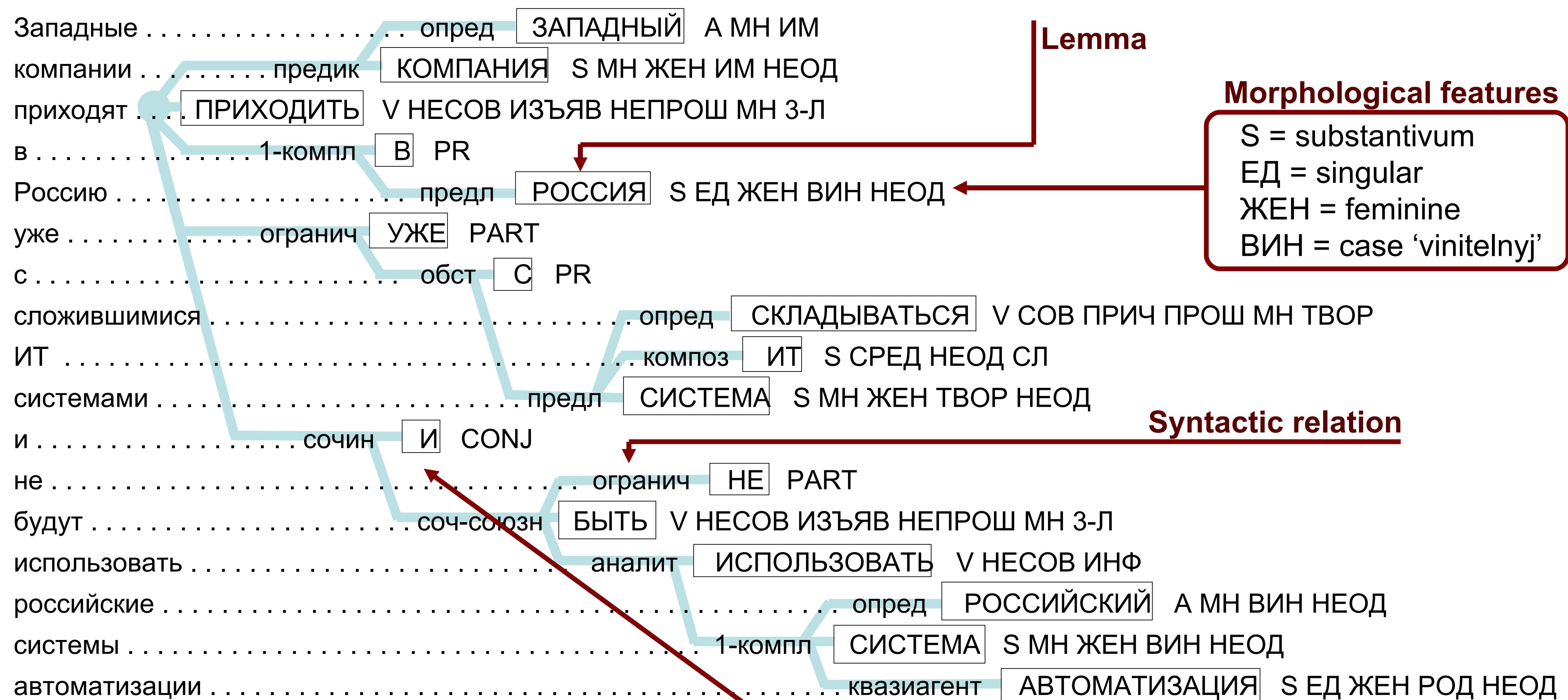
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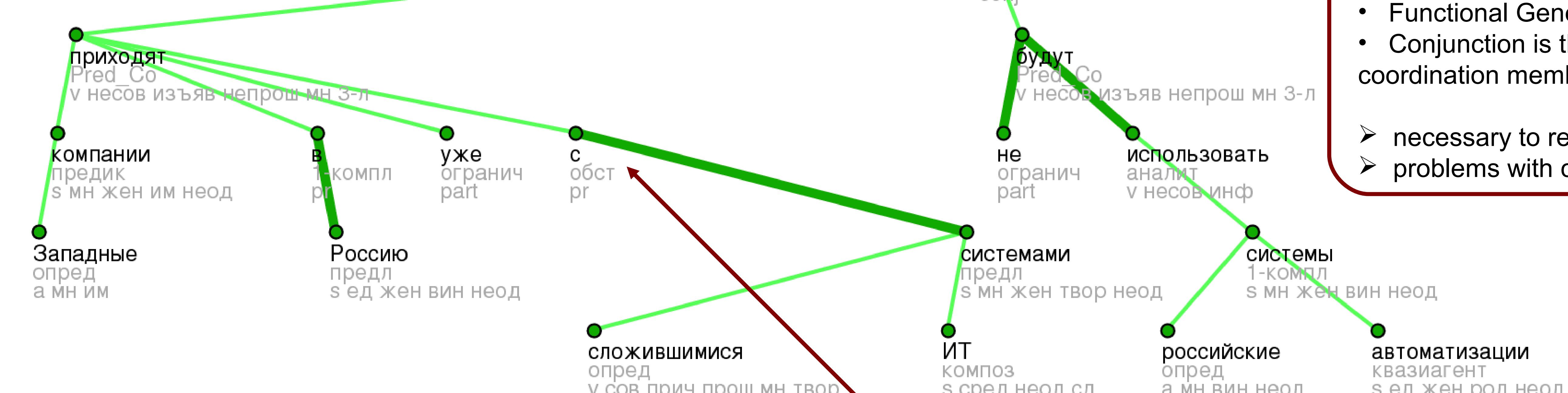
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## Motivation:

