
Computer Aided Translation Advances and Challenges

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Overview



- A practical introduction: the CASMACAT workbench
 - Postediting
 - Types of assistance
 - Logging, eye tracking and user studies
 - Implementation details of the CASMACAT workbench
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part I

CASMACAT workbench

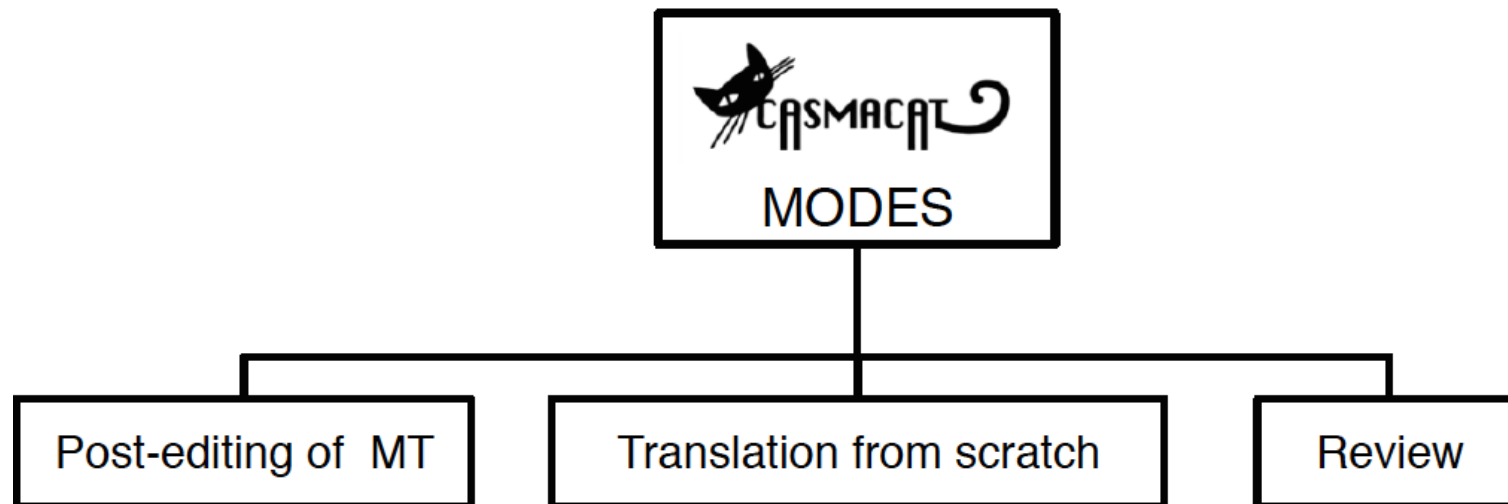
CASMACAT workbench

CASMACAT Project 2011-2014

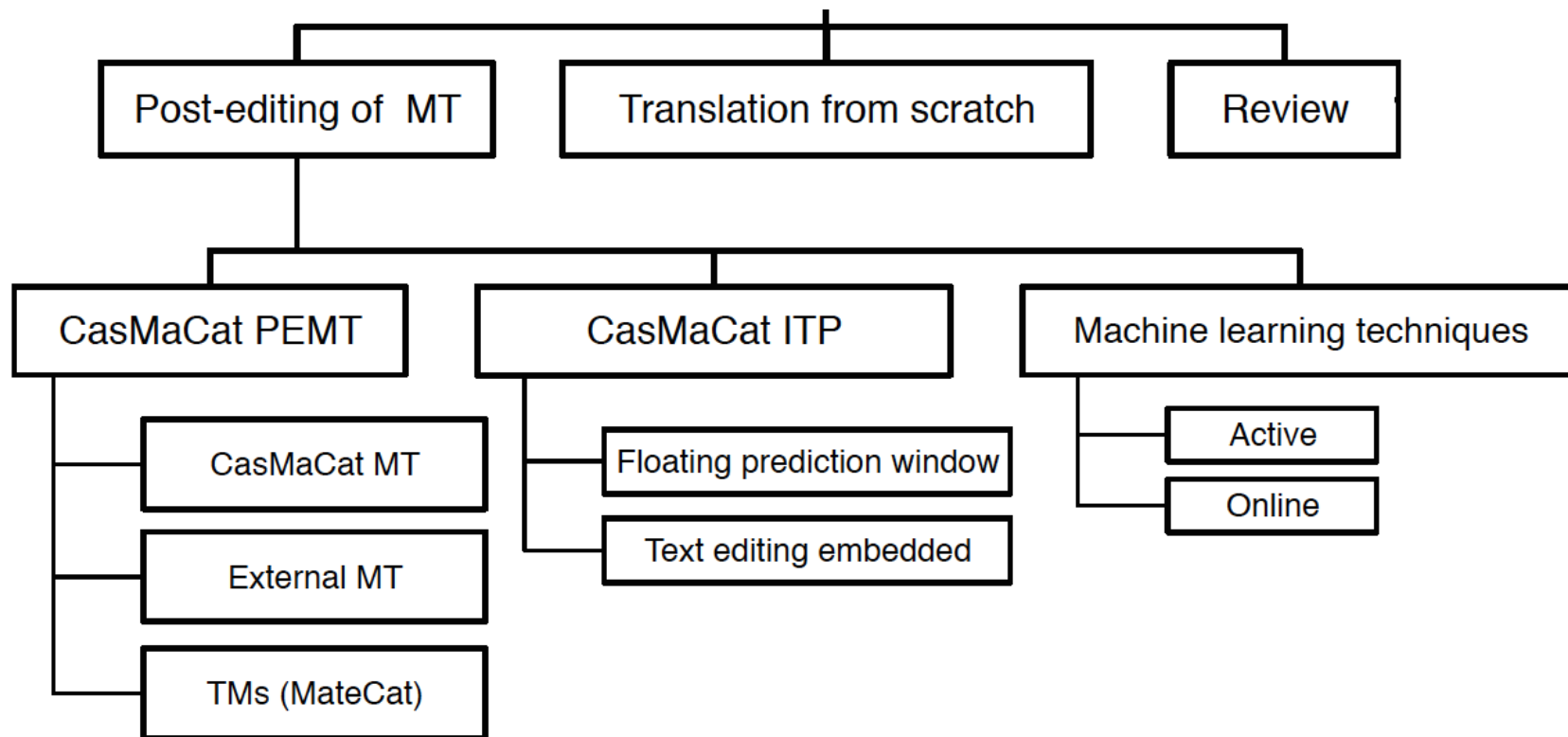


- Cognitive studies of translators leading to insights into interface design
 - better understanding of translator needs
- Workbench with novel types of assistance to human translators
 - interactive translation prediction
 - interactive editing and reviewing
 - adaptive translation models
 - better tools for translators
- Demonstration of effectiveness in field tests with professional translators
 - increased translator productivity

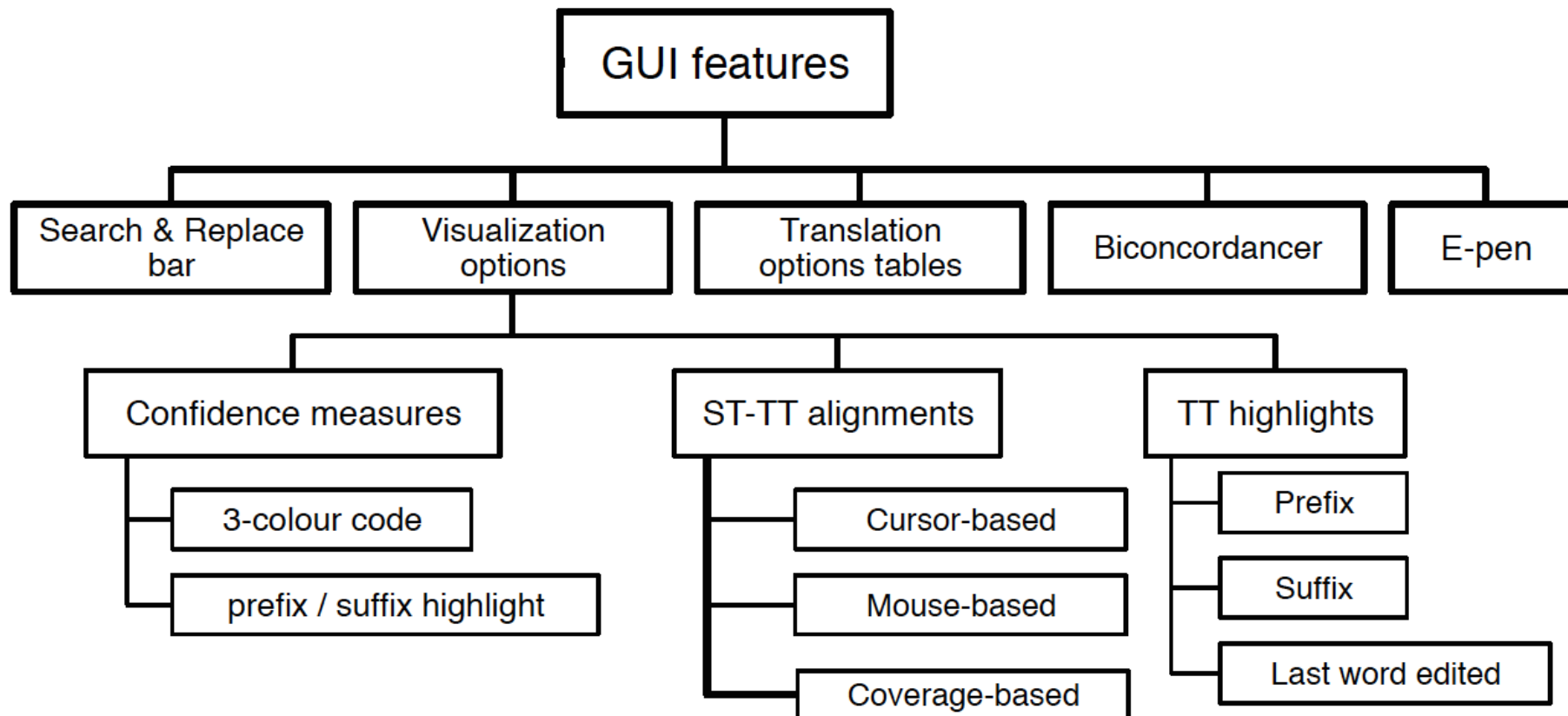
Core Modes



Postediting Modes



GUI Features



Postediting Interface



6 Le Pakistan a donc été récompensé par l'assistance et les armes des États-Unis. > As a result, Pakistan was rewarded with American financial assistance and arms.

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8 Les opérations contre les forces des Talibans et d'Al-Qaeda ont obtenu des résultats mitigés. >

visualization >>

ITP T→ DRAFT **TRANSLATED**

- Source on left, translation on right
- Context above and below

Confidence Measures



And on that the signs are mixed. > Y en que los indicios son desiguales.

Translation matches

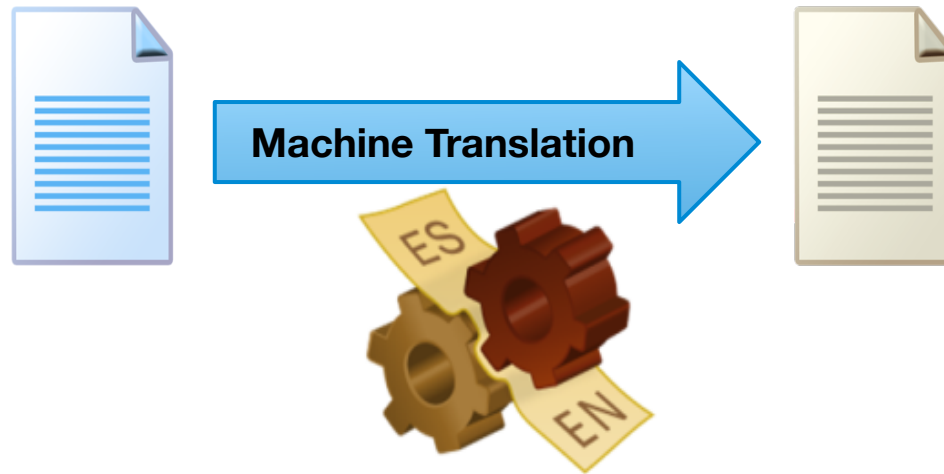
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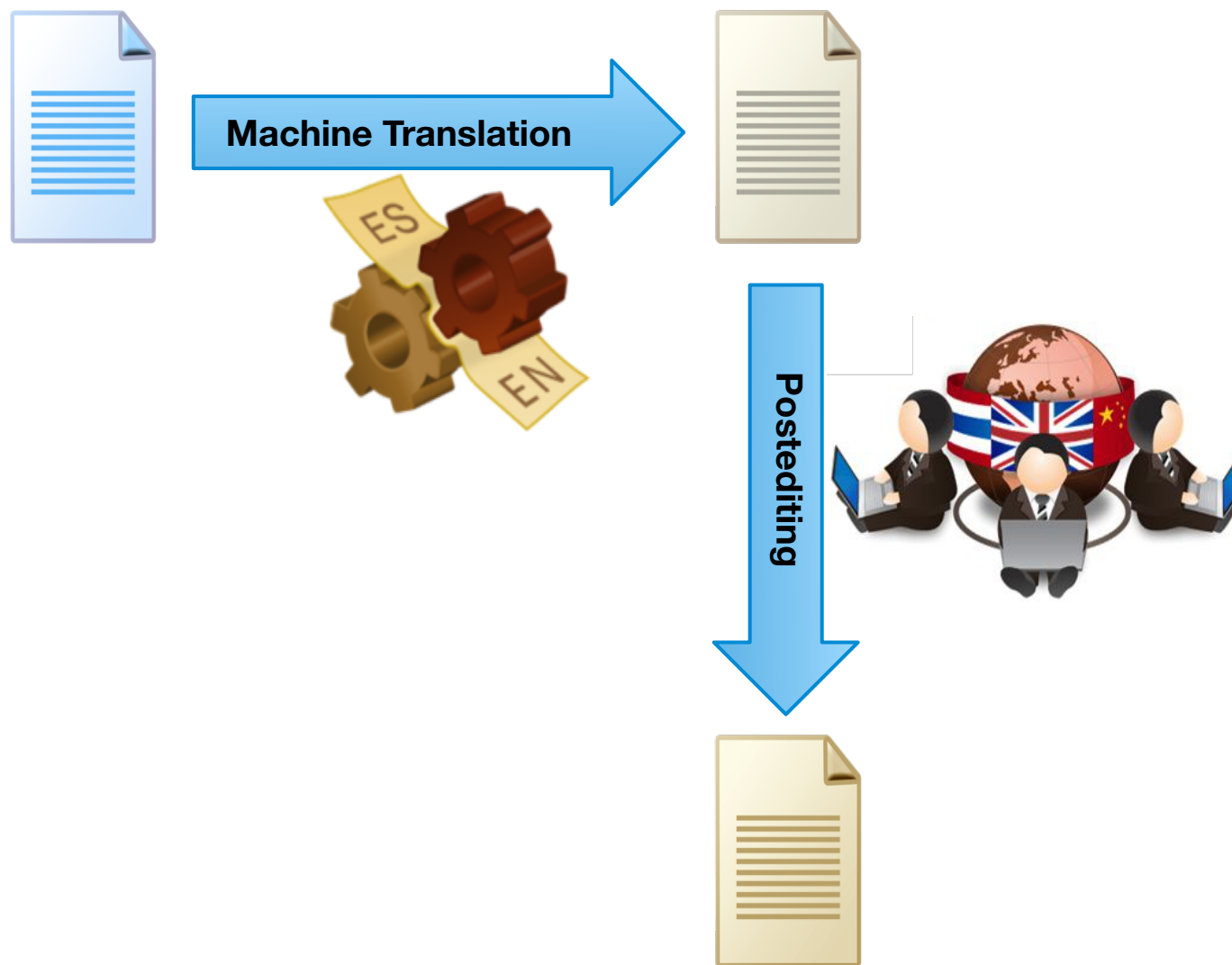
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- Sentence-level confidence measures
→ estimate usefulness of machine translation output
- Word-level confidence measures
→ point posteditor to words that need to be changed

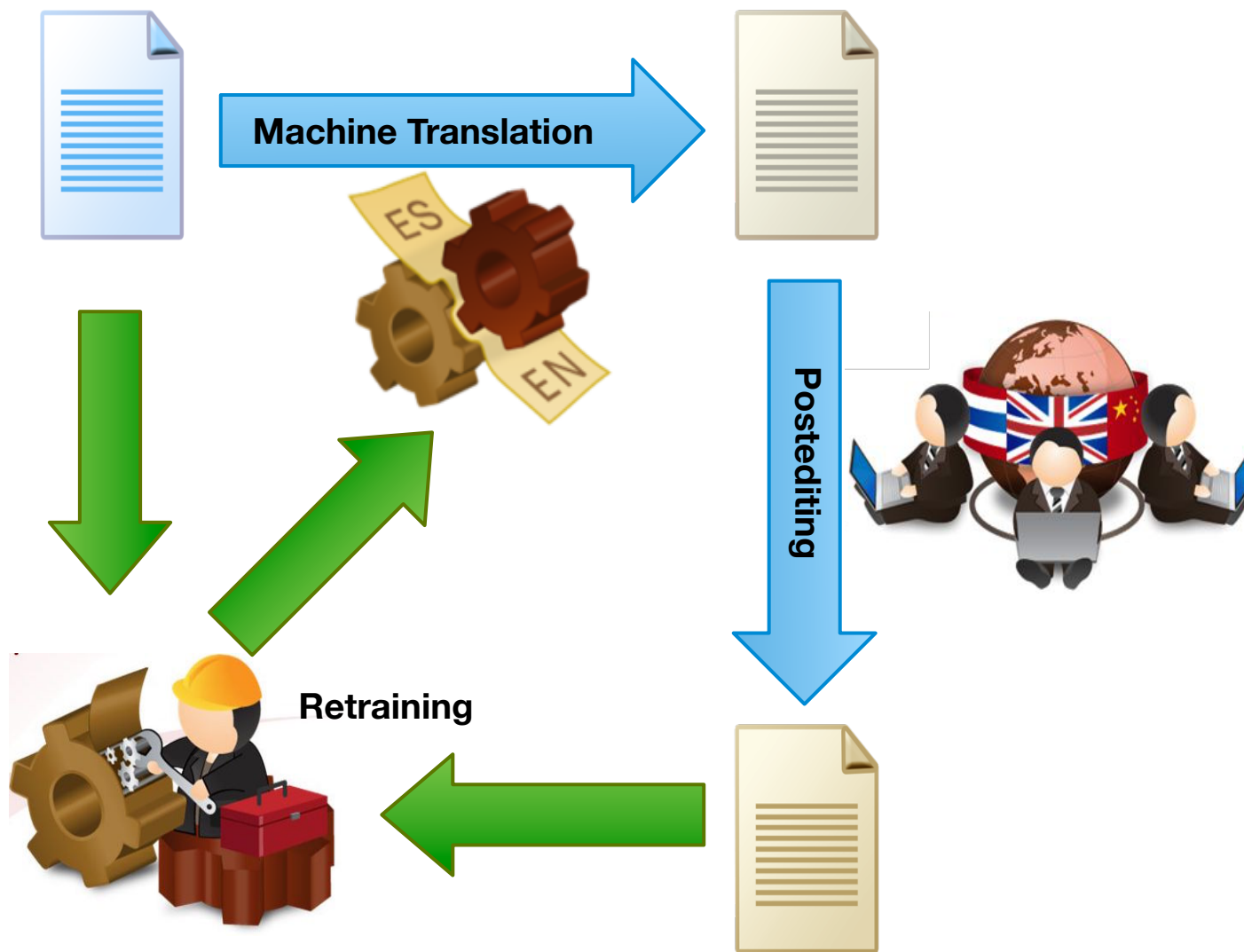
Incremental Updating



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Interactive Translation Prediction

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The screenshot shows the CASMACAT web interface. At the top left is the CASMACAT logo. To its right are buttons for 'Re-calibrate', 'Download edf-file', 'DOWNLOAD PROJECT', and 'HELP'. Below these is a breadcrumb trail: 'Document list > Jobs List > cyberpresse-2012-12-01-...2012-12-01-1566244.xliff (10) > fr > en'. A 'Shortcuts' link is also present. The main content area is a window titled 'visualization >>'. It contains two paragraphs of French text, each followed by a right-pointing arrow. The first paragraph is: 'Pour la science, cela sert à vérifier la validité du Modèle standard (MS), et cela permet aussi aux physiciens de scruter tout écart entre les observations et les prédictions du MS.' The second paragraph is: 'Ils sont d'ailleurs plusieurs à souhaiter ardemment qu'on en trouve, car la moindre différence pourrait ouvrir une porte sur une "nouvelle physique" et boucher certains trous du Modèle.' To the right of the first paragraph is a text box containing the English translation: 'For science, this serves to verify the validity'. Below the text boxes is a row of buttons: 'ITP', a menu icon, 'SRC→', 'DRAFT', and a prominent blue 'TRANSLATED' button.

Word Alignment

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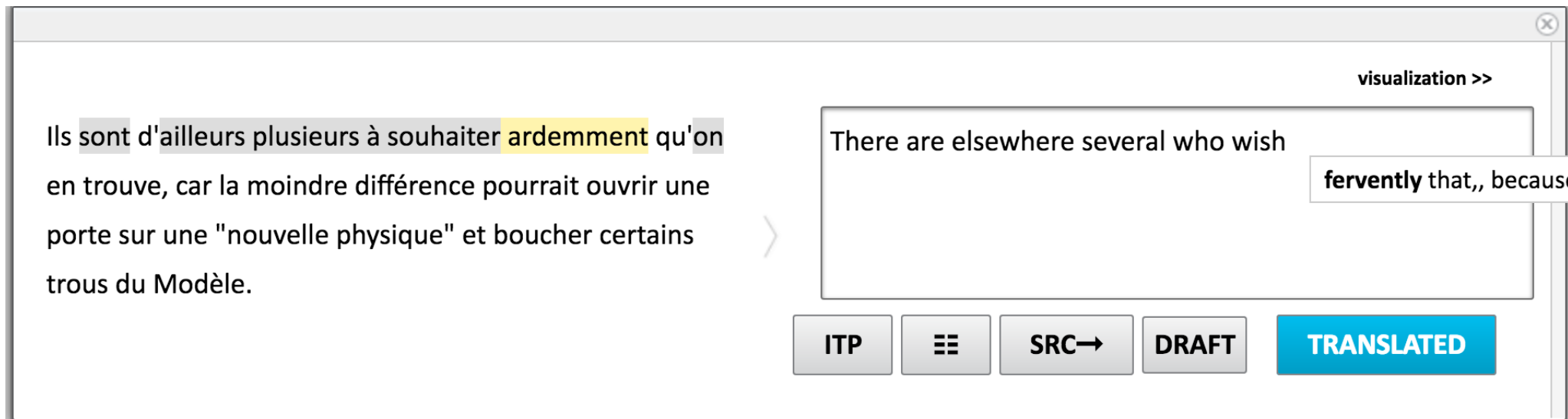
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ITP T→ DRAFT **TRANSLATED**


Word Alignment



visualization >>

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There are elsewhere several who wish **fervently** that,, because

ITP  SRC→ DRAFT **TRANSLATED**

- With interactive translation prediction
- Shade off translated words, highlight next word to translate

Translation Option Array

... climbers are severely injured, and ten people are missing.
 after Mount Ontake (御嶽山, Ontake-san), a popular climbing spot in central Japan, **erupted** for the first time in five years.

Kletterer sind schwer verletzt, und zehn Menschen werden vermisst, nachdem Mount Ontake (御嶽山, Ontake-san), ein beliebter Kletterplatz im zentralen Japan,

ITP ≡ T→ DRAFT **TRANSLATED**

Translation Options

ke	-	san)	,	a	popular	climbing	spot	in central	Japan	,	erupted	for the first time in five years	.
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	und	San)	,	ein	populär	Bergsteigen	vor	zentrale	Japan	,	ausbrach,	zum ersten Mal in	fünf Jahre.
	/		)	,	die	beliebt	Aufstieg	Fleck	zentralen	Japans,		platzte	zum ersten Mal	fünf Jahre
	der		)		eine	beliebte	abhalten,	ein, in	zentraler	Japan		Ausbruch		in fünf Jahren
	bis		)	,	in	populär	Erklimmen	Vor - Ort @-@	zentral	Japans	.	ausgebrochen	zum ersten Mal in der	von fünf Jahren.
	von		)	,	.	populär ist,	beim Besteigen	in	mittel-	in Japan	-	ausgebrochen ist	zum ersten Mal seit	fünf Jahren sind.

- Visual aid: non-intrusive provision of cues to the translator
- Clickable: click on target phrase → added to edit area
- Automatic orientation
 - most relevant is next word to be translated
 - automatic centering on next word

Bilingual Concordancer



TIP ≡ T→ DRAFT TRANSLATED

abandonner

abandon

ances des Etats-Unis à	abandonner	Musharraf -- et les col		merican reluctance to	abandon	Musharraf -- together
uridique, il a décidé d'	abandonner	la constitutionnalité, c		af has now decided to	abandon	constitutionality, remc
implement menacé d'	abandonner	ses accords commerci		simply threatened to	abandon	or never to conclude t

give up

erait donc contraint d'	abandonner	le droit de créer son p		would be required to	give up	the right to develop it
n' était pas disposé à	abandonner	ses fonctions militaire		arraf was not ready to	give up	his military post, but a

to

t ne veulent donc pas	abandonner	leurs prérogatives dar		olicy and do not want	to	delegate this prerogat
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to abandon

es tout en refusant d'	abandonner	son arsenal nucléaire		drawal while refusing	to abandon	its nuclear weapons a
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Paraphrasing

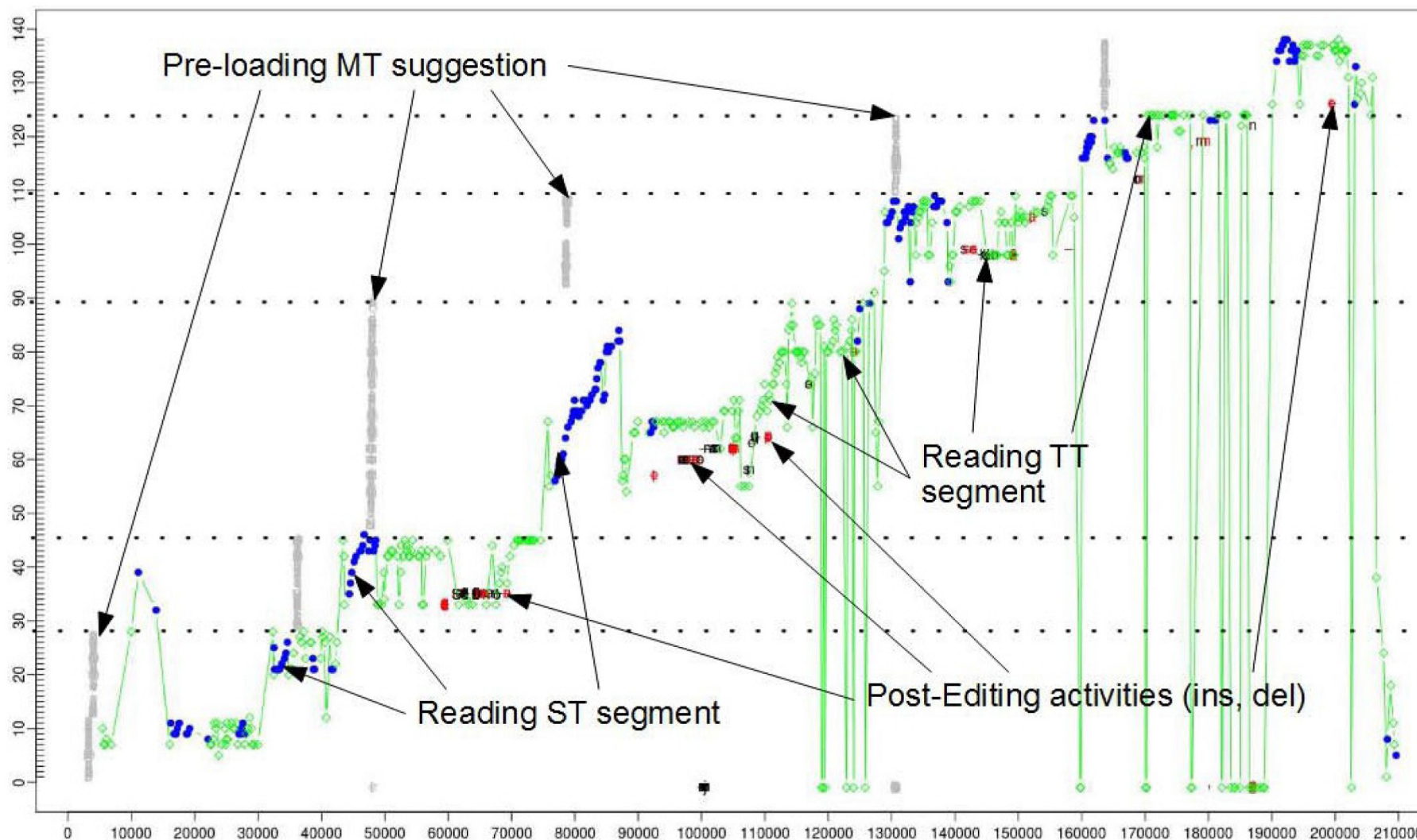


The screenshot shows a software interface for Computer Aided Translation. At the top, a text box contains the sentence: "However, the European Central Bank (ECB) asked about it in a report on virtual currencies published in October." Below this text box is a control bar with five buttons: "ITP", "PARA", "T→", "DRAFT", and "TRANSLATED". The "TRANSLATED" button is highlighted in blue. A popup window titled "Paraphrases for 'However' ✕" is open, displaying two alternative phrases: "on the other hand" and "nevertheless".

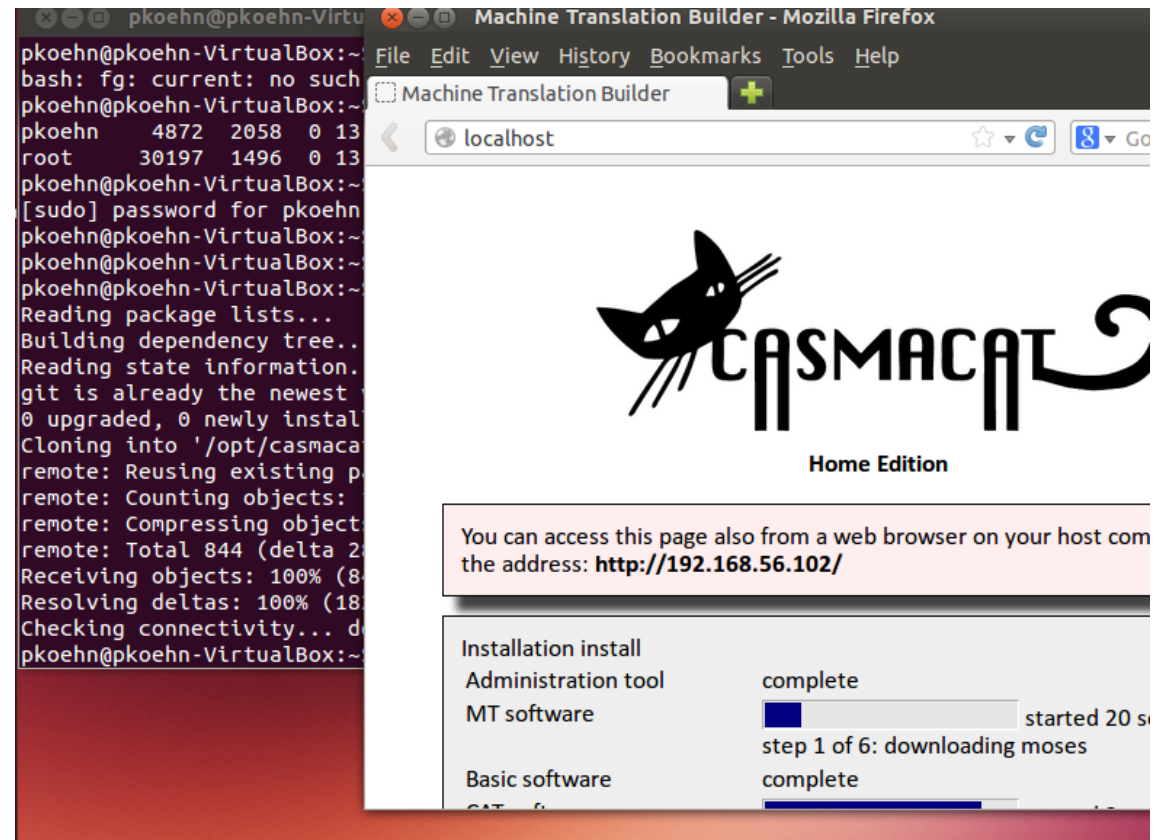
How do we Know it Works?

- Intrinsic Measures
 - word level confidence: user does not change words generated with certainty
 - interactive prediction: user accepts suggestions
- User Studies
 - professional translators faster with post-editing
 - ... but like interactive translation prediction better
- Cognitive studies with eye tracking
 - where is the translator looking at?
 - what causes the translator to be slow?

Logging and Eye Tracking



- Running CASMACAT on your desktop or laptop
- Installation
 - Installation software to run virtual machines (e.g., Virtualbox)
 - installation of Linux distribution (e.g., Ubuntu)
 - installation script sets up all the required software and dependencies




The screenshot shows a terminal window on the left and a web browser on the right. The terminal window displays the output of a script, including the installation of git and the cloning of the CASMACAT repository. The web browser shows the CASMACAT Home Edition website, which includes a progress bar for the installation process.

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pkoehn@pkoehn-Virtu
bash: fg: current: no such
pkoehn@pkoehn-Virtu
pkoehn 4872 2058 0 13
root 30197 1496 0 13
pkoehn@pkoehn-Virtu
[sudo] password for pkoehn
pkoehn@pkoehn-Virtu
pkoehn@pkoehn-Virtu
pkoehn@pkoehn-Virtu
Reading package lists...
Building dependency tree..
Reading state information.
git is already the newest
0 upgraded, 0 newly instal
Cloning into '/opt/casmaca
remote: Reusing existing p
remote: Counting objects:
remote: Compressing object
remote: Total 844 (delta 2
Receiving objects: 100% (8
Resolving deltas: 100% (18
Checking connectivity... d
pkoehn@pkoehn-Virtu
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Machine Translation Builder - Mozilla Firefox

Machine Translation Builder

localhost

 CASMACAT

Home Edition

You can access this page also from a web browser on your host com
the address: <http://192.168.56.102/>

Installation install	
Administration tool	complete
MT software	<div style="width: 50%;"></div> started 20 s
Basic software	complete

Administration through Web Browser



Administration

Translate

- [Translate new document](#)
- [List documents](#)

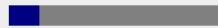
Engines


- [Manage engines](#)
- [Upload engine](#)
- [Build new prototype](#)

Settings

- [Reset CAT and MT server](#)
- [CAT Settings](#)
- [Update Software](#)

Deployed: fr-en-upload-1

Memory: 1.2 GB used, 6.6 GB free 

Disk: 12.9 GB used, 10.2 GB free 

Uptime: 22:24

Load: 0.01, 0.05, 0.08

Monday, 06 October 2014, 21:22:41

Training MT Engines

- Train MT engine on own or public data

Build New Prototype

Input language

Output language

Add corpus No file chosen

Name	Segments	Publisher	
European Central Bank	102,980	OPUS	upload
European Medicines Agency	372,824	OPUS	upload
EU Bookshop	3,618,897	OPUS	upload
European Constitution	6,667	OPUS	upload
European Parliament	1,260,689	OPUS	upload
KDE4	126,141	OPUS	uploaded
KDE4 (el-en_GB)	125,537	OPUS	upload
Open Subtitles	220,445	OPUS	upload
Open Subtitles 2011	10,693,456	OPUS	upload
Open Subtitles 2012	12,984,773	OPUS	upload
Open Subtitles 2013	14,626,890	OPUS	upload
South-East European Times	165,532	OPUS	upload
South-East European Times v2	224,808	OPUS	upload
SPC	7,035	OPUS	upload
Tatoeba	2,469	OPUS	upload
DGT-Translation Memory	3,016,402	JRC	upload

Corpora

Use	ID	Name	Segments	Uploaded
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Re-Use Previous setting

Tuning set all select

Evaluation set all select

Name

Managing MT Engines

Manage Engines

English-French

Available Engines

#	Name	Size	Build date	Action
2	NC+TED	2.3G	27 Mar 14	deploy delete download

Prototypes ([Inspect Details in Prototype Factory](#))

#	Name	Status	Build date	Action
2	NC+TED	done	Fri 20:34	delete
1	NC	done	Fri 20:34	create engine delete

English-Spanish

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Prototypes ([Inspect Details in Prototype Factory](#))

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2	NC+TED	done	Fri 20:34	delete
1	NC	done	Fri 20:34	create engine delete

CAT Settings

CAT Settings

Updated.

- Interactive Translation Prediction**
- Search and Replace**
- Bilingual Concordancer**
- Hide Contributions**
- Floating Predictions**
- Translation Options**
- Allow Change of Visualization Options**
- Restrict ITP to Draft Stage**
- Show/Hide Visualization Preferences**
- displayMouseAlign**
- displayCaretAlign**
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- highlightPrefix**
- highlightSuffix**
- highlightLastValidated**
- limitSuffixLength**

update



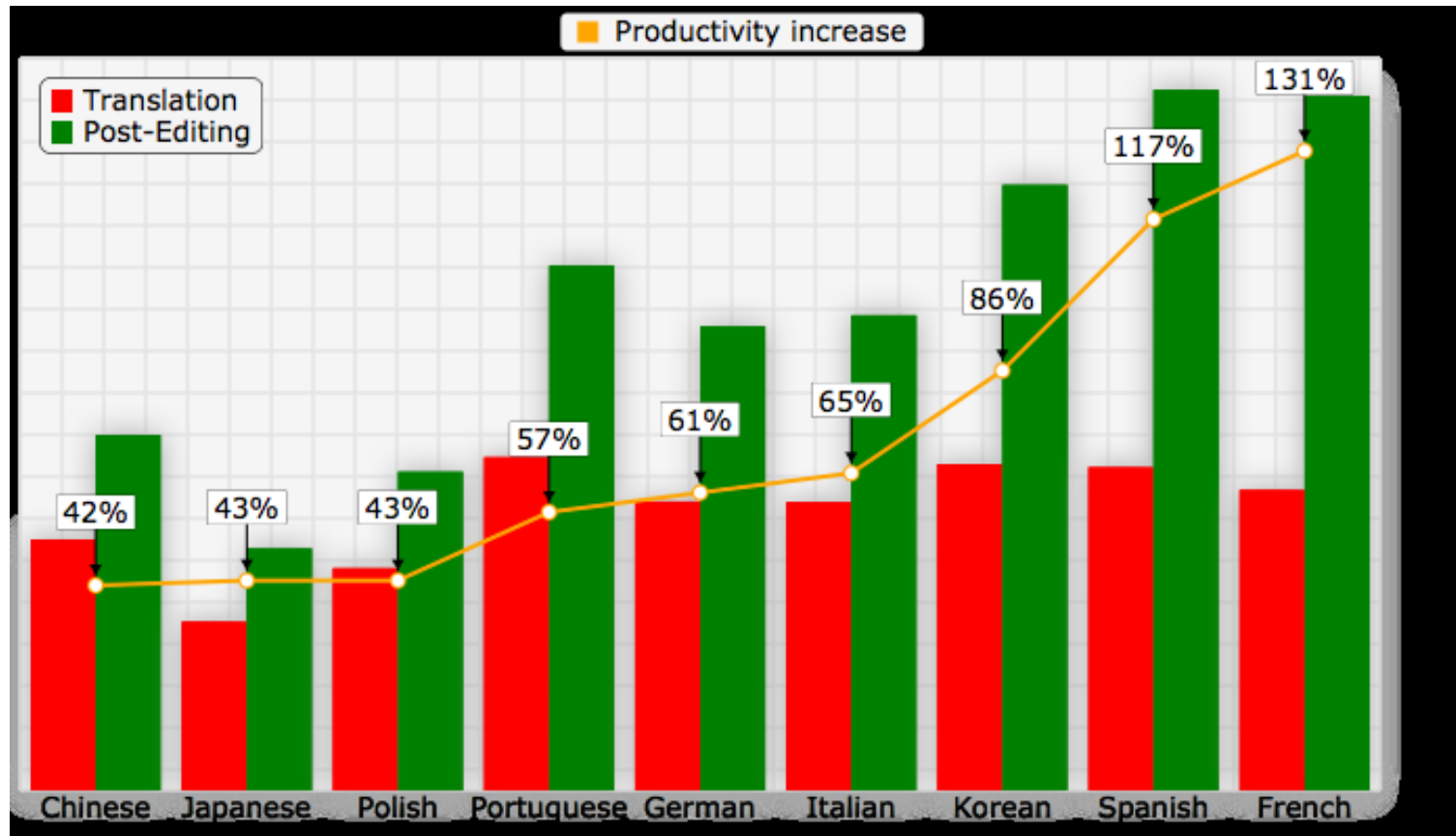
part II

cat methods



post-editing

Productivity Improvements



(source: Autodesk)

MT Quality and Postediting Effort

- Postediting effort = number of words changed
- Evaluation metric at IWSLT 2014
 - TER = automatic metric, comparison against a reference translation
 - HTER = postediting metric, actual words changed

English–German

Ranking	HTER	TER
EU-BRIDGE	19.2	54.6
UEDIN	19.9	56.3
KIT	20.9	54.9
NTT-NAIST	21.3	54.7
KLE	28.8	59.7

English–French

Ranking	HTER	TER
EU-BRIDGE	16.5	42.6
RWTH	16.6	41.8
KIT	17.6	42.3
UEDIN	17.2	43.3
MITLL-AFRL	18.7	43.5
FBK	22.3	44.3
MIRACL	32.9	52.2

Translator Variability

- Professional translators

English–German

Posteditor	HTER	TER
PE 1	32.2	56.1
PE 2	19.7	56.3
PE 3	40.9	56.2
PE 4	27.6	55.9
PE 5	25.0	55.6

English–French

Posteditor	HTER	TER
PE 1	35.0	42.6
PE 2	17.5	42.8
PE 3	23.7	43.0
PE 4	39.7	42.3
PE 5	19.7	42.9

- Also very high variability

MT Quality and Productivity

System	BLEU	Training Sentences	Training Words (English)
MT1	30.37	14,700k	385m
MT2	30.08	7,350k	192m
MT3	29.60	3,675k	96m
MT4	29.16	1,837k	48m
MT5	28.61	918k	24m
MT6	27.89	459k	12m
MT7	26.93	230k	6.0m
MT8	26.14	115k	3.0m
MT9	24.85	57k	1.5m

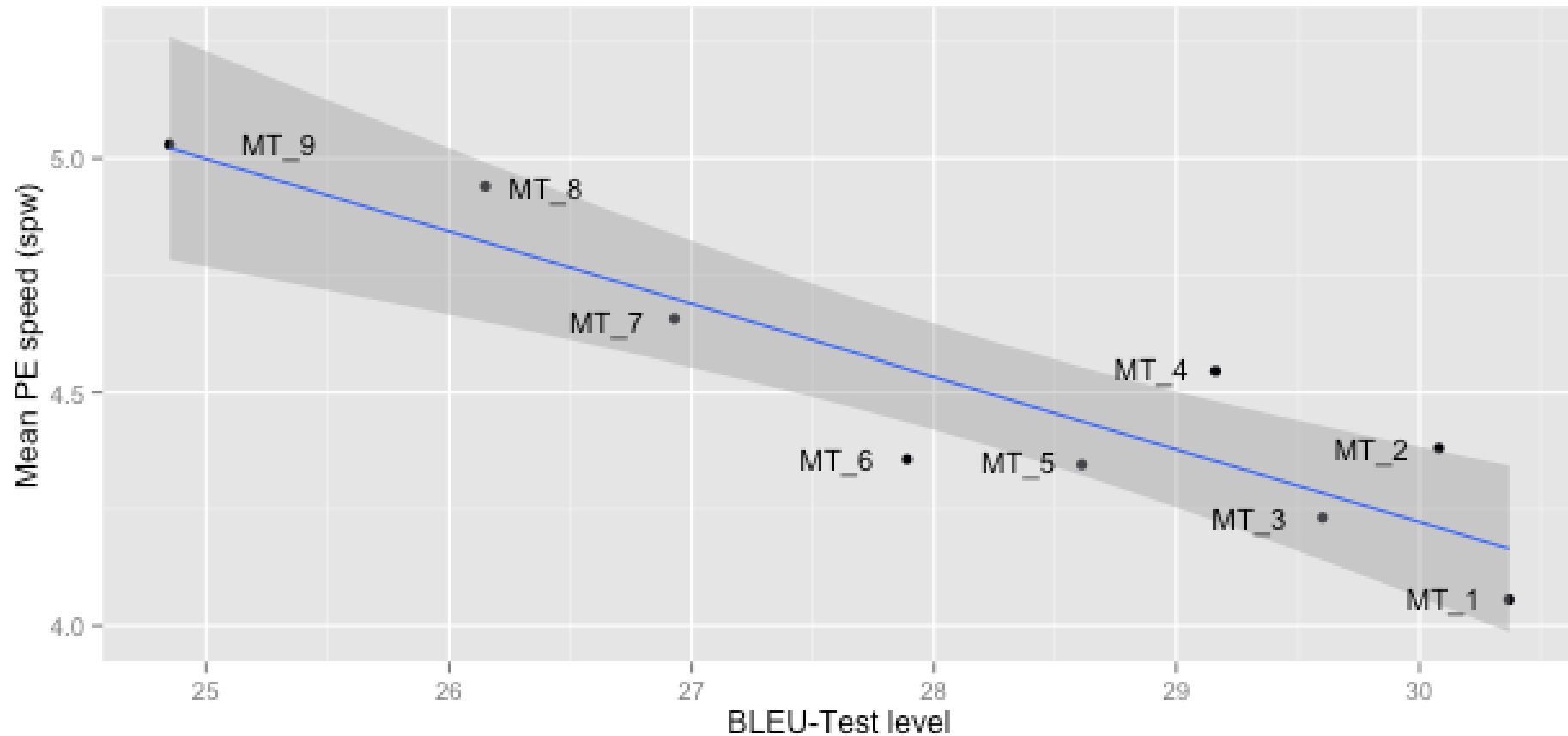
- Same type of system (Spanish–English, phrase-based, Moses)
- Trained on varying amounts of data

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MT6	27.89	459k	12m	4.36 words/sec
MT7	26.93	230k	6.0m	4.66 words/sec
MT8	26.14	115k	3.0m	4.94 words/sec
MT9	24.85	57k	1.5m	5.03 words/sec

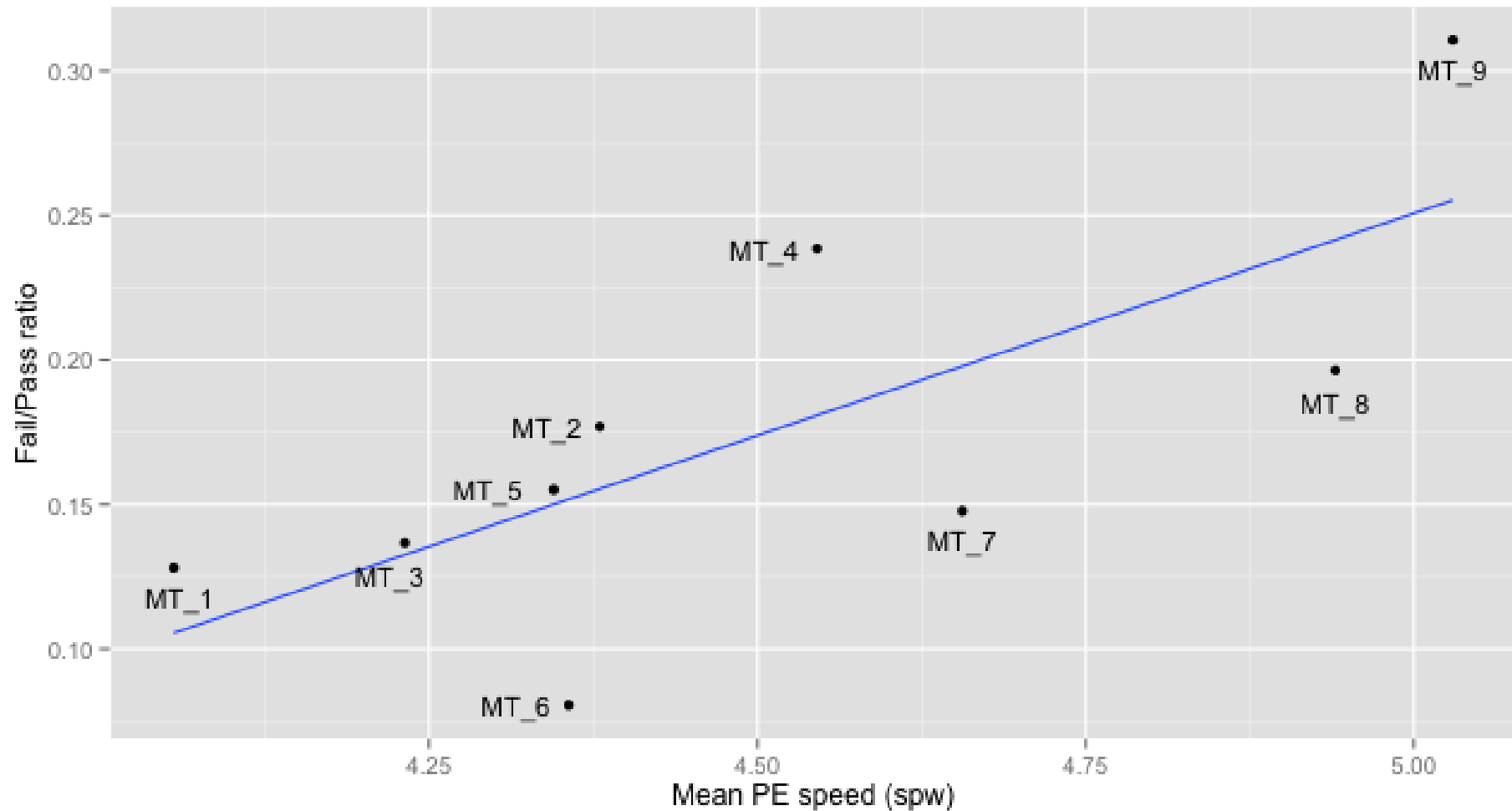
- User study with professional translators
- Correlation between BLEU and post-editing speed?