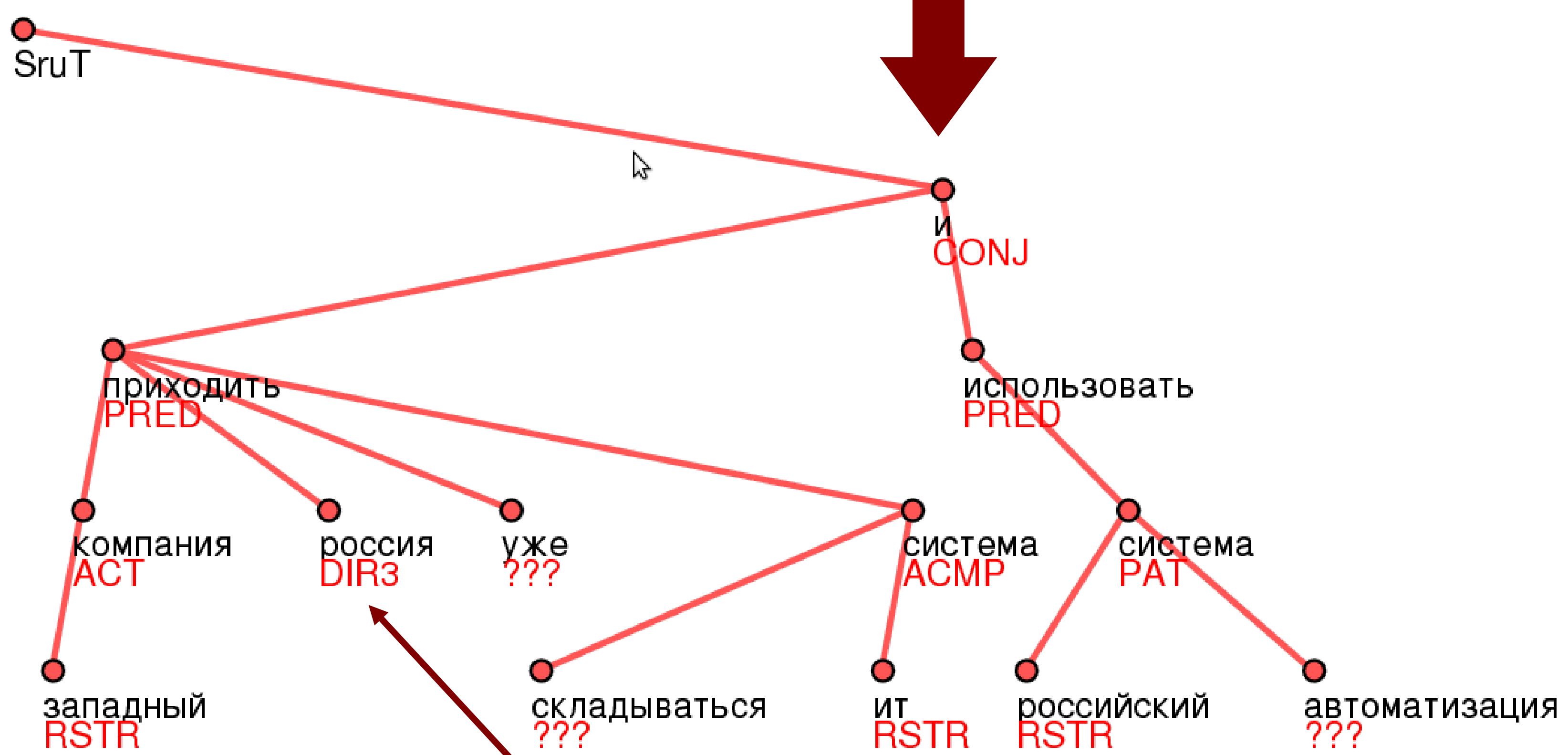
- to incorporate Russian language into TectoMT framework
- to compare Russian tectogrammatical structures with already developed Czech and English structures
- usage in the Russian-Czech and Russian-English machine translation



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**Tectogrammatical Analysis**



## Assigning Functors

Functor = semantic relation between a node and its parent

- simple rules which use syntactic relation, tag, and lemma of the node

## Examples:

- **аппоз** → APPS; **сравнит** → CPR; **примыкат** → PAR; **1-компл** → PAT
- preposition 'в' + case 'vinitelnyj' → DIR3
- 'чтобы' (to) or 'с целью' (with the aim of) → AIM

## Different handling coordinations

### SynTagRus:

- Meaning Text Theory
- First coordination member is the head and each other member (including conjunctions) is attached to the previous one.

### PDT:

- Functional Generative Description
  - Conjunction is the head and all coordination members are attached to it.
- necessary to rehang coordinations  
➤ problems with common dependents

## Function words

- hidden on the tectogrammatical layer
- attached to one of the content words
- edges to be collapsed are highlighted

## Examples:

- preposition attached to the appropriate noun
- auxiliary verb 'быть' (in passives or in future tense) attached to the content verb
- subordinating conjunctions 'что' (that), 'чтобы' (so that), or 'потому что' (because) attached to the head of subordinated clause
- modal verb e.g. 'хотеть' (want), 'мочь' (can), 'надо' (should), or 'должен' (must) attached to the content verb
- ...

## SynTagRus statistics:

32,242 sentences  
461,297 tokens (excluding punctuation)

punctuation marks are not included within the trees

texts from:  
journal articles (77.8 %)  
online news (12.4 %)  
fiction (9.8 %)