MT Quality and Productivity



BLEU against PE speed and regression line with 95% confidence bounds
+1 BLEU \leftrightarrow decrease in PE time of ~ 0.16 sec/word

MT Quality and PE Quality



better MT \leftrightarrow fewer post-editing errors

Translator Variability

	HTER	Edit Rate	PE speed (spw)	MQM Score	Fail	Pass
TR1	44.79	2.29	4.57	98.65	10	124
TR2	42.76	3.33	4.14	97.13	23	102
TR3	34.18	2.05	3.25	96.50	26	106
TR4	49.90	3.52	2.98	98.10	17	120
TR5	54.28	4.72	4.68	97.45	17	119
TR6	37.14	2.78	2.86	97.43	24	113
TR7	39.18	2.23	6.36	97.92	18	112
TR8	50.77	7.63	6.29	97.20	19	117
TR9	39.21	2.81	5.45	96.48	22	113

- Higher variability between translators than between MT systems

Postediting and MT Metrics

- Goal of MT quality metrics not clear
 - understandability: do you get the meaning?
 - post-editing effort: how much effort to change?
- Example: dropping of the word "not"
 - understandability: big mistake
 - post-editing effort: quick add of just one word
- Not clear, what tradition manual metrics prefer (adequacy, fluency)
- Not clear, what BLEU score etc. prefer



word alignment

Word Alignment



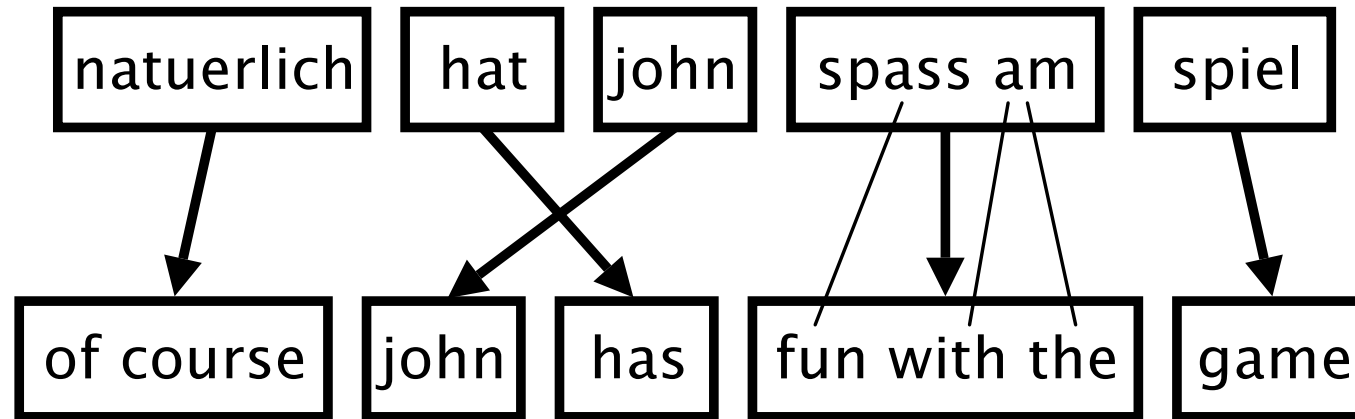
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ITP T→ DRAFT **TRANSLATED**

Word Alignment from MT



- Machine translation output is constructed by phrase mappings
- Each phrase mapping has internal word alignment

⇒ This can be used to visualize word alignments

- But: word alignment points become invalid after user edits

Word Alignment from Alignment Tools



- During machine translation training, standard component is word alignment
- Standard tools
 - old workhorse: GIZA++
 - currently popular tool: fast-align
- These tools have been adapted to align new sentence pairs

Mouse Over Alignment

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- Highlight the source word aligned to the word at the current **mouse** position

Caret Alignment

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In furtherance of his re-alignment, Musharraaf sent the Pakistani army into the tribal areas bordering |Afghanistan for the first time since Pakistan's independence.

- Highlight the source word aligned to the word at the current **caret** position

Shade Off Translated

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L'intervention israélienne dans la bande de Gaza et les bombardements américains en Irak pour lutter contre les djihadistes de l'État islamique en Irak et au Levant ont également ajouté de la nervosité sur les marchés.

Israeli intervention in the Gaza Strip and the

American bombing in

- Use in interactive prediction mode
- Shade off words that are already translated
- Highlight words aligned to first predicted translation word



confidence measures ("quality estimation")

Levels



- Machine translation engine indicates where it is likely wrong
- Different Levels of granularity
 - document-level (SDL's "TrustScore")
 - sentence-level
 - word-level

Sentence-Level Confidence

- Translators are used to “Fuzzy Match Score”
 - used in translation memory systems
 - roughly: ratio of words that are the same between input and TM source
 - if less than 70%, then not useful for post-editing
- We would like to have a similar score for machine translation■
- Even better
 - estimation of post-editing time
 - estimation of from-scratch translation time
 - can also be used for pricing
- Very active research area

Quality Estimation Shared Task



- Shared task organized at WMT since 2012
- Given
 - source sentence
 - machine translation
- Predict
 - human judgement of usefulness for post-editing (2012, 2014)
 - HTER score on post-edited sentences (2013–2016)
 - post-editing time (2013, 2014)
- Also task for word-level quality estimation (2014–2016) and document-level quality estimation (2015)

- Open source tool for quality estimation
- Source sentence features
 - number of tokens
 - language model (LM) probability
 - 1–3-grams observed in training corpus
 - average number of translations per word
- Similar target sentence features
- Alignment features
 - difference in number of tokens and characters
 - ratio of numbers, punctuation, nouns, verbs, named entities
 - syntactic similarity (POS tags, constituents, dependency relationships)
- Scores and properties of the machine translation derivation
- Uses Python's `SCIKIT-LEARN` implementation of SVM regression

WMT 2016: Best System



- Yandex School of Data Analysis (Kozlova et al., 2016)
- QuEst approach with additional features
 - syntactically motivated features
 - language model and statistics on web-scale corpus
 - pseudo-references and back-translations
 - other miscellaneous features
- Performance
 - mean average HTER difference 13.53
 - ranking correlation 0.525



word level confidence



The screenshot shows a translation interface with the following elements:

- Source text: "And on that the signs are mixed."
- Target text: "Y en que los indicios son desiguales." (with "en que" highlighted in orange and "los indicios son desiguales" in red)
- Buttons: A pencil icon, "ITP", "T→", "DRAFT", and a blue "TRANSLATED" button.
- A "Translation matches" tab is visible on the left.
- At the bottom, there is a source attribution: "Source: ITP Fri Apr 12 2013 18:03:17 GMT+0200 (CEST)" and a page number "42" in an orange box.

- Highlight words less likely to be correct

- Simple methods quite effective
 - IBM Model 1 scores
 - posterior probability of the MT model

- Machine learning approach
 - similar features as for sentence-level quality estimation

- Machine translation output

Quick brown fox jumps on the dog lazy.

- Post-editing

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

- Annotation

<i>Fast</i>	<i>brown</i>	<i>fox</i>	<i>jumps</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>dog</i>	<i>lazy</i>	.
bad	good	good	good	bad	good	good	good	good

- Problems: dropped words? reordering?

Quality Requirements

- Evaluated in user study
- Feedback
 - could be useful feature
 - but accuracy not high enough
- To be truly useful, accuracy has to be very high
- Current methods cannot deliver this

WMT 2016: Best System



- Unbabel (Martins et al., 2016)
- Viewed as tagging task
- Features: black box and language model features
- Method: Combination of
 - feature-rich linear HMM model
 - deep neural networks
(feed-forward, bi-directionally recurrent, convolutional)
- Performance
 - F-score for detecting **good** words: 88.45
 - F-score for detecting **bad** words: 55.99



automatic reviewing

- Can we identify errors in human translations?
 - missing / added information
 - inconsistent use of terminology

Input Sentence

Er hat seit Monaten geplant, im Oktober einen Vortrag in Miami zu halten.

Human Translation

Moreover, he planned for months to give a lecture in Miami.

Reviewing with E-Pen

- Intuition
 - reviewing more efficient with pen and paper
 - e-pen enables this work process in digital environment
- Work carried out
 - fronted modified for larger drawing area
 - backend support for hand-written text recognition (HTR)
 - development of methods for HTR
- Field trial carried out → corpus of reviewing edits

Analysis of Reviewer Edits

- 171 insertions — vast majority function words
- 152 deletions — about half substantial content
- 621 replacements — of which:
 - 75 changes to punctuation only
 - 28 change to lowercase / uppercase
 - 29 cases that are mostly deletions
 - 8 cases that are mostly insertions
 - 289 morphological/spelling changes (Levenshtein distance of less than 50%)
 - 190 other changes, about equal amounts function words and content words

Automatic Reviewing



- Focus on translation errors
 - not: basic spell checking
 - not: basic grammar checking
- Do not try the impossible
 - semantic errors
 - errors in function words
- What is left?
 - added content (insertions)
 - non-translated content (deletions)
 - inconsistency in terminology

- Word alignment of human translation and source
- Detect unaligned words
 - insertion of content words:
unaligned sequence of words in the draft translation
 - deletion of content words:
unaligned sequence of words in the source sentence
 - inconsistent terminology:
source word occurs multiple times, aligned to different word
- Only content words (minimum 4 characters)

Evaluation on Field Trial Data

- Two evaluation metrics
 - strict: predicted word X deleted / inserted
 - generous: predicted any deletion / insertion

Edit type	Strict Scoring		Generous Scoring		
	Precision	Recall	Precision	Recall	Baseline Precision
Deletion	7%	27%	11%	48%	7%
Insertion	-	-	5%	35%	4%
Any edit	-	-	20%	60%	14%

- Good enough to be useful?

Subjective Evaluation

- Evaluation on community translation platform data
- English–German
- Predict insertions and deletions
- Manually check if these are valid suggestions (i.e., precision only) by native German speaker

Results

- 4 cases of detection of valid errors (3 deletions, 1 insertion)
- 31 false alarms

Count	Type
16 cases	unaligned verb
6 cases	one-to-many alignment
2 cases	non-literal
6 cases	misalignment, often due to unknown word
1 case	valid verb ellipsis, repeated in sub clause

- Good enough to be useful?

interactive translation prediction

Input Sentence

Er hat seit Monaten geplant, im Oktober einen Vortrag in Miami zu halten.

Professional Translator

|

Input Sentence

Er hat seit Monaten geplant, im Oktober einen Vortrag in Miami zu halten.

Professional Translator

| He

Input Sentence

Er hat seit Monaten geplant, im Oktober einen Vortrag in Miami zu halten.

Professional Translator

He | has

Input Sentence

Er hat seit Monaten geplant, im Oktober einen Vortrag in Miami zu halten.

Professional Translator

He has | for months

Input Sentence

Er hat seit Monaten geplant, im Oktober einen Vortrag in Miami zu halten.

Professional Translator

He planned |



Input Sentence

Er hat seit Monaten geplant, im Oktober einen Vortrag in Miami zu halten.

Professional Translator

He planned | for months

Visualization

- Show n next words

Olvidarlo. Es demasiado | **arriesgado.** Estoy haciendo

- Show rest of sentence

Spence Green's Lilt System

- Show alternate translation predictions

C Les étudiants eux-mêmes n'ont pas les moyens de se rendre à des cours, nous essayons de les aider de cette manière.

The students themselves cannot be required to attend courses, we are trying to help them. **E**

D Dans le cadre de l'Institut Jedlička, nous transférerons ce projet dans un nouveau bâtiment.

themselves cannot
themselves could not
themselves do not
themselves cannot afford

- Show alternate translations predictions with probabilities

To equip students with training and reduce mobility and Institute jedlička,

- routinely
- steadily
- regular
- regularly

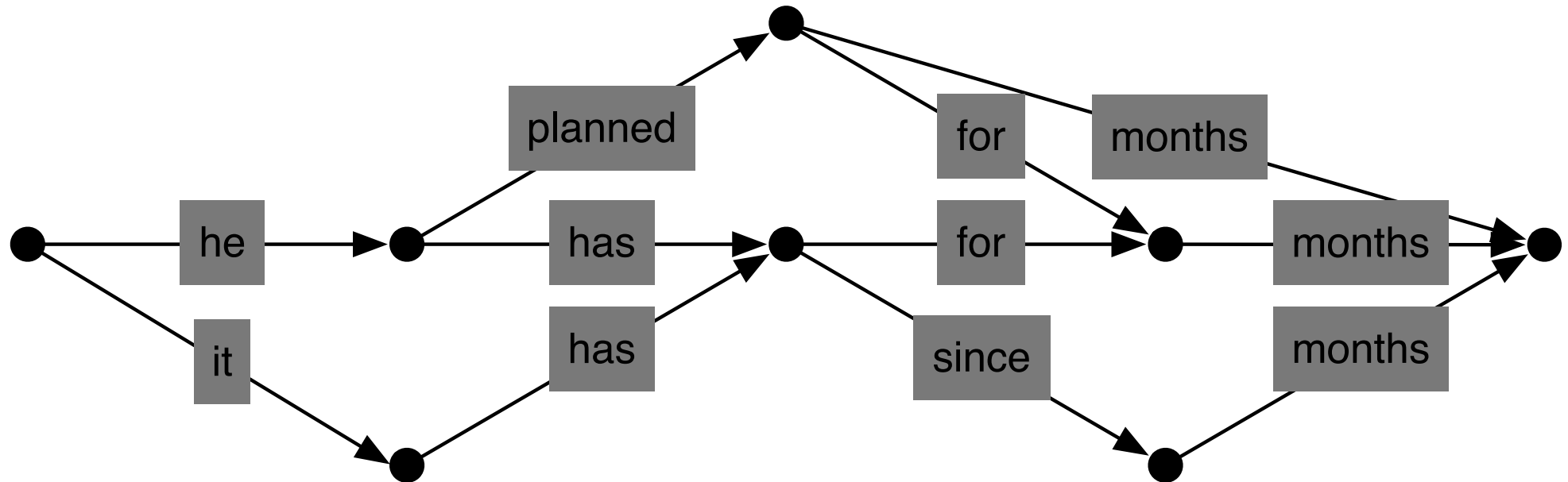
Des enseignants se rendent régulièrement auprès d'eux et proposent des activités qui les intéressent et les aident.

Teachers regularly visit Jedlička's activities and help them.

Les étudiants n'ont pas les moyens de se rendre à des cours, nous essayons de les aider de cette manière.

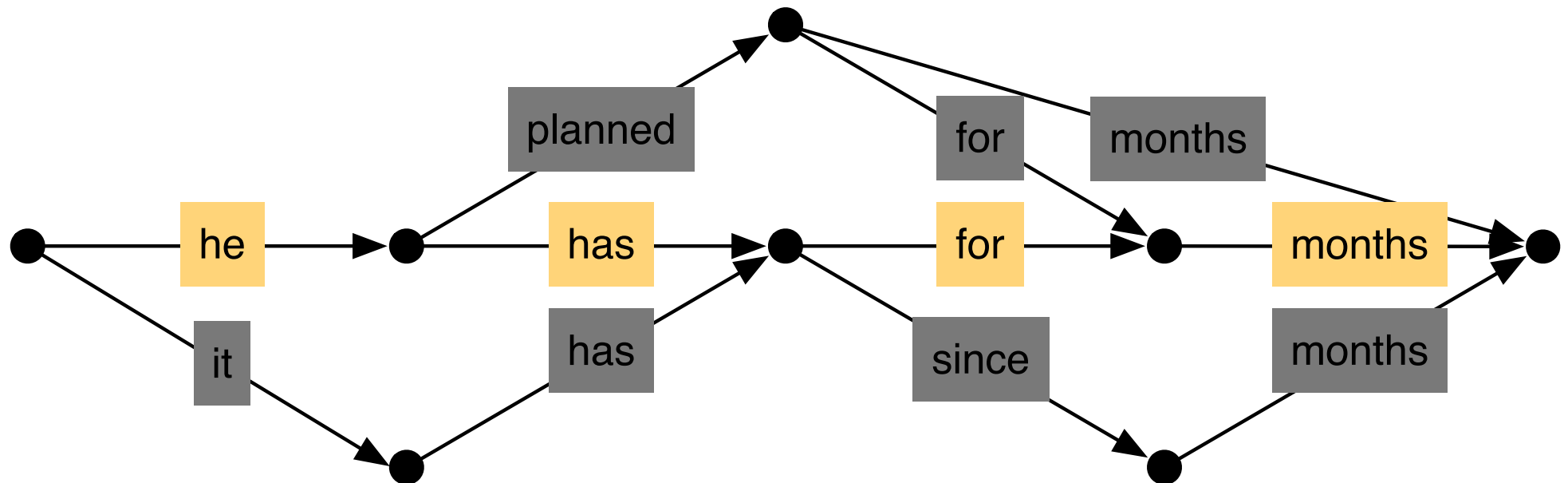
regularly visit
conduct ongoing
make regular
are regularly

Prediction from Search Graph



Search for best translation creates a graph of possible translations

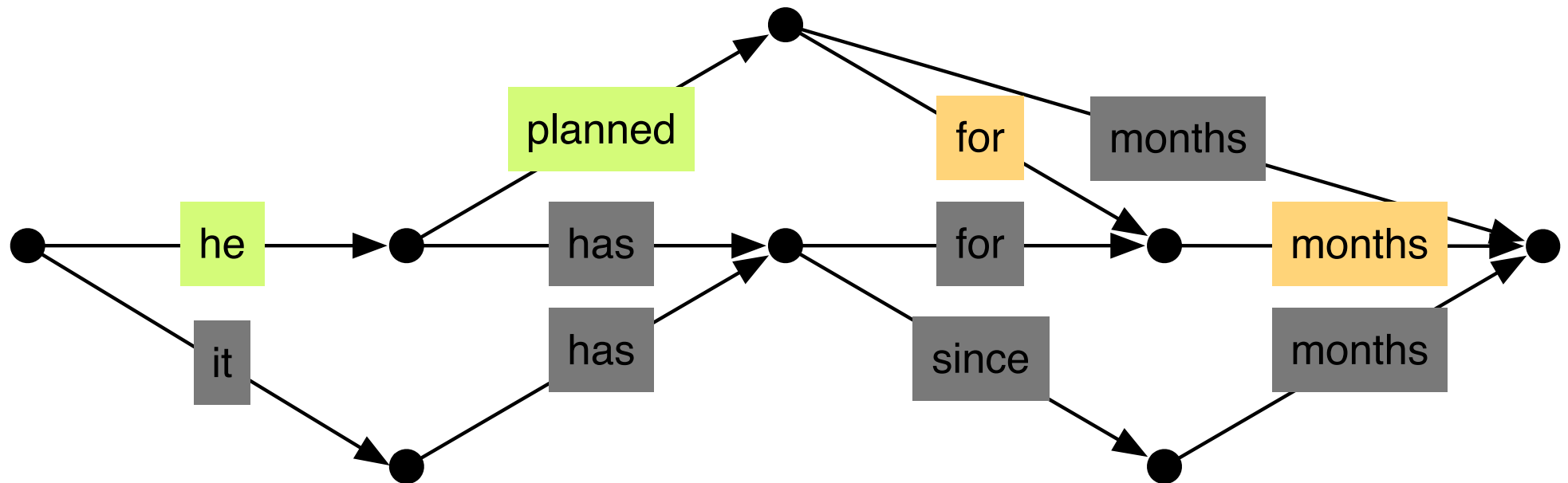
Prediction from Search Graph



One path in the graph is the best (according to the model)

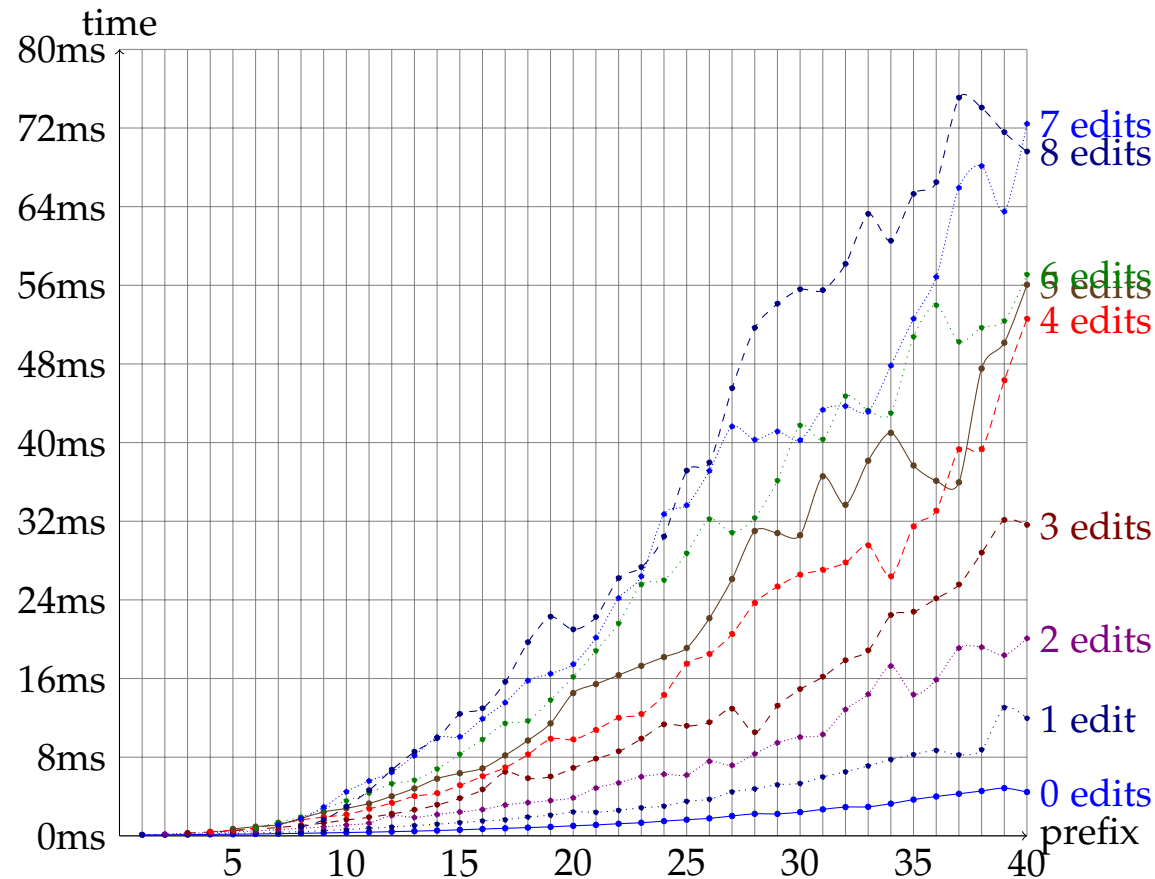
This path is suggested to the user

Prediction from Search Graph



We can predict the optimal completion (according to the model)

Speed of Algorithm



- Average response time based on length of the prefix and number of edits
- Main bottleneck is the string edit distance between prefix and path.

Word Completion

- Complete word once few letters are typed
- Example: predict *college* over *university*?
- User types the letter *u* → change prediction
- “Desperate” word completion: find any word that matches

- Translate the sentence again, enforce matching the prefix
- Recent work on this: Wuebker et al. [ACL 2016]

Models and Inference for Prefix-Constrained Machine Translation

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Prefix-Matching Decoding

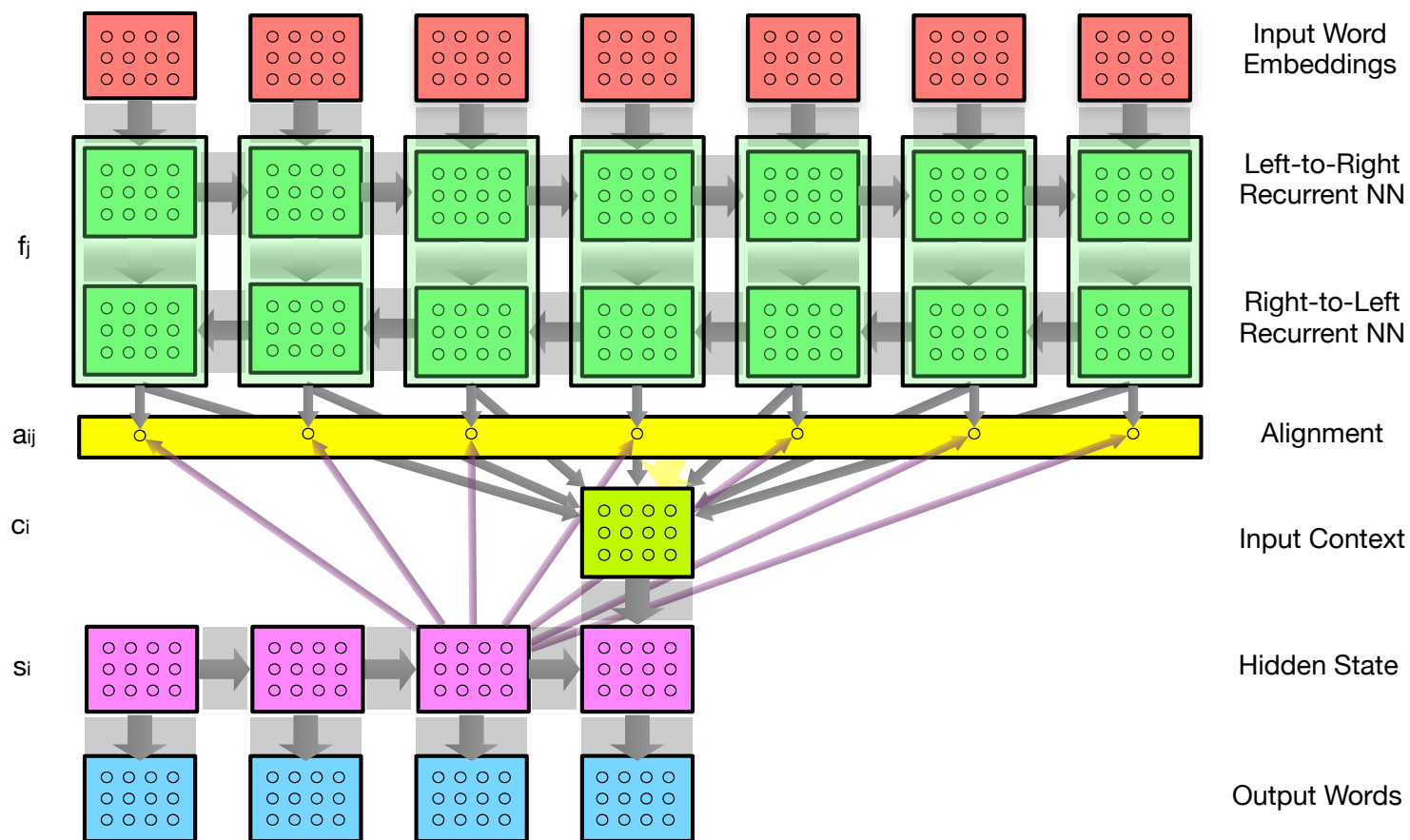
- Prefix-matching phase
 - only allow translation options that match prefix
 - prune based on target words matched
- Ensure that prefix can be created by system
 - add synthetic translation options from word aligned prefix (but with low probability)
 - no reordering limit
- After prefix is match, regular beam search
- Fast enough?
 - ⇒ Wuebker et al. [ACL 2016] report 51-89ms per sentence

Tuning

- Optimize to produce better predictions
- Focus on next few words, not full sentence
- Tuning metric
 - prefix BLEU (ignoring prefix to measure score)
 - word prediction accuracy
 - length of correctly predicted suffix sequence
- Generate diverse n-best list to ensure learnability
- Wuebker et al. [ACL 2016] report significant gains

Neural Interactive Translation Prediction

- Recent success of neural machine translation (see WMT 2016)
- For instance, attention model



Neural MT: Sequential Prediction



- The model produces words in sequence

$$p(\text{output}_t | \{\text{output}_1, \dots, \text{output}_{t-1}\}, \vec{\text{input}}) = g(\hat{\text{output}}_{t-1}, \text{context}_t, \text{hidden}_t)$$

- Translation prediction: feed in user prefix

Example

Input: *Das Unternehmen sagte, dass es in diesem Monat mit Bewerbungsgesprächen beginnen wird und die Mitarbeiterzahl von Oktober bis Dezember steigt.*

	Correct	Prediction	Prediction probability distribution
✓	the	the	the (99.2%)
✓	company	company	company (90.9%) , firm (7.6%)
✓	said	said	said (98.9%)
✓	it	it	it (42.6%) , this (14.0%), that (13.1%), job (2.0%), the (1.7%), ...
✓	will	will	will (77.5%) , is (4.5%), started (2.5%), 's (2.0%), starts (1.8%), ...
✓	start	start	start (49.6%) , begin (46.7%)
	inter@@	job	job (16.1%), application (6.1%), en@@ (5.2%), out (4.8%), ...
✗	viewing	state	state (32.4%), related (5.8%), viewing (3.4%) , min@@ (2.0%), ...
✗	applicants	talks	talks (61.6%), interviews (6.4%), discussions (6.2%), ...
✓	this	this	this (88.1%) , so (1.9%), later (1.8%), that (1.1%)
✓	month	month	month (99.4%)
✗	,	and	and (90.8%), , (7.7%)
✗	with	and	and (42.6%), increasing (24.5%), rising (6.3%), with (5.1%) , ...
✓	staff	staff	staff (22.8%) , the (19.5%), employees (6.3%), employee (5.0%), ...
✗	levels	numbers	numbers (69.0%), levels (3.3%) , increasing (3.2%), ...
✗	rising	increasing	increasing (40.1%), rising (35.3%) , climbing (4.4%), rise (3.4%), ...
✓	from	from	from (97.4%)
✓	October	October	October (81.3%) , Oc@@ (12.8%), oc@@ (2.9%), Oct (1.2%)
✗	through	to	to (73.2%), through (15.6%) , until (8.7%)
✓	December	December	December (85.6%) , Dec (8.0%), to (5.1%)
✓	.	.	. (97.5%)

- Better prediction accuracy, even when systems have same BLEU score (state-of-the-art German-English systems, compared to search graph matching)

System	Configuration	BLEU	Word Prediction Accuracy	Letter Prediction Accuracy
Neural	no beam search	34.5	61.6%	86.8%
	beam size 12	36.2	63.6%	87.4%
Phrase-based	-	34.5	43.3%	72.8%

- Better recovery from failure
- Fast enough with GPU
 - translation speed with CPU: 100 ms/word
 - translation speed with GPU: 7ms/word

bilingual concordancer

Bilingual Concordancer



TIP [Menu] T→ DRAFT TRANSLATED

abandonner

abandon

ances des Etats-Unis à	abandonner	Musharraf -- et les col		merican reluctance to	abandon	Musharraf -- together
uridique, il a décidé d'	abandonner	la constitutionnalité, c		af has now decided to	abandon	constitutionality, remc
implement menacé d'	abandonner	ses accords commerci		simply threatened to	abandon	or never to conclude t

give up

erait donc contraint d'	abandonner	le droit de créer son p		would be required to	give up	the right to develop it
n' était pas disposé à	abandonner	ses fonctions militaire		arraf was not ready to	give up	his military post, but a

to

t ne veulent donc pas	abandonner	leurs prérogatives dar		olicy and do not want	to	delegate this prerogat
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to abandon

es tout en refusant d'	abandonner	son arsenal nucléaire		drawal while refusing	to abandon	its nuclear weapons a
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How does it Work?



- Have word-aligned parallel corpus
- Efficient data structure to quickly look up queried phrases (suffix arrays, we'll come back to them later)
- Translation spotting
 - look up queried phrase
 - use word alignment to identify target phrase
 - some edge cases (unaligned words at beginning/end)

Dictionary German-English

machine translation *noun*

maschinelle Übersetzung *f*

Maschinenübersetzung *f*

translation machine *noun*

Übersetzungsmaschine *f*

See also:

machine *n* – Maschine *f* · Gerät *nt* · Automat *m* · Anlage *f* · Apparat *m* · ...

machine *v* – bearbeiten *vt* · maschinell herstellen *v* · spanen *v* · zerspanen *v* · maschinell bearbeiten *v* · ...

translation *n* – Übersetzung *f* · Translation *f* · Übersetzen *nt* · Verschiebung *f* · Sprachübersetzung *f* · ...

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External sources (not reviewed)

The implementing provisions applicable to the machine translation system would have to be established by the Select Committee [...] cep.eu	Die Durchführungsbestimmungen für das System der maschinellen Übersetzung müssten vom engeren Ausschuss des EPO-Verwaltungsrats [...] cep.eu
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[...] curriculum vitae, in forms suitable for multilingual machine translation , without restricting a user's option of adding other [...] europarl.europa.eu	[...] standardisierten Lebenslauf zu prüfen, die für eine automatische Übersetzung in mehrere Sprachen geeignet sind, wobei der Nutzer [...] europarl.europa.eu
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Verification of Terminology

- Translation of German *Windkraft*

Examples	Windkraft (noun, feminine) (also: Windenergie)	wind power (noun)	✓
+ -	Zum Vergleich: Windkraft schafft fast sieben Mal mehr. ↳ German: www.goethe.de/wis/umw/thm/ntr/de92305.htm	By way of comparison, wind power generates almost seven times as much. ↳ English: www.goethe.de/wis/umw/thm/ntr/en92305.htm	
	Einführung von Windcube, einer neuen Generation von Wind Lidar für Windkraft . ↳ German: www.husumwindenergy.com/index.php?L...howUId]=1177	Introducing Windcube, a new generation of wind Lidar for wind power . ↳ English: www.husumwindenergy.com/index.php?L...howUId]=1177	
	Windkraft ist eine etablierte, wettbewerbsfähige Technologie mit hoher Zuverlässigkeit ↳ German: www.powergeneration.siemens.de/abou...ns-services/	Wind power is an established, competitive technology with high reliability ↳ English: www.powergeneration.siemens.com/abo...ns-services/	
Examples	Windkraft (noun, feminine) (also: Windenergie)	wind energy (noun)	✓
+ -	Je mehr aber klimapolitische Sonntagsreden von der Politik auch in Taten umgesetzt werden, desto höher steigt dieser Preis und desto wettbewerbsfähiger werden saubere Energien wie die Windkraft . ↳ German: emagazine.credit-suisse.com/app/art...4382 <=DE	But as the focus of the climate change issue shifts increasingly from policy to action, this price will increase and cleaner energy sources like wind will become more competitive. ↳ English: emagazine.credit-suisse.com/app/art...4382 <=en	
	Nur wenige befürchten hingegen, dass dies auch bei erneuerbaren Energieträgern wie Biomasse oder Windkraft der Fall sein wird. ↳ German: www.eu2006.gv.at/de/News/Press_Rele...1proell.html	However, only a few fear that this will also be the case with renewable energy sources such as biomass or wind energy . ↳ English: www.eu2006.gv.at/en/News/Press_Rele...1proell.html	

- Context shows when each translation is used
- Indication of source supports trust in translations



UTILISATEUR : lapalme

REQUÊTES

MON COMPTE

PRÉFÉRENCES

AIDE

QUITTER

Signet / Favori personnalisé : **TransSearch** [\(qu'est-ce que c'est ?\)](#)

Requête bilingue

Collection de documents : Les Hansards canadiens

Expression : take+ .. ride

Chercher

92 traductions de *take+ .. ride* dans 106 occurrences

dindons de la farce	4
monté un bateau	3
faire avoir	3
se fasse rouler	2
fait berné	2
se fait jouer	2
moqués de	2
fait	2
les a	2
se sont fait avoir	2
le public pour attirer la	1
a fait une ballade	1
nous rouler dans ce projet nous tous	1
en train de monter un bateau à la population canadienne	1
tête des contribuables que se paie le	1
passer une petite vite	1
bourrer de l'autre côté de la chambre en	1
ont pris la voiture que pour faire une balade	1

dindons de la farce

4

Emissions continue to rise and taxpayers are being **taken along for the ride**.

Les émissions continuent d'augmenter et c'est le contribuable qui est **le dindon de la farce**.

They are left with nothing. Now they are here illegally with no documentation. Canadians are being **taken for a ride**.

Ces personnes se trouvent ici illégalement, elles n'ont aucun document et nous, les Canadiens, sommes les **dindons de la farce**.

This would affect close to 400,000 Canadians, 80,000 of them Quebecers, who have been the ones **taken for a ride**.

Il s'agit d'une mesure qui toucherait près de 400 000 Canadiens, dont 80 000 Québécois, qui ont été les **dindons de la farce**.

I think that this is a prime example of a tainted system in which people who cannot afford to invest in sectors eligible for tax credits are urged to do so through all kinds of scams and end up being **taken for a ride**.

Je pense que c'est un exemple patent d'un système vicié, où des gens qui n'ont pas les moyens d'investir dans des domaines où on peut obtenir des crédits d'impôt se voient, par toutes sortes de subterfuges, invités à le faire et, en bout de ligne, ils se trouvent à être **les dindons de la farce**.

TransSearch: Improved Transpotting

- Used to solve **difficult** translation problems
 - 7.2 million queries submitted to the system over a 6-year period
 - 87% contain at least two words
 - mainly search for idiomatic expressions such as *in keeping with*
- Improved translation spotting [Bourdaillet et al., MT Journal 2011]
- Filtering with classifier (45 features, trained on annotated data)
 - relative word count
 - word alignment scores
 - ratio of function words
- Merging of translations that only differ in function words, morphology
- Pseudo-relevance feedback



translation options

Translation Option Array

climbers are severely injured, and ten people are missing
 after Mount Ontake (御嶽山, Ontake-san), a popular climbing
 spot in central Japan, **erupted** for the first time in five years.

Kletterer sind schwer verletzt, und zehn Menschen werden
 vermisst, nachdem Mount Ontake (御嶽山, Ontake-san), ein
 beliebter Kletterplatz im zentralen Japan,

ausbruch, zum ersten

ITP ≡ T→ DRAFT **TRANSLATED**

Translation Options

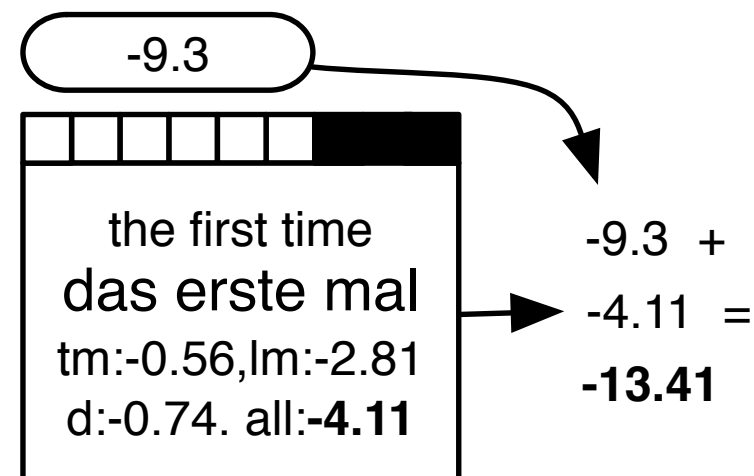
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ke	-	san)	,	ein	beliebtes	Klettern	vor Ort	in Mittel-	Japan,		ausbruch	zum ersten Mal in fünf Jahren	.
	und	San)	,	ein	populär	Bergsteigen	vor	zentrale	Japan	,	ausbruch,	zum ersten Mal in	fünf Jahre.
	/)	, die		beliebt	Aufstieg	Fleck	zentralen	Japans,		platzte	zum ersten Mal	fünf Jahre
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	bis)	, in	populär		Erklimmen	Vor - Ort @-@	zentral	Japans	.	ausgebrochen	zum ersten Mal in der	von fünf Jahren.
	von)	.	populär ist,	beim Besteigen		in	mittel-	in Japan	-	ausgebrochen ist	zum ersten Mal seit	fünf Jahren sind.

- Visual aid: non-intrusive provision of cues to the translator
- Trigger passive vocabulary

- Show up to 6 options per word or phrase
- Rank best option on top
- Use color highlighting to show likelihood
(grey = less likely to be useful)
- Clickable: click on target phrase → added to edit area
- Automatic orientation
 - most relevant is next word to be translated
 - automatic centering on next word

How to Rank

- Basic idea: best options on top
- Problem: how to rank word translation vs. phrase translations?
- Method: utilize future cost estimates
- Translation score
 - sum of translation model costs
 - language model estimate
 - outside future cost estimate



Improving Rankings

- Removal of duplicates and near duplicates

bad	good
erupted	climbing
ausbrach	Klettern
ausbrach,	Bergsteigen
platzte	Aufstieg
Ausbruch	abhalten,
ausgebrochen	Erklimmen
ausgebrochen ist	beim Besteigen

- Ranking by likelihood to be used in the translation
→ can this be learned from user feedback?

Enabling Monolingual Translators



- Monolingual translator
 - wants to understand a foreign document
 - has no knowledge of foreign language
 - uses a machine translation system■
- Questions
 - Is current MT output sufficient for understanding?
 - What else could be provided by a MT system?

Example



- MT system output:

*The study also found that one of the genes **in the improvement in people with prostate cancer risk**, it also reduces the risk of suffering from diabetes.*

- What does this mean?■

- Monolingual translator:

*The research also found that one of the genes **increased people's risk of prostate cancer, but at the same time lowered people's risk of diabetes.**■*

- Document context helps



Example: Arabic

وكان	مجلس	النواب	الاميركى	اعتمد	الخميس	قانونا	يطالب	بسحب	القوات	المقاتلة	الاميركية	من	العراق	في	موعد	اقصاه	الاول	من	نيسان	@/@@	ابريل
the	the us house of representatives	adopted	thursday	legally	calls for the withdrawal of	combat troops	us	iraq	in	no later than	the first	from	april								
the us house of representatives	the	thursday ,	law		the fighting forces	the us	from iraq		the latest	the first of	april										
the us house	adopted the	thu	the legally		fighting forces	us	from iraq in			i	april										
it was	us house of representatives	was adopted	thursday , the	the law	demands withdrawal of troops	fighter	the us		no later than	first	on april										
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2008 ,	defying	once	new	president george w. bush	which opposes the	no date has been set for the															
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up to 10 translations for each word / phrase

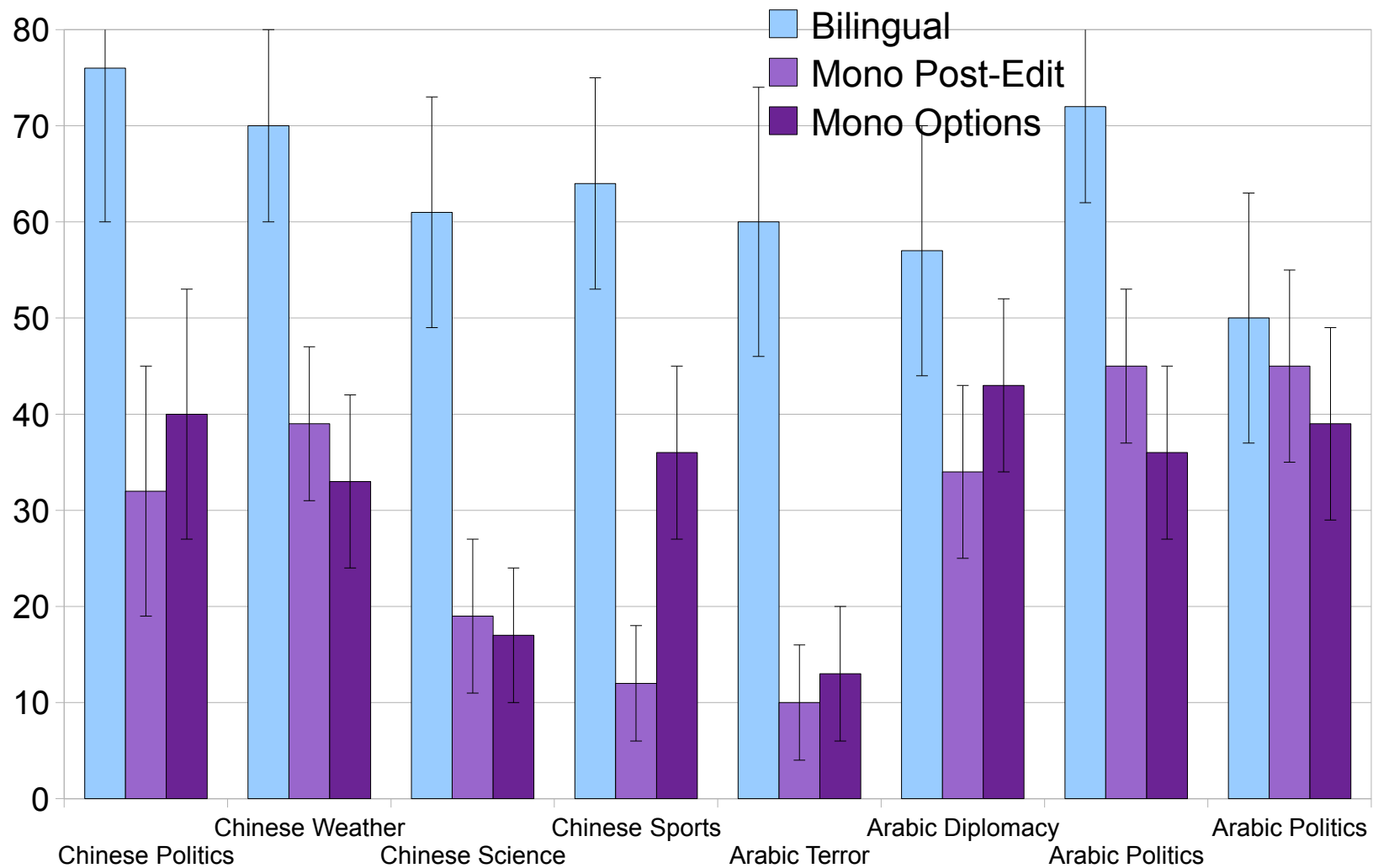
Example: Arabic



يسحب	القوات	المقاتلة	الاميركية	من	العراق
withdrawal of	combat troops		us		iraq
	the fighting forces		the us	from	iraq
	fighting forces		us	from	iraq
withdrawal of troops		fighter	the us		
withdrawal of	combat forces			of	iraq
the withdrawal	forces	the fighter		from	
the withdrawal of	troops			iraq	
withdrawal of				of the	
withdrawal				from iraq in	
the withdrawal			the american		

Monolingual Translation with Options

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No big difference — once significantly better

Monolingual Translation Triage



- Study on Russian–English (Schwartz, 2014)
- Allow monolingual translators to assess their translation
 - confident → accept the translation
 - verify → proofread by bilingual
 - partially unsure → part of translation handled by bilingual
 - completely unsure → handled by bilingual
- Monolingual translator highly effective in triage



- Main findings
 - monolingual translators may be as good as bilinguals■
 - widely different performance by translator / story■
 - named entity translation critically important■
- Various human factors important
 - domain knowledge■
 - language skills■
 - effort



paraphrasing



Input Sentence

Er hat seit Monaten geplant, im Oktober einen Vortrag in Miami zu halten.

Professional Translator

He planned for months to give a lecture in Miami in October.

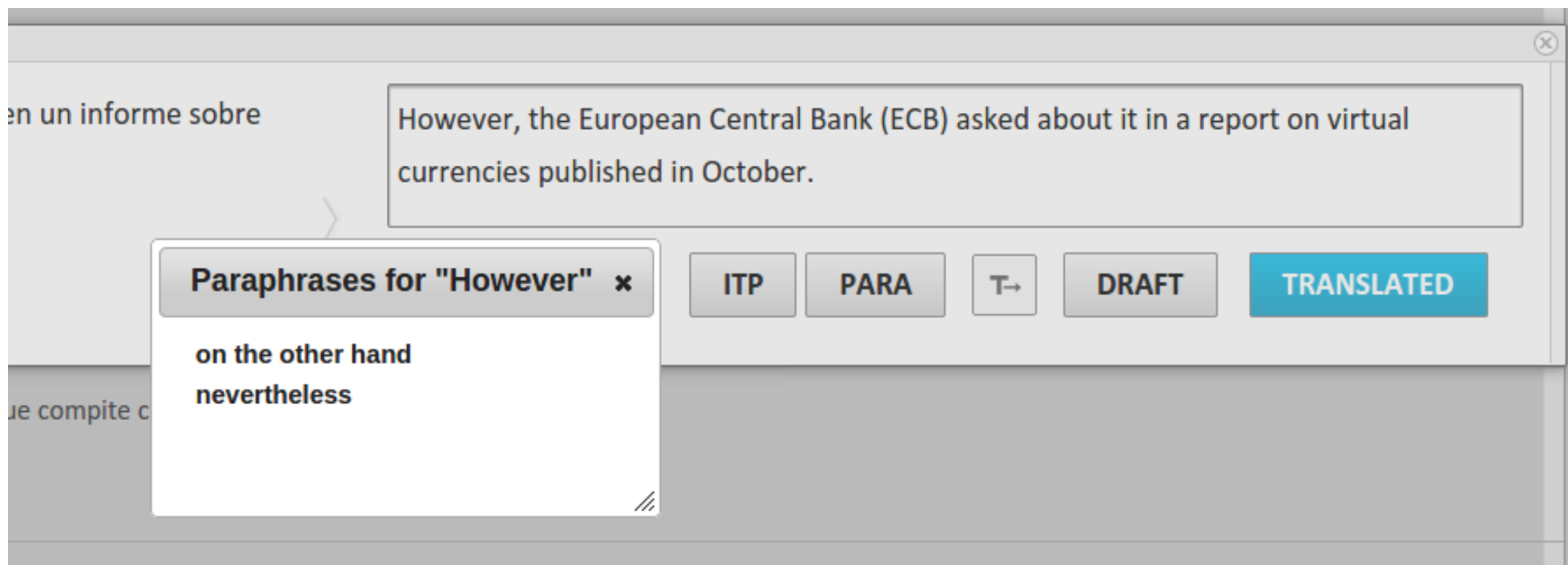
give a presentation

present his work

give a speech

speak

User requests alternative translations for parts of sentence.

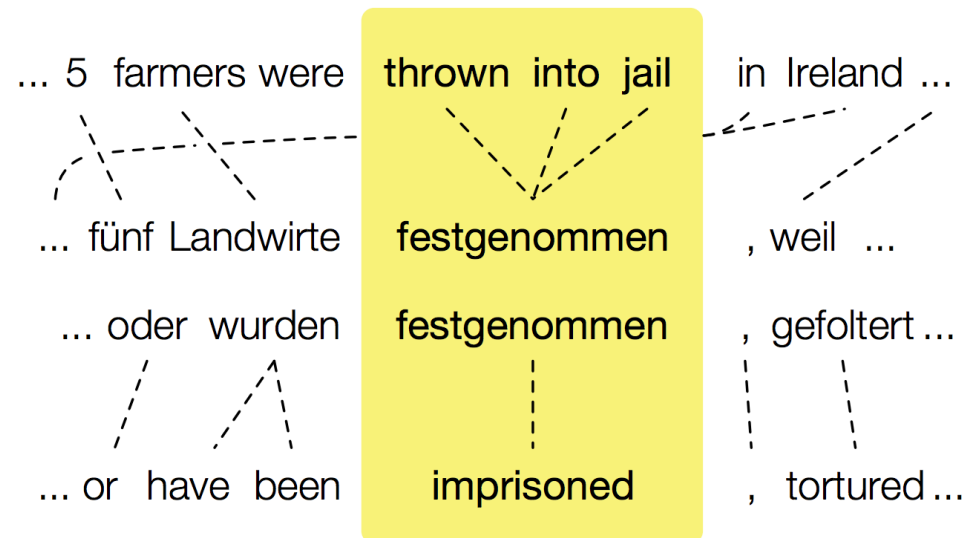


- User marks part of translation
- Clicks on paraphrasing button
- Alternative translations appear

Paraphrasing Research

- Somewhat popular research area
- Popular method: extract from parallel data

- goal: find paraphrases for phrase e
 - look up likely translations f_1, f_2, \dots for e
 - for each f_i , look up likely translations e'_{i1}, e'_{i2}, \dots
- ⇒ these are the paraphrases



- Refinement: collect over several foreign languages, intersect
- Paraphrase database for several languages:
<http://paraphrase.org/>

Paraphrasing in Context

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- Our problem: paraphrasing in context
 - driven by source
 - considers sentence context
 - ranking and diversity important
 - real time performance
 - Approach
 - target span is mapped to source span
 - search graph is consulted for alternative translations for source span
 - additional translations generated by combining translation options
- ⇒ initial list of translations
- various components to distill n -best paraphrases



- Filtering: remove some translations
 - with extraneous punctuation
 - too similar to others
 - additional function words
- Scoring: score translations
 - translation model scores
 - language model score in context
 - compare alternate translations against best path
- Sorting: rank list
 - cluster translations by similarity
 - picks best translation from each cluster

- Motivation
 - alternative translations should fix translation errors
 - create bad translations by back-translation

- Process
 - Train machine translation system for both directions
 - Translate test set target → source → target*
 - Spot differences between target and target*
 - Use span in target* as “marked by user”, span in target as correct

Example



- Translate

*Unlike in Canada , **the American states** are responsible for the organisation of federal elections.*

- Into

В отличие от Канады, американские штаты ответственны за организацию федеральных выборов в соединенных штатах .

- Back into English

*Unlike in Canada , **US states** are responsible for the organization of federal elections.*

- Web based interactive evaluation tool
- Same setup as automatic evaluation
 - shows target span
 - 5 selectable paraphrases
 - user accepts one → correct
- Four users (U1–U4)
- Number of instances where one translation is correct

Method	U1	U2	U3	U4	average score
1	8	6	9	6	6/50
7	15	17	12	10	13/50
10	24	20	26	29	26/50

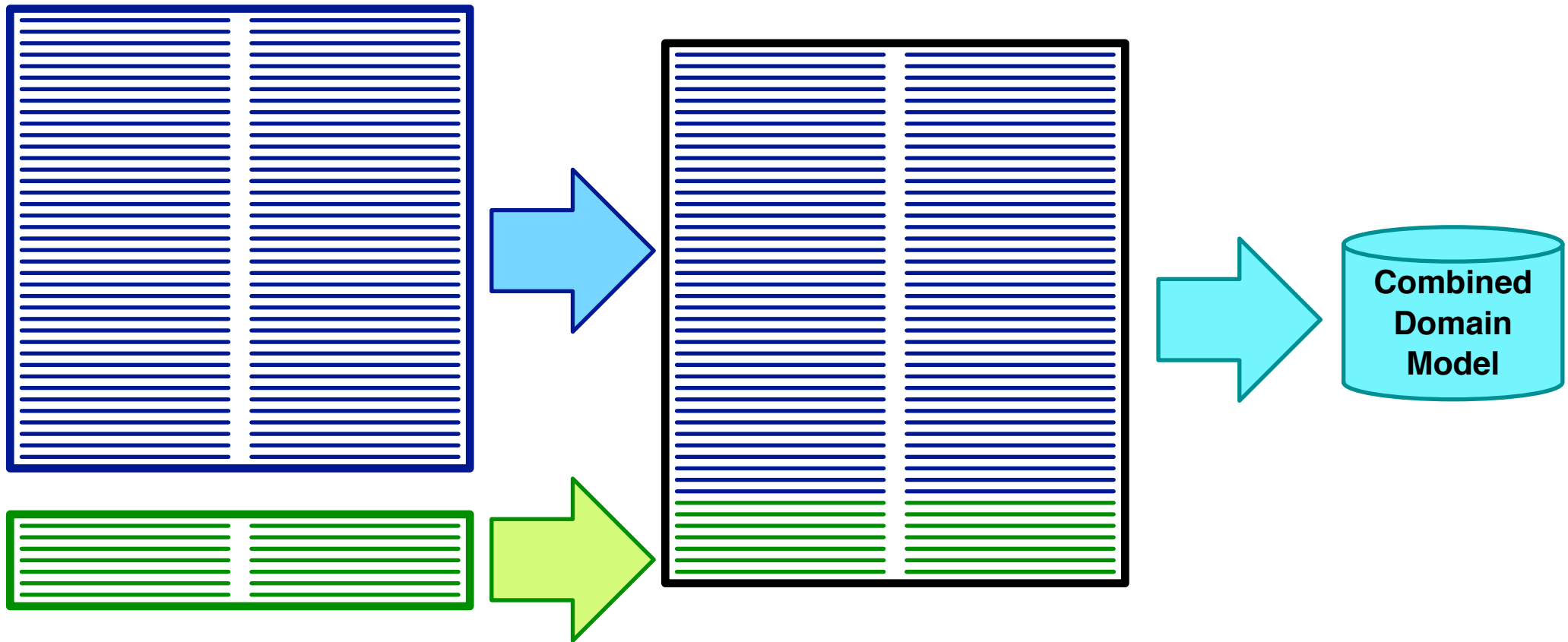


adaptation



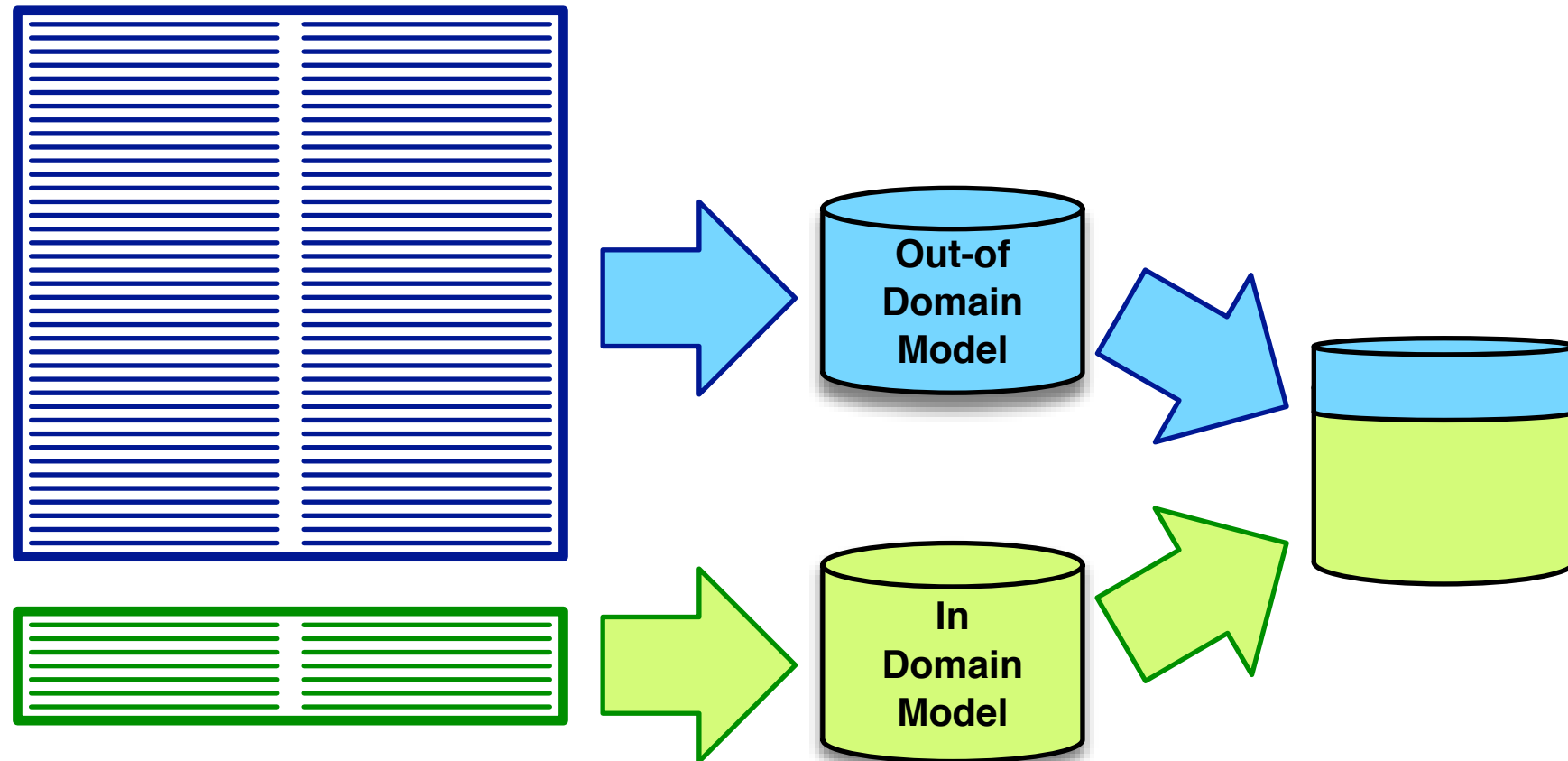
- Machine translation works best if optimized for domain
- Typically, large amounts of out-of-domain data available
 - European Parliament, United Nations
 - unspecified data crawled from the web
- Little in-domain data (maybe 1% of total)
 - information technology data
 - more specific: IBM's user manuals
 - even more specific: IBM's user manual for same product line from last year
 - and even more specific: sentence pairs from current project
- Various domain adaptation techniques researched and used

Combining Data



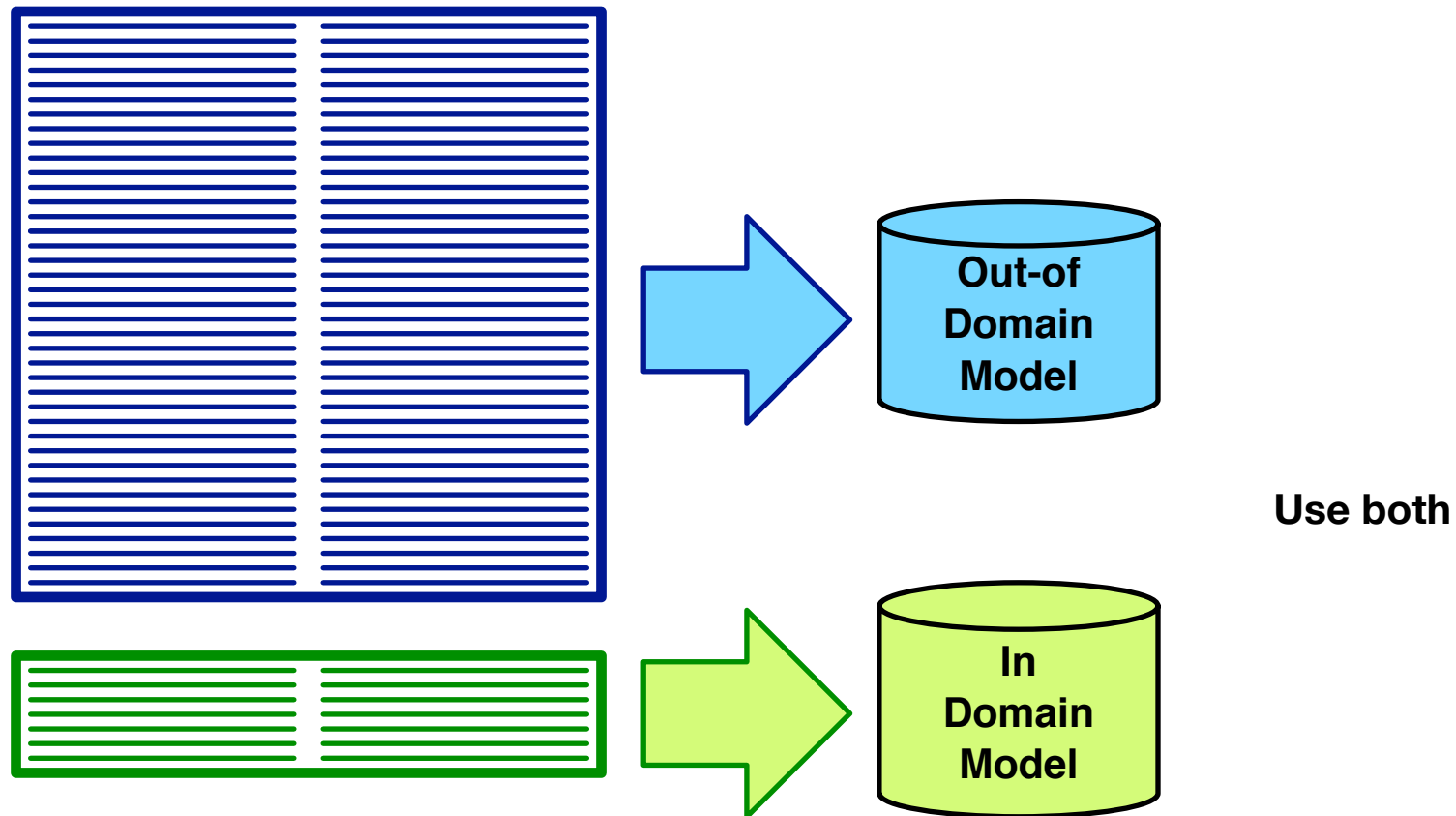
- Too biased towards out of domain data
- May flag translation options with indicator feature functions

Interpolate Models



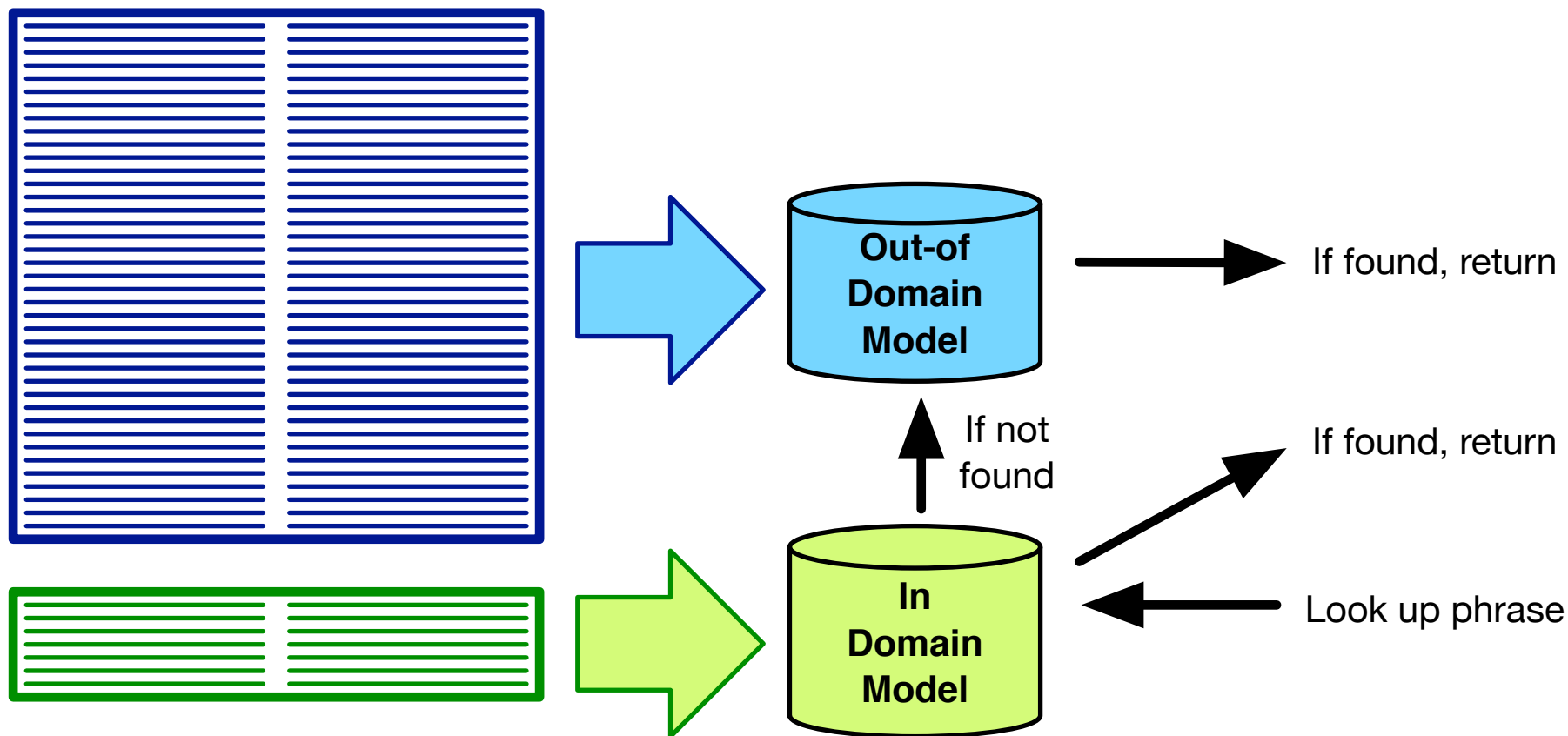
- $p_c(e|f) = \lambda_{in}p_{in}(e|f) + \lambda_{out}p_{out}(e|f)$
- Quite successful for language modelling

Multiple Models

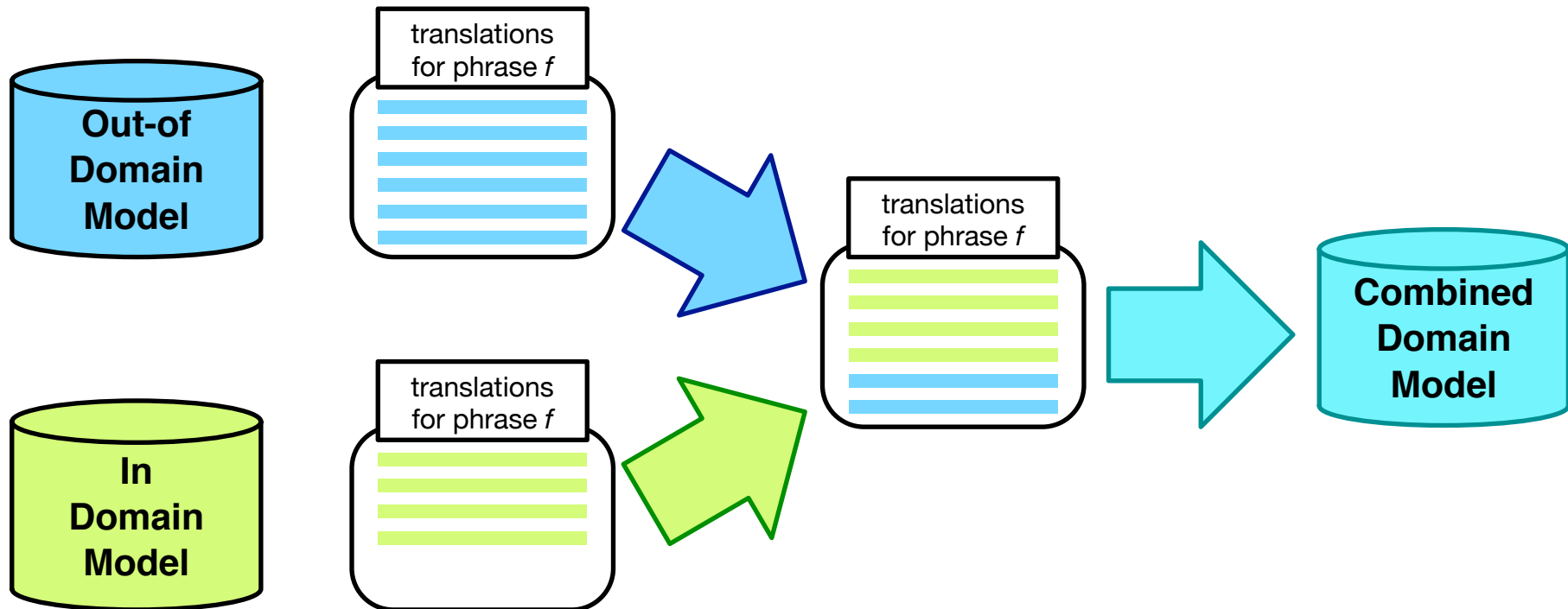


- Multiple models \rightarrow multiple feature functions

Backoff



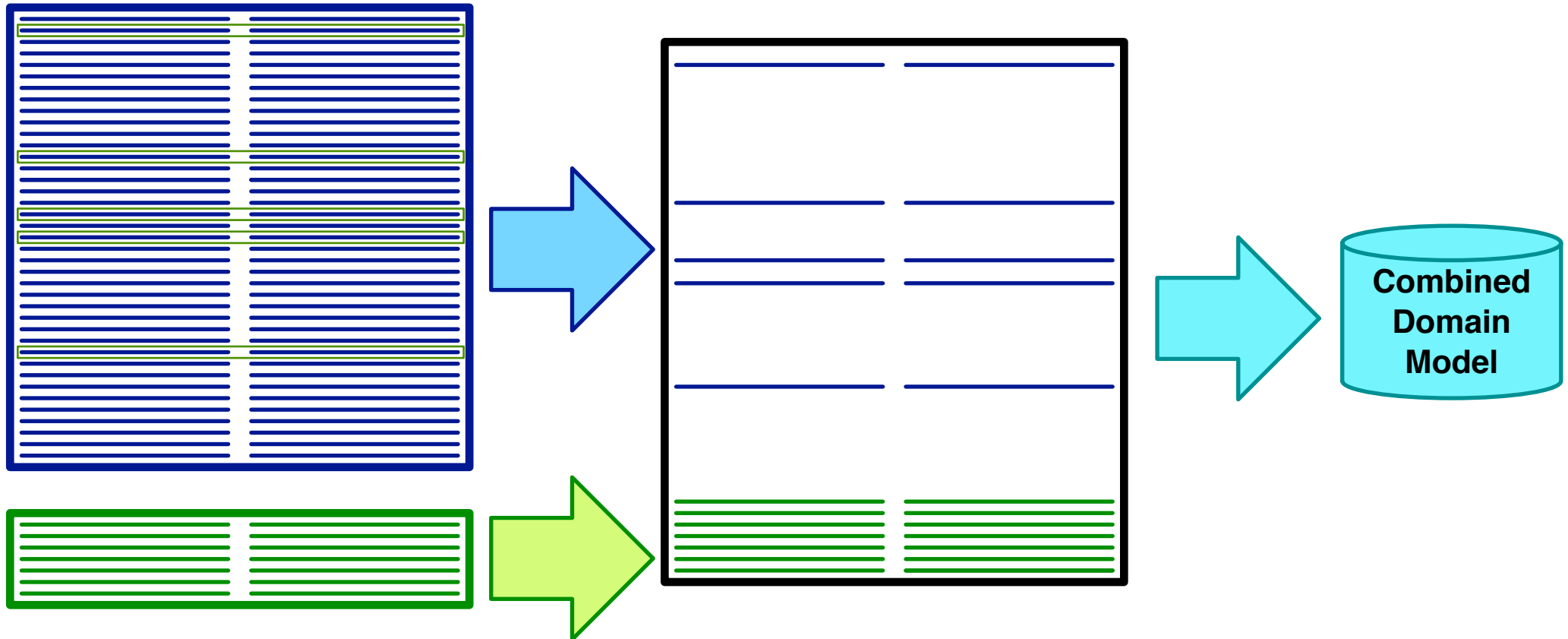
Fill-Up



- Use translation options from in-domain table
- Fill up with additional options from out-of-domain table

Sentence Selection

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- Select out-of-domain sentence pairs that are similar to in-domain data
- Score similarity with language model, other means

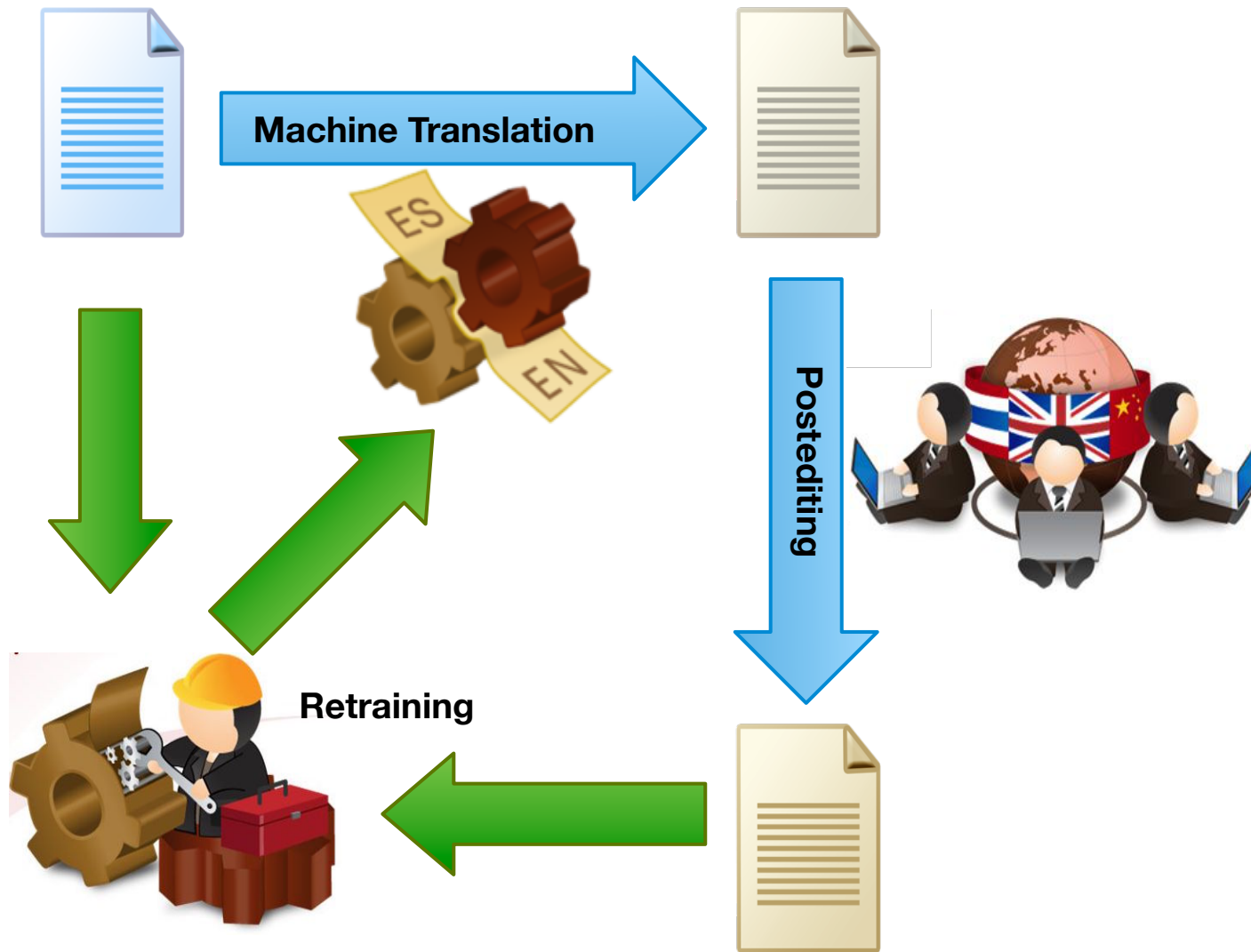
Project Adaptation

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- Method developed by the Matecat project
- Update model during translation project
- After each day
 - collected translated sentences
 - add to model
 - optimize
- Main benefit after the first day

Instant Adaptation



Adaptable Translation Model

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- Store in memory
 - parallel corpus
 - word alignment
- Adding new sentence pair
 - word alignment of sentence pair
 - add sentence pair
 - update index (suffix array)
- Retrieve phrase translations on demand

On-Demand Word Alignment



- Needed: word alignment method that scores a sentence pairs
- Online EM algorithm
 - keep sufficient statistics of corpus in memory
 - run EM iteration on single sentence pair
 - update statistics
 - return word alignment
- For efficiency reason, a static model may be sufficient
- Implementations in bith mGIZA and fast-align

Suffixes

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- 1 government of the people , by the people , for the people
- 2 of the people , by the people , for the people
- 3 the people , by the people , for the people
- 4 people , by the people , for the people
- 5 , by the people , for the people
- 6 by the people , for the people
- 7 the people , for the people
- 8 people , for the people
- 9 , for the people
- 10 for the people
- 11 the people
- 12 people

Sorted Suffixes

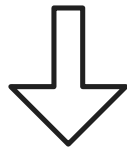


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11 the people
3 the people , by the people , for the people
7 the people , for the people

Suffix Array



5	, by the people , for the people
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suffix array: sorted index of corpus positions

Querying the Suffix Array



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Query: **people**

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Binary search: start in the middle

Querying the Suffix Array



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Query: **people**

Binary search: discard upper half

Querying the Suffix Array



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Query: **people**

Binary search: middle of remaining space

Querying the Suffix Array



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Query: **people**

Binary search: match

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Query: **people**

Finding matching range with additional binary searches for start and end

Bias Towards User Translation

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- Cache-based models
- Language model
 - give bonus to n-grams in previous user translation
- Translation model
 - give bonus to translation options in previous user translation
- Decaying score for bonus (less recent, less relevant)
- More details: Bertoldi et al. [MT Summit 2013]



integration of translation memories



- **Translation Memory (TM)**

- translators store past translation in database
- when translating new text, consult database for similar segments
- fuzzy match score defines similarity

widely used by translation agencies■

- **Statistical Machine Translation (SMT)**

- collect large quantities of translated text
- extract automatically probabilistic translation rules
- when translating new text, find most probable translation given rules

wide use of free web-based services
not yet used by many translation agencies

TM

vs.

SMT

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used by
human translator

used by
target language information seeker

restricted domain
(e.g. product manual)

open domain translation
(e.g. news)

very repetitive content

huge diversity (esp. web)

corpus size:
1 million words

corpus size:
100-1000 million words

commercial developers
(e.g., SDL Trados)

academic/commercial research
(e.g., Google)



- Input

The second paragraph of Article 21 is deleted .

- Fuzzy match in translation memory

The second paragraph of Article 5 is deleted .

⇒ **Part of the translation from TM fuzzy match**

Part of the translation with SMT

The second paragraph of Article **21** is deleted .

Example



- Input sentence:

The second paragraph of Article 21 is deleted .

Example



- Input sentence:

The second paragraph of Article 21 is deleted .

- Fuzzy match in translation memory:

The second paragraph of Article 5 is deleted .

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À l' article 5 , le texte du deuxième alinéa est supprimé .

Example

- Input sentence:

The second paragraph of Article 21 is deleted .

- Fuzzy match in translation memory:

The second paragraph of Article 5 is deleted .

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- Detect mismatch (string edit distance)

Example



- Input sentence:

The second paragraph of Article 21 is deleted .

- Fuzzy match in translation memory:

The second paragraph of Article 5 is deleted .

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À l' article 5 , le texte du deuxième alinéa est supprimé .

- Detect mismatch (string edit distance)
- Align mismatch (using word alignment from GIZA++)

Example



- Input sentence:

The second paragraph of Article 21 is deleted .

- Fuzzy match in translation memory:

The second paragraph of Article 5 is deleted .

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À l' article 5 , le texte du deuxième alinéa est supprimé .

Output word(s) taken from the target TM

Example



- Input sentence:

The second paragraph of Article 21 is deleted .

- Fuzzy match in translation memory:

The second paragraph of Article 5 is deleted .

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Output word(s) taken from the target TM

Input word(s) that still need to be translated by SMT

Example



- Input sentence:

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- Fuzzy match in translation memory:

The second paragraph of Article 5 is deleted .

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À l' article 5 , le texte du deuxième alinéa est supprimé .

- XML frame (input to Moses)

<xml translation=" À l' article " /> 21

<xml translation=" , le texte du deuxième alinéa est supprimé . " />

Example



- Input sentence:

The second paragraph of Article 21 is deleted .

- Fuzzy match in translation memory:

The second paragraph of Article 5 is deleted .

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À l' article 5 , le texte du deuxième alinéa est supprimé .

- More compact formalism for the purposes of this presentation:

< À l' article > 21 < , le texte du deuxième alinéa est supprimé . >

Two Solutions



- XML frames

<À l' article> 21 <, le texte du deuxième alinéa est supprimé .>

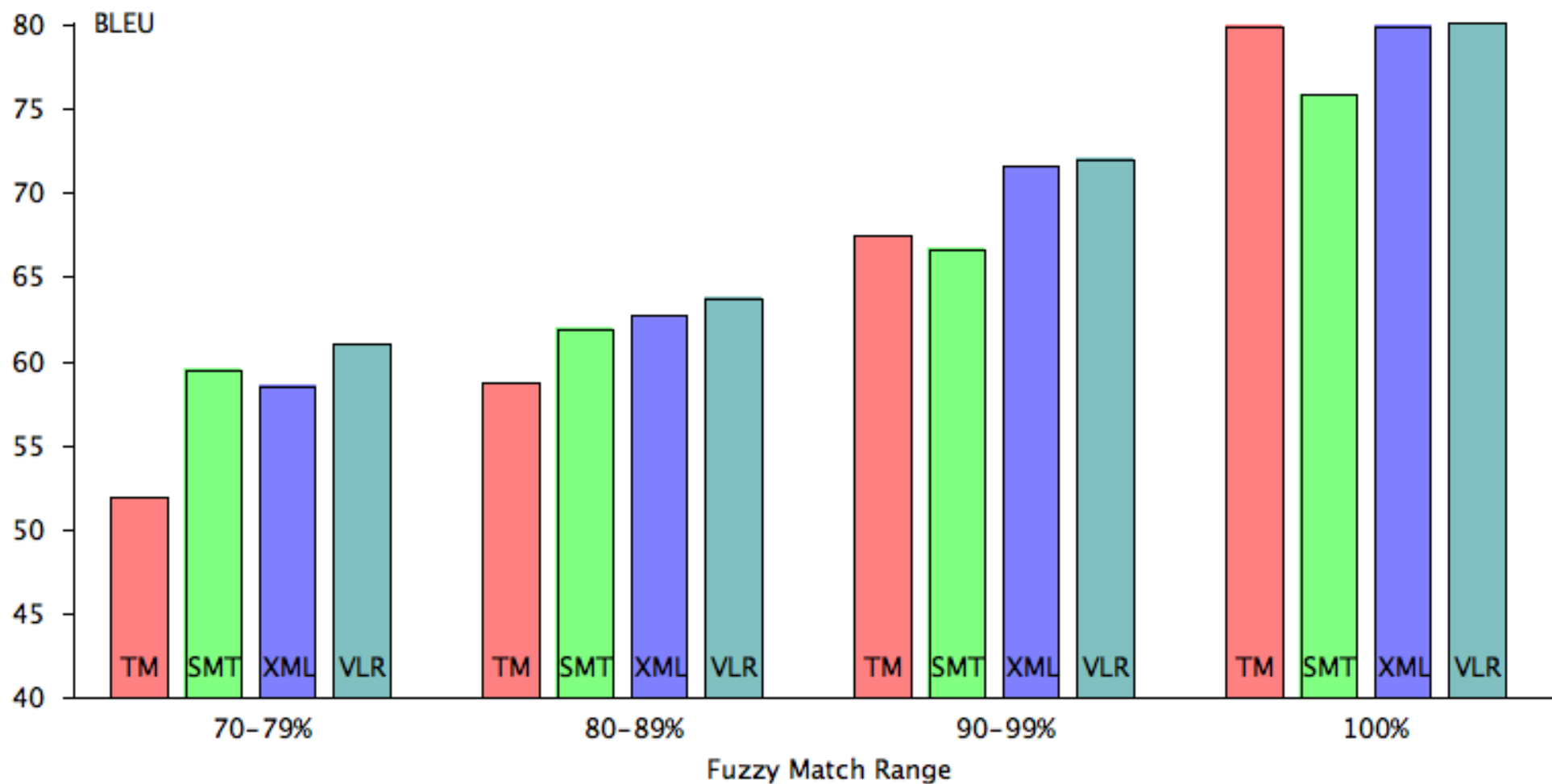
for input

The second paragraph of Article 21 is deleted .

- Very large hierarchical rule

(The second paragraph of Article x is deleted .
; À l' article x , le texte du deuxième alinéa est supprimé .)

Result: Acquis





logging and eye tracking

Logging functions

- Different types of events are saved in the logging.
 - configuration and statistics
 - start and stop session
 - segment opened and closed
 - text, key strokes, and mouse events
 - scroll and resize
 - search and replace
 - suggestions loaded and suggestion chosen
 - interactive translation prediction
 - gaze and fixation from eye tracker

Logging functions



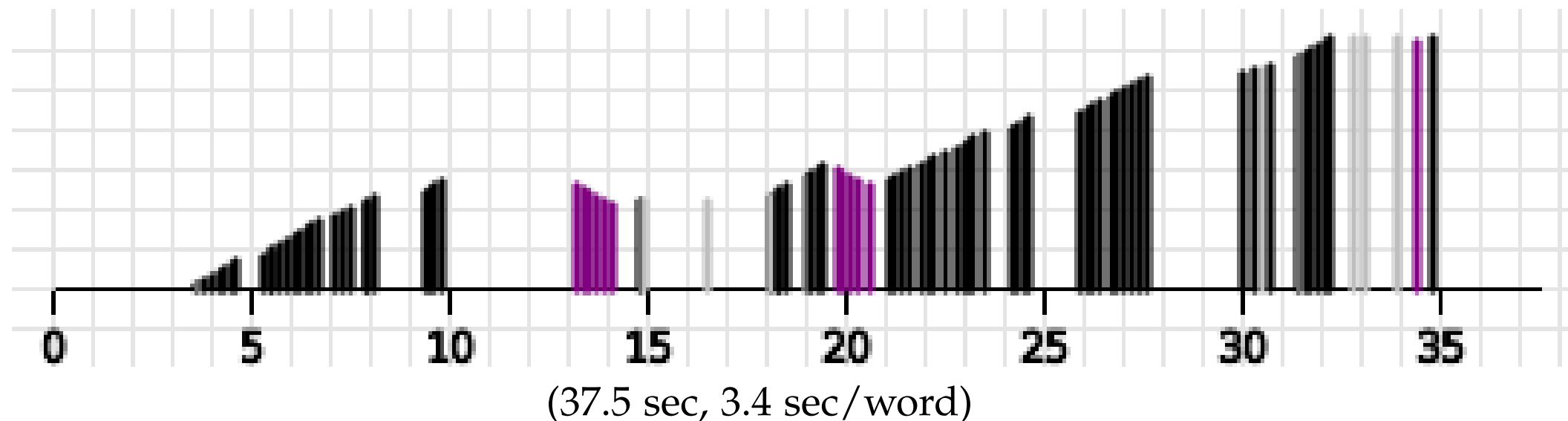
- In every event we save:
 - Type
 - In which element was produced
 - Time
- Special attributes are kept for some types of events
 - Diff of a text change
 - Current cursor position
 - Character looked at
 - Clicked UI element
 - Selected text

⇒ Full replay of user session is possible

Keystroke Log

Input: *Au premier semestre, l'avionneur a livré 97 avions.*

Output: *The manufacturer has delivered 97 planes during the first half.*



black: keystroke, purple: deletion, grey: cursor move
height: length of sentence

Example of Quality Judgments



Src. Sans se démonter, il s'est montré concis et précis.

MT Without dismantle, it has been concise and accurate.

1/3 Without fail, he has been concise and accurate. (*Prediction+Options, L2a*)

4/0 Without getting flustered, he showed himself to be concise and precise.
(*Unassisted, L2b*)

4/0 Without falling apart, he has shown himself to be concise and accurate. (*Postedit, L2c*)

1/3 Unswayable, he has shown himself to be concise and to the point. (*Options, L2d*)

0/4 Without showing off, he showed himself to be concise and precise. (*Prediction, L2e*)

1/3 Without dismantling himself, he presented himself consistent and precise.
(*Prediction+Options, L1a*)

2/2 He showed himself concise and precise. (*Unassisted, L1b*)

3/1 Nothing daunted, he has been concise and accurate. (*Postedit, L1c*)

3/1 Without losing face, he remained focused and specific. (*Options, L1d*)

3/1 Without becoming flustered, he showed himself concise and precise. (*Prediction, L1e*)

Main Measure: Productivity

Assistance	Speed	Quality
Unassisted	4.4s/word	47% correct
Postedit	2.7s (-1.7s)	55% (+8%)
Options	3.7s (-0.7s)	51% (+4%)
Prediction	3.2s (-1.2s)	54% (+7%)
Prediction+Options	3.3s (-1.1s)	53% (+6%)

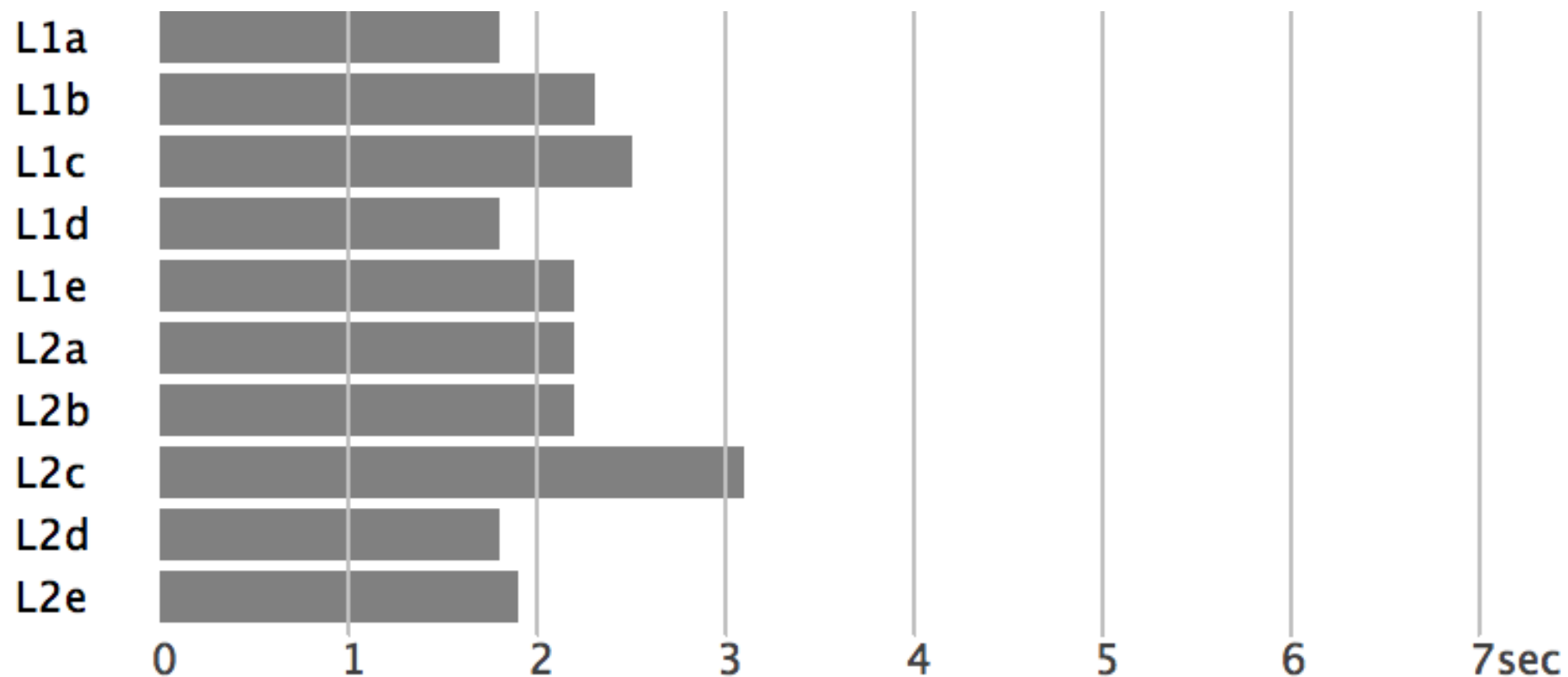
Faster and Better, Mostly



User	Unassisted	Postedit	Options	Prediction	Prediction+Options
L1a	3.3sec/word 23% correct	1.2s -2.2s 39% +16%)	2.3s -1.0s 45% +22%	1.1s -2.2s 30% +7%)	2.4s -0.9s 44% +21%
L1b	7.7sec/word 35% correct	4.5s -3.2s) 48% +13%	4.5s -3.3s 55% +20%	2.7s -5.1s 61% +26%	4.8s -3.0s 41% +6%
L1c	3.9sec/word 50% correct	1.9s -2.0s 61% +11%	3.8s -0.1s 54% +4%	3.1s -0.8s 64% +14%	2.5s -1.4s 61% +11%
L1d	2.8sec/word 38% correct	2.0s -0.7s 46% +8%	2.9s (+0.1s) 59% (+21%)	2.4s (-0.4s) 37% (-1%)	1.8s -1.0s 45% +7%
L1e	5.2sec/word 58% correct	3.9s -1.3s 64% +6%	4.9s (-0.2s) 56% (-2%)	3.5s -1.7s 62% +4%	4.6s (-0.5s) 56% (-2%)
L2a	5.7sec/word 16% correct	1.8s -3.9s 50% +34%	2.5s -3.2s 34% +18%	2.7s -3.0s 40% +24%	2.8s -2.9s 50% +34%
L2b	3.2sec/word 64% correct	2.8s (-0.4s) 56% (-8%)	3.5s +0.3s 60% -4%	6.0s +2.8s 61% -3%	4.6s +1.4s 57% -7%
L2c	5.8sec/word 52% correct	2.9s -3.0s 53% +1%	4.6s (-1.2s) 37% (-15%)	4.1s -1.7s 59% +7%	2.7s -3.1s 53% +1%
L2d	3.4sec/word 49% correct	3.1s (-0.3s) 49% (+0%)	4.3s (+0.9s) 51% (+2%)	3.8s (+0.4s) 53% (+4%)	3.7s (+0.3s) 58% (+9%)
L2e	2.8sec/word 68% correct	2.6s -0.2s 79% +11%	3.5s +0.7s 59% -9%	2.8s (-0.0s) 64% (-4%)	3.0s +0.2s 66% -2%
avg.	4.4sec/word 47% correct	2.7s -1.7s 55% +8%	3.7s -0.7s 51% +4%	3.2s -1.2s 54% +7%	3.3s -1.1s 53% +6%

Unassisted Novice Translators

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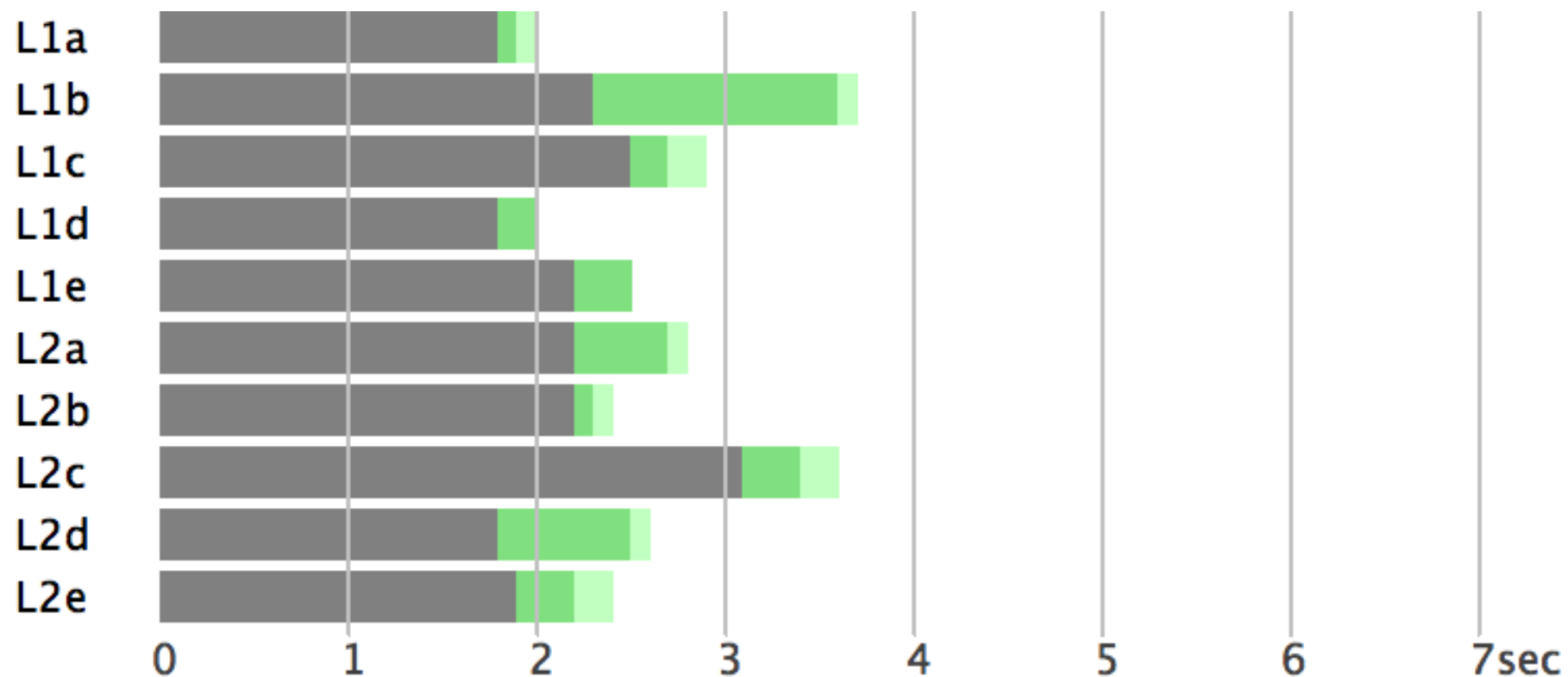


L1 = native French, L2 = native English, average time per input word

only typing

Unassisted Novice Translators

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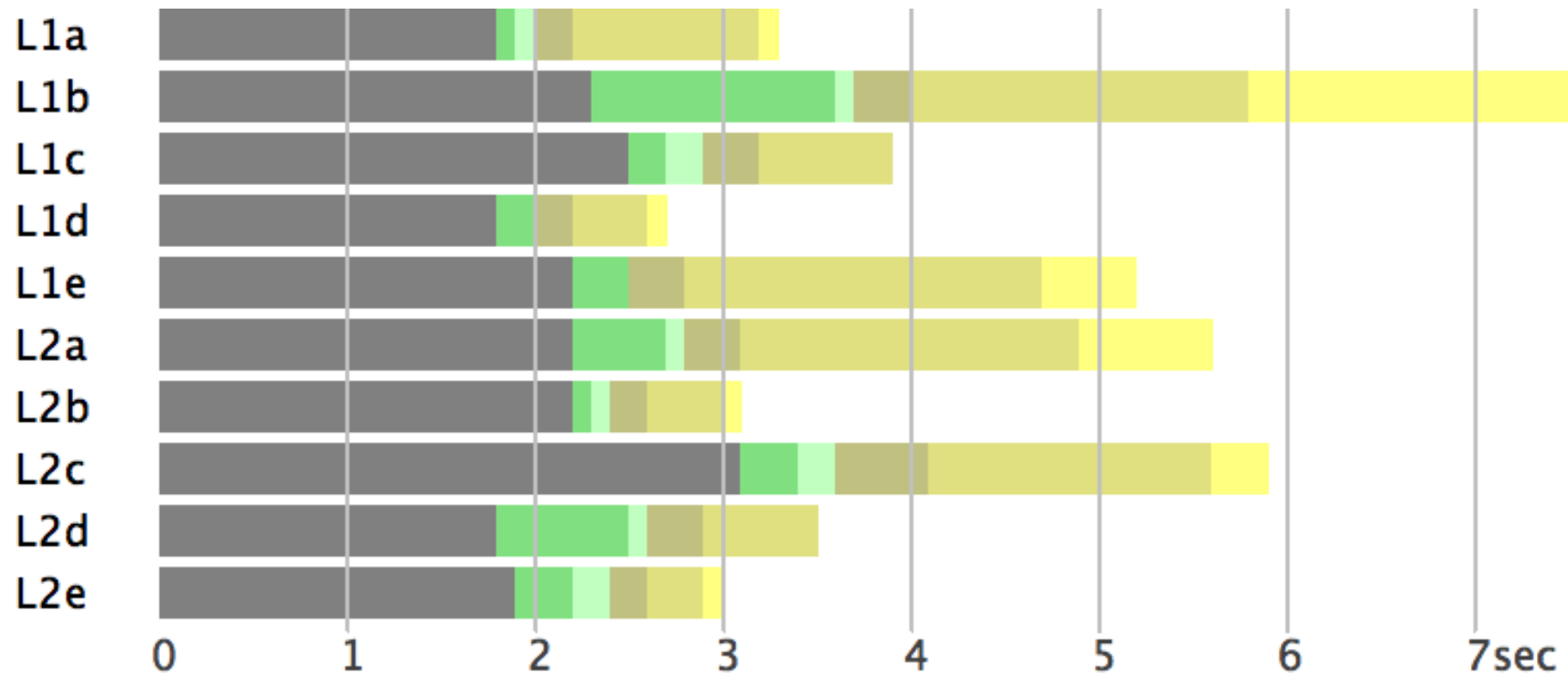


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typing, **initial and final pauses**

Unassisted Novice Translators

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L1 = native French, L2 = native English, average time per input word

typing, **initial and final pauses**, **short, medium, and long pauses**
most time difference on intermediate pauses

Activities: Native French User L1b

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User: L1b	total	init-p	end-p	short-p	mid-p	big-p	key	click	tab
Unassisted	7.7s	1.3s	0.1s	0.3s	1.8s	1.9s	2.3s	-	-
Postedit	4.5s	1.5s	0.4s	0.1s	1.0s	0.4s	1.1s	-	-
Options	4.5s	0.6s	0.1s	0.4s	0.9s	0.7s	1.5s	0.4s	-
Prediction	2.7s	0.3s	0.3s	0.2s	0.7s	0.1s	0.6s	-	0.4s
Prediction+Options	4.8s	0.6s	0.4s	0.4s	1.3s	0.5s	0.9s	0.5s	0.2s

Activities: Native French User L1b

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User: L1b	total	init-p	end-p	short-p	mid-p	big-p	key	click	tab
Unassisted	7.7s	1.3s	0.1s	0.3s	1.8s	1.9s	2.3s	-	-
Postedit	4.5s	1.5s	0.4s	0.1s	1.0s	0.4s	1.1s	-	-
Options	4.5s	0.6s	0.1s	0.4s	0.9s	0.7s	1.5s	0.4s	-
Prediction	2.7s	0.3s	0.3s	0.2s	0.7s	0.1s	0.6s	-	0.4s
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Slightly
less time
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typing

Activities: Native French User L1b

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Postedit	4.5s	1.5s	0.4s	0.1s	1.0s	0.4s	1.1s	-	-
Options	4.5s	0.6s	0.1s	0.4s	0.9s	0.7s	1.5s	0.4s	-
Prediction	2.7s	0.3s	0.3s	0.2s	0.7s	0.1s	0.6s	-	0.4s
Prediction+Options	4.8s	0.6s	0.4s	0.4s	1.3s	0.5s	0.9s	0.5s	0.2s

Less
pausing

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Activities: Native French User L1b

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Postedit	4.5s	1.5s	0.4s	0.1s	1.0s	0.4s	1.1s	-	-
Options	4.5s	0.6s	0.1s	0.4s	0.9s	0.7s	1.5s	0.4s	-
Prediction	2.7s	0.3s	0.3s	0.2s	0.7s	0.1s	0.6s	-	0.4s
Prediction+Options	4.8s	0.6s	0.4s	0.4s	1.3s	0.5s	0.9s	0.5s	0.2s

Less
pausing

Especially
less time
in big
pauses

Slightly
less time
spent on
typing

Origin of Characters: Native French L1b

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User: L1b	key	click	tab	mt
Postedit	18%	-	-	81%
Options	59%	40%	-	-
Prediction	14%	-	85%	-
Prediction+Options	21%	44%	33%	-

Origin of Characters: Native French L1b

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User: L1b	key	click	tab	mt
Postedit	18%	-	-	81%
Options	59%	40%	-	-
Prediction	14%	-	85%	-
Prediction+Options	21%	44%	33%	-

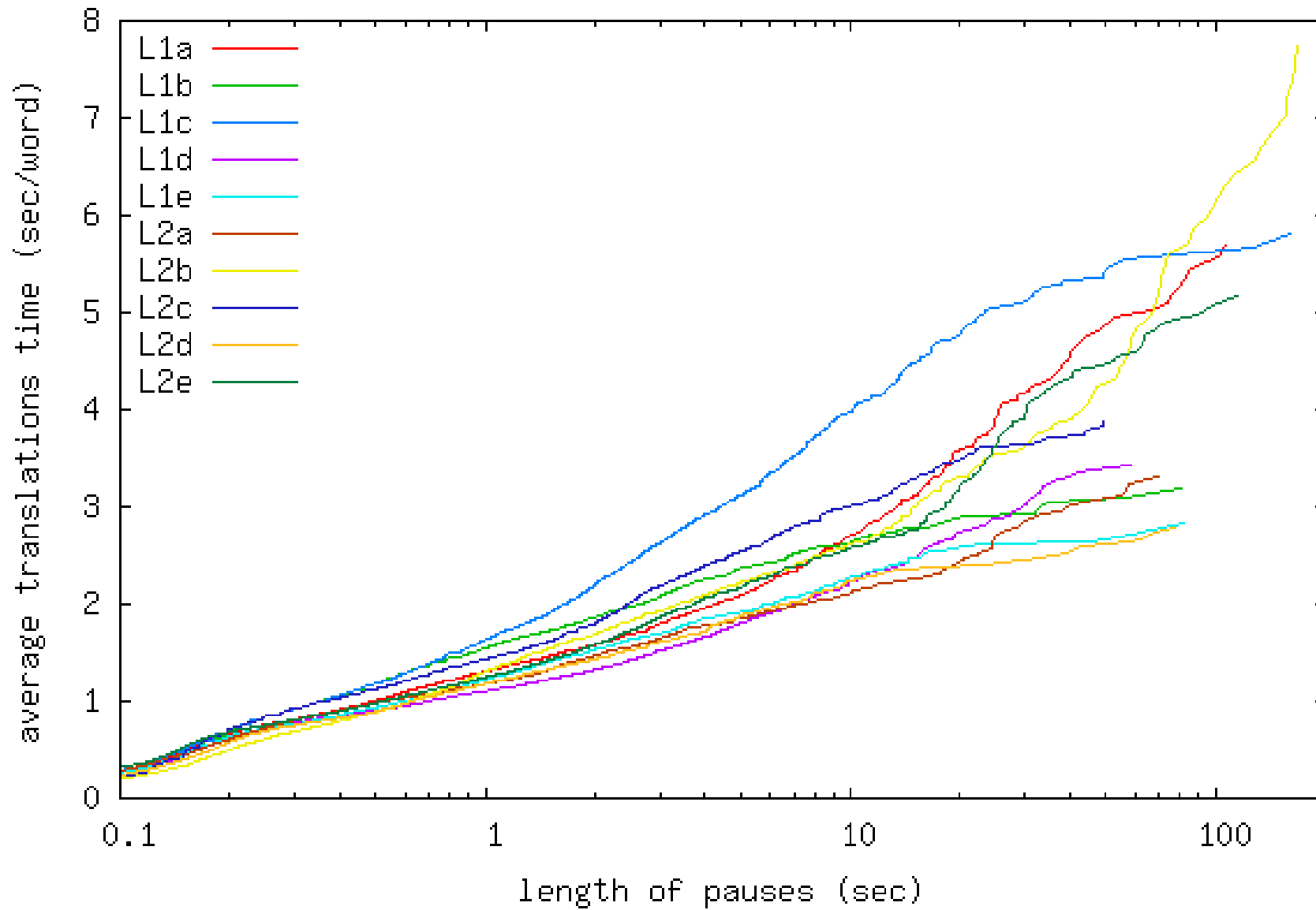
Translation comes to large degree from assistance

Pauses Reconsidered

- Our classification of pauses is arbitrary (2-6sec, 6-60sec, >60sec)
- Extreme view: all you see is pauses
 - keystrokes take no observable time
 - all you see is pauses between action points■
- Visualizing range of pauses:
time t spent in pauses $p \in P$ up to a certain length l

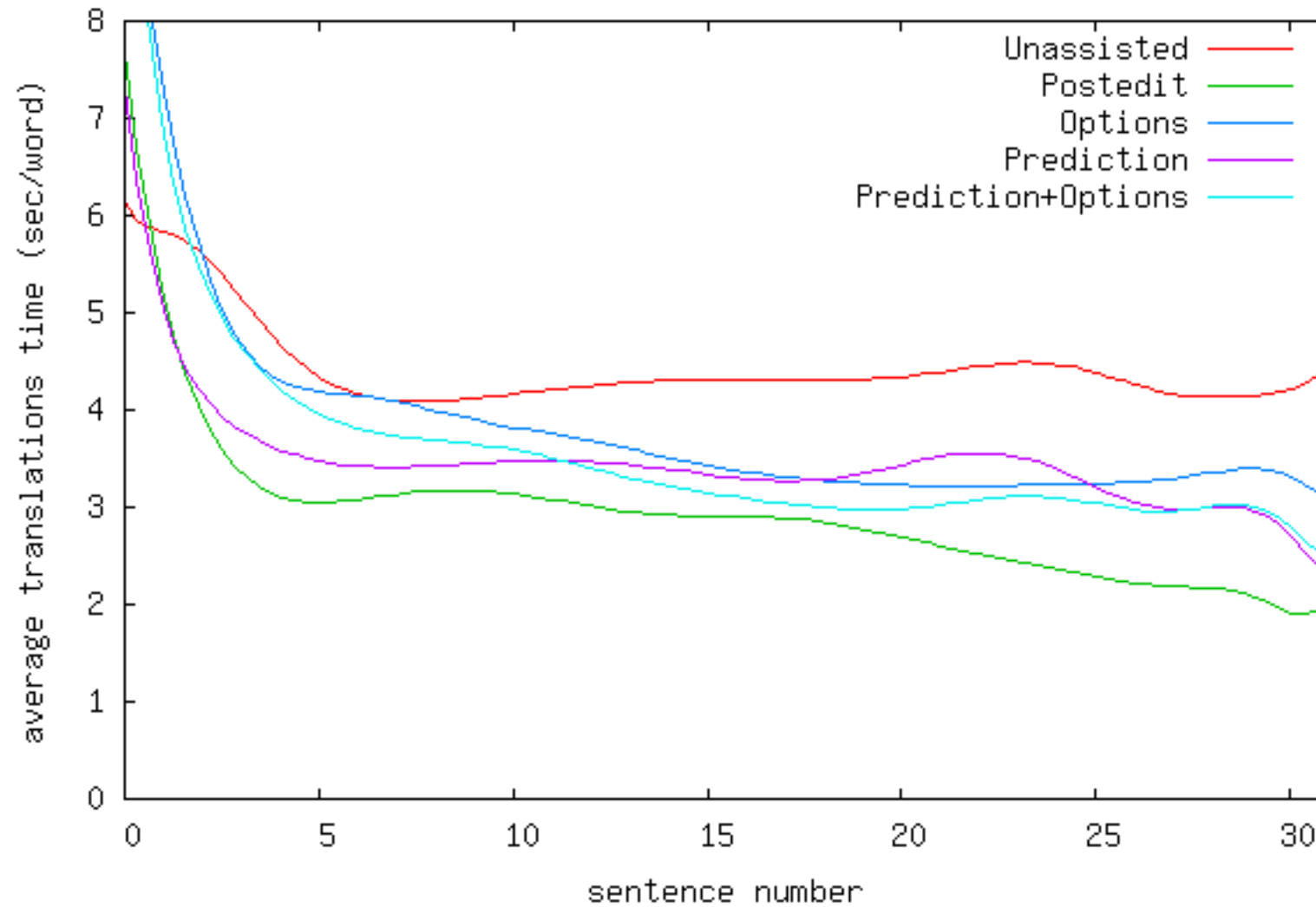
$$sum(t) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{p \in P, l(p) \leq t} l(p)$$

Results



Learning Effects

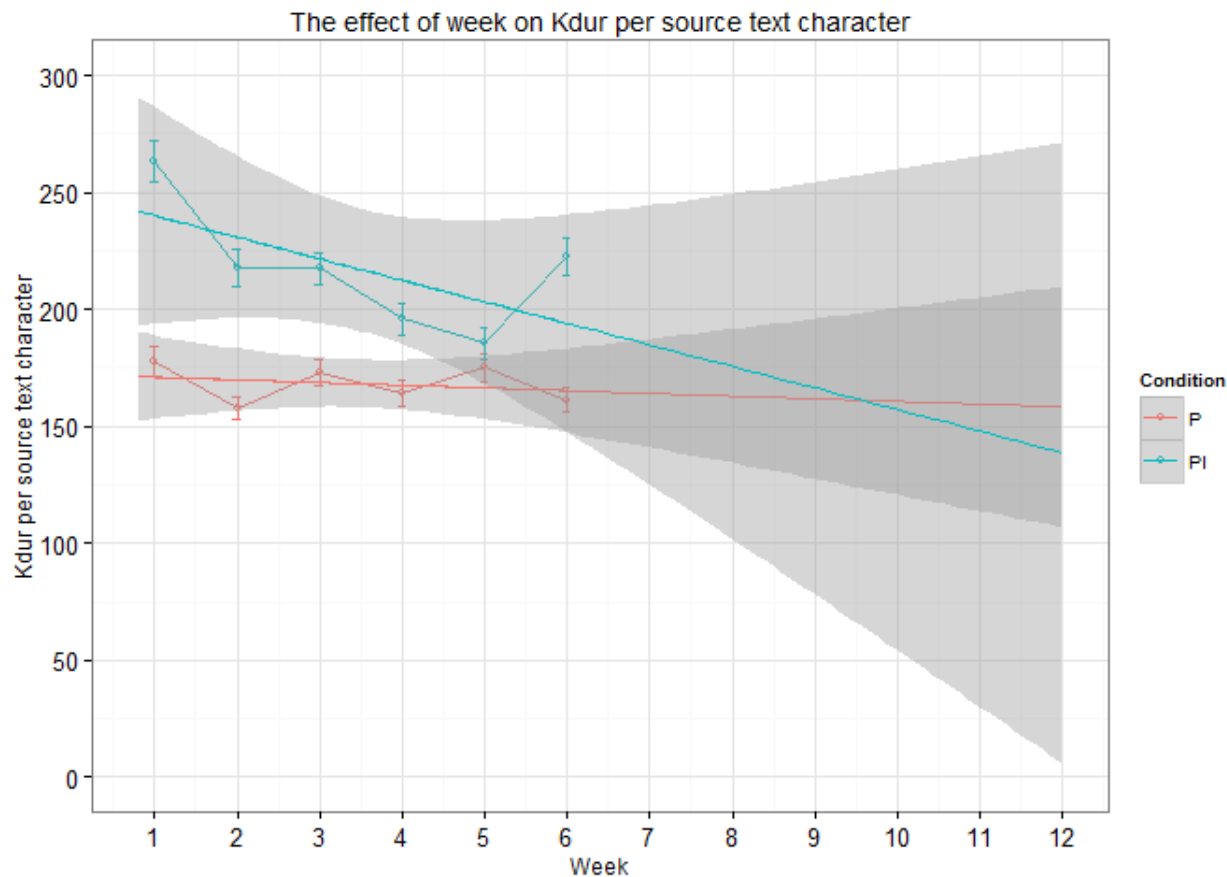
Users become better over time with assistance



Learning Effects: Professional Translators



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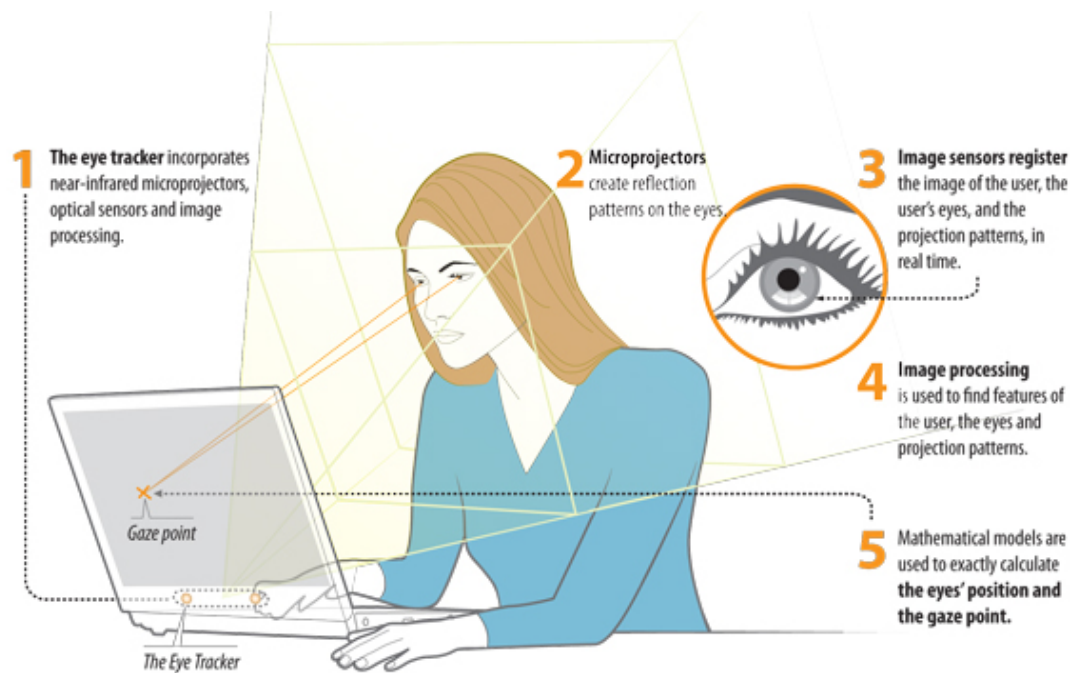
CASMACAT longitudinal study

Productivity projection as reflected in Kdur taking into account six weeks

(Kdur = user activity excluding pauses > 5 seconds)

Eye Tracking

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- Eye trackers extensively used in cognitive studies of, e.g., reading behavior
- Overcomes weakness of key logger: what happens during pauses
- Fixation: where is the focus of the gaze
- Pupil dilation: indicates degree of concentration

Eye Tracking



- Problem: Accuracy and precision of gaze samples



Good precision,
poor accuracy



Good accuracy,
poor precision

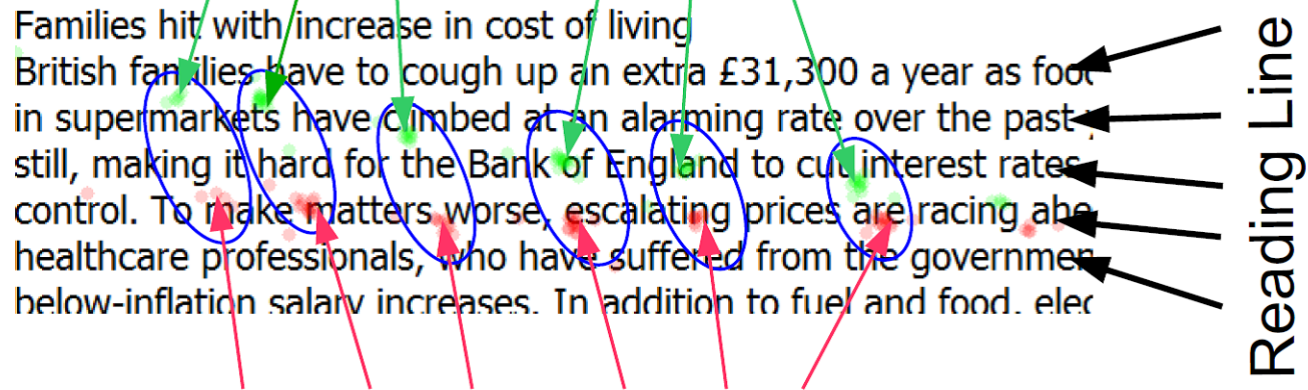
× = *eye tracker result*

● = *target looked at*

Gaze-to-Word Mapping

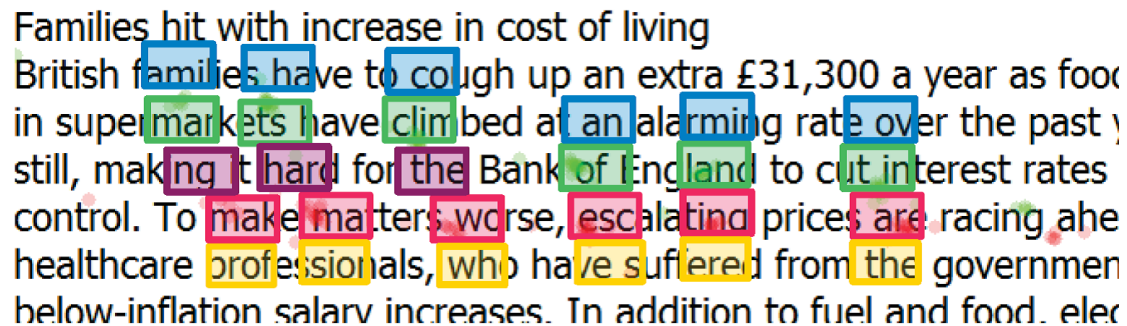
- Recorded gaze locations and fixations

Right eye gaze samples

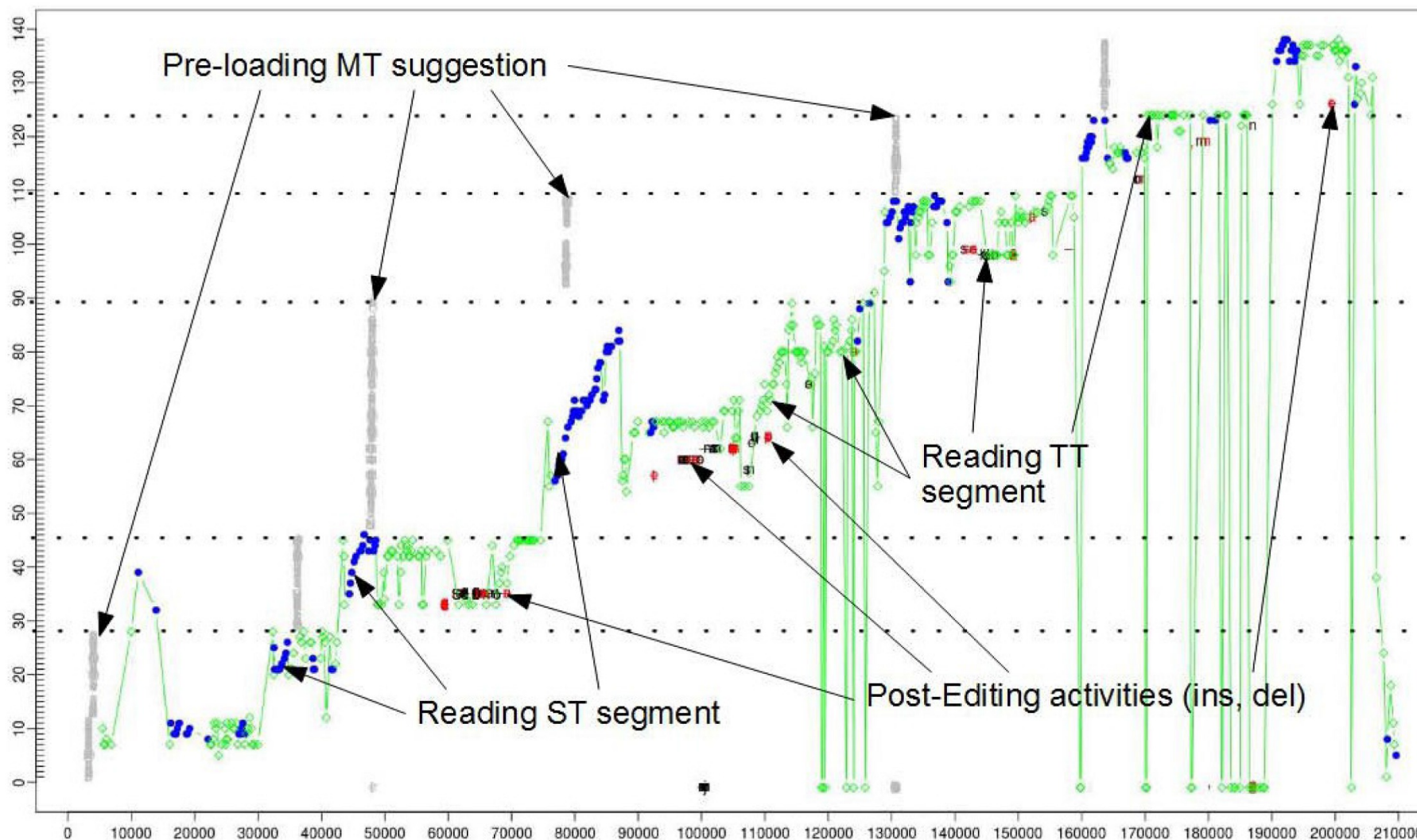


Left eye gaze samples

- Gaze-to-word mapping

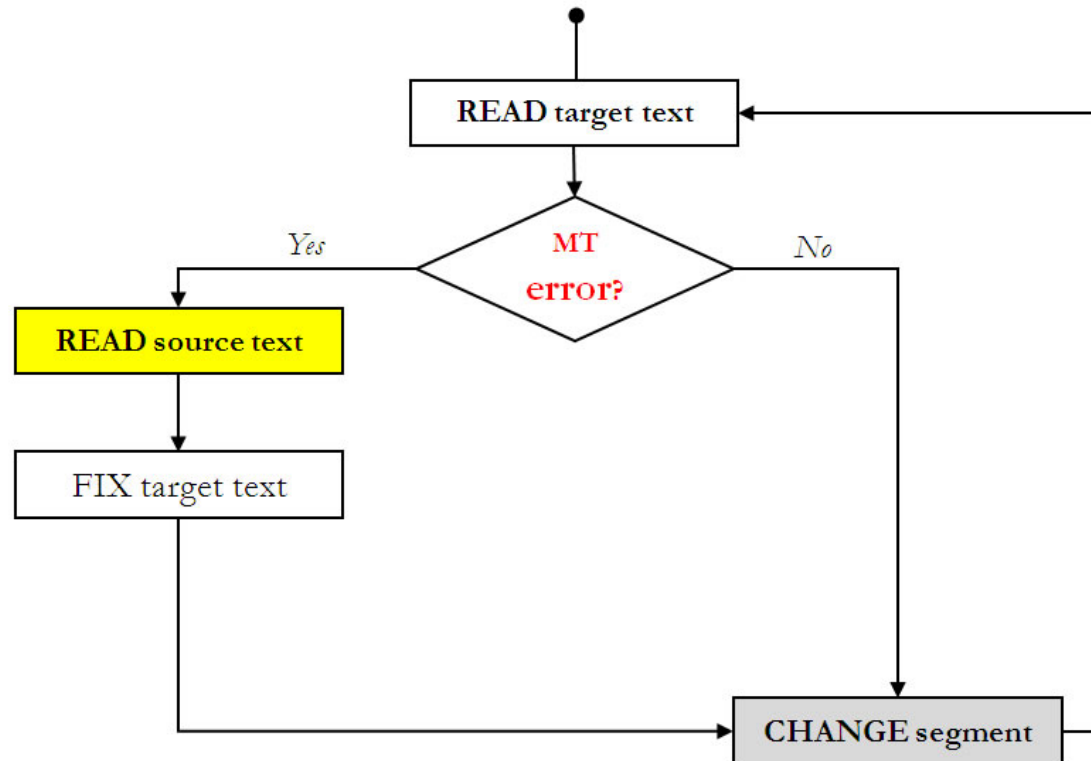


Logging and Eye Tracking



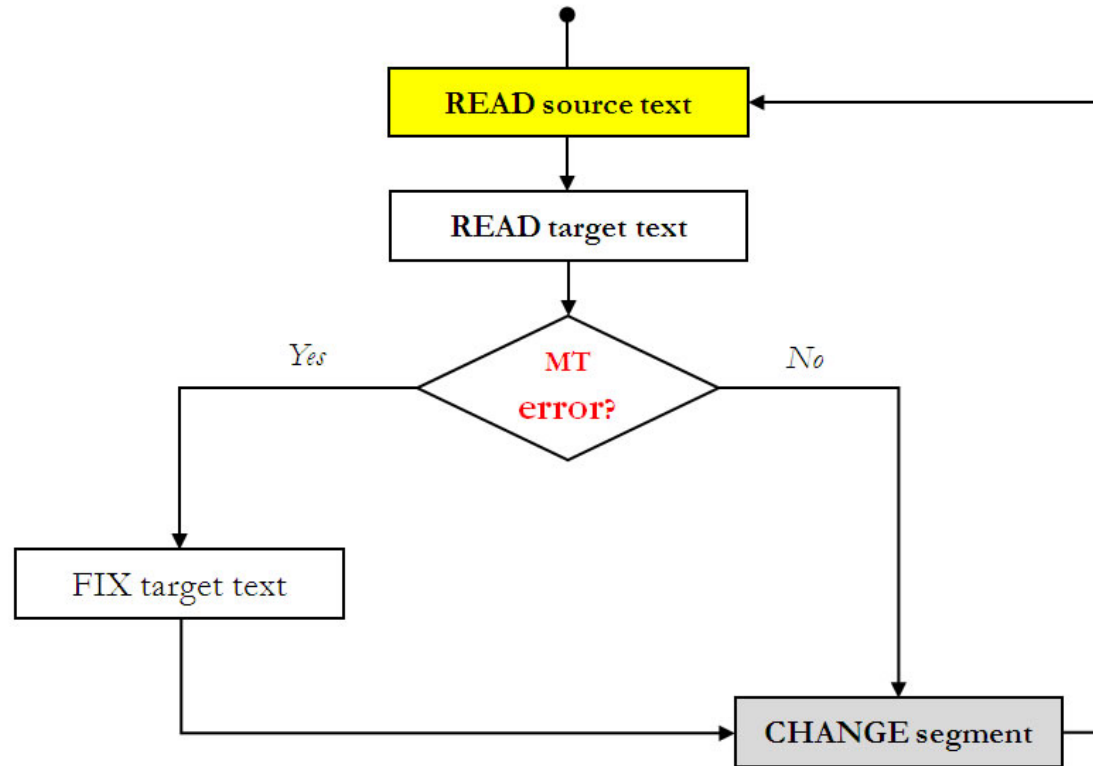
focus on target word (green) or source word (blue) at position x

Cognitive Studies: User Styles



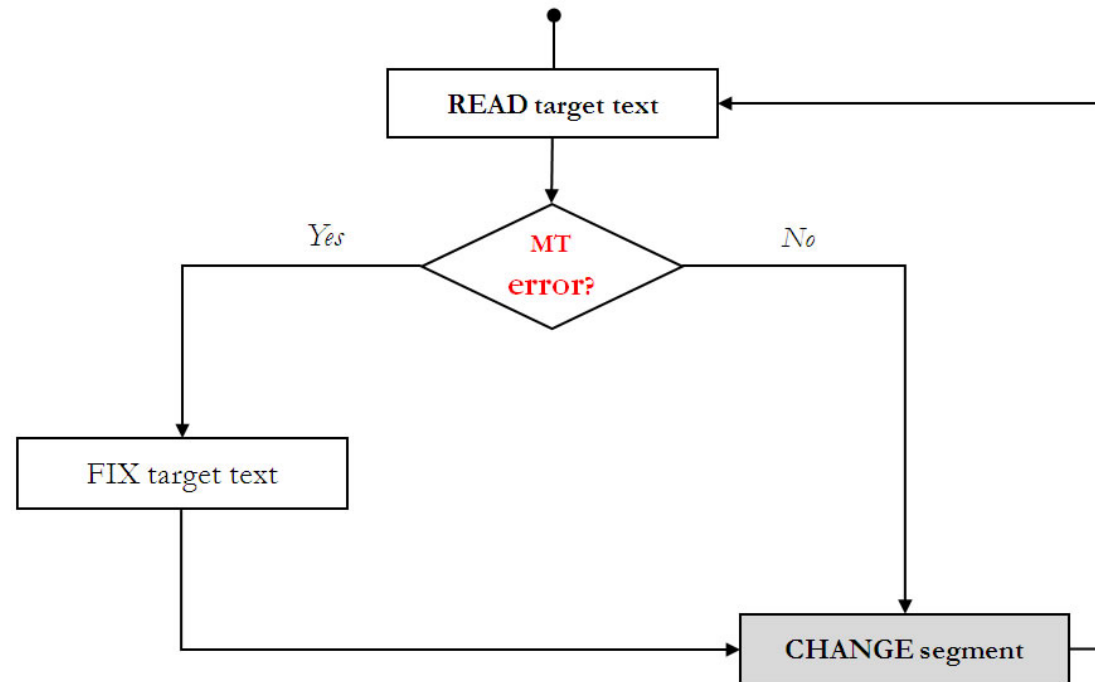
- User style 1: Verifies translation just based on the target text, reads source text to fix it

Cognitive Studies: User Styles



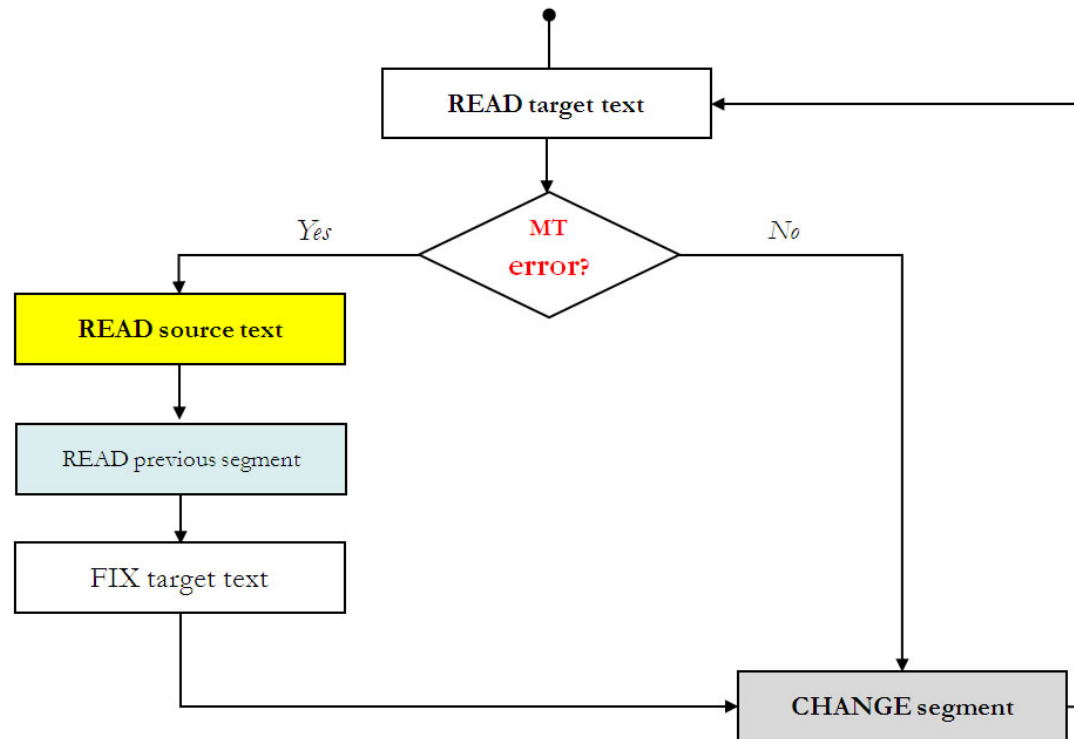
- User style 2: Reads source text first, then target text

Cognitive Studies: User Styles



- User style 3: Makes corrections based on target text only

Cognitive Studies: User Styles



- User style 4: As style 1, but also considers previous segment for corrections

Users and User Styles

	Style 1			Style 2			Style 3			Style 4		
	target / source-fix			source-target			target only			wider context		
	P	PI	PIA	P	PI	PIA	P	PI	PIA	P	PI	PIA
P02	*	*	*	●	●	●	●			●	●	●
P03												
P04	●	*	*				*	●	●	●	●	●
P05	●	●	●				*	*	*	●	●	●
P07	*	*	*				●	●	●	●	●	●
P08	*	*	*	●	●	●				●	●	●
P09	●	●	●				*	*	*	●	●	●

- Individual users employ different user styles
- But: consistently across different types of assistance
(P = post-editing, PI = interactive post-editing, PIA = interactive post-editing with additional annotations)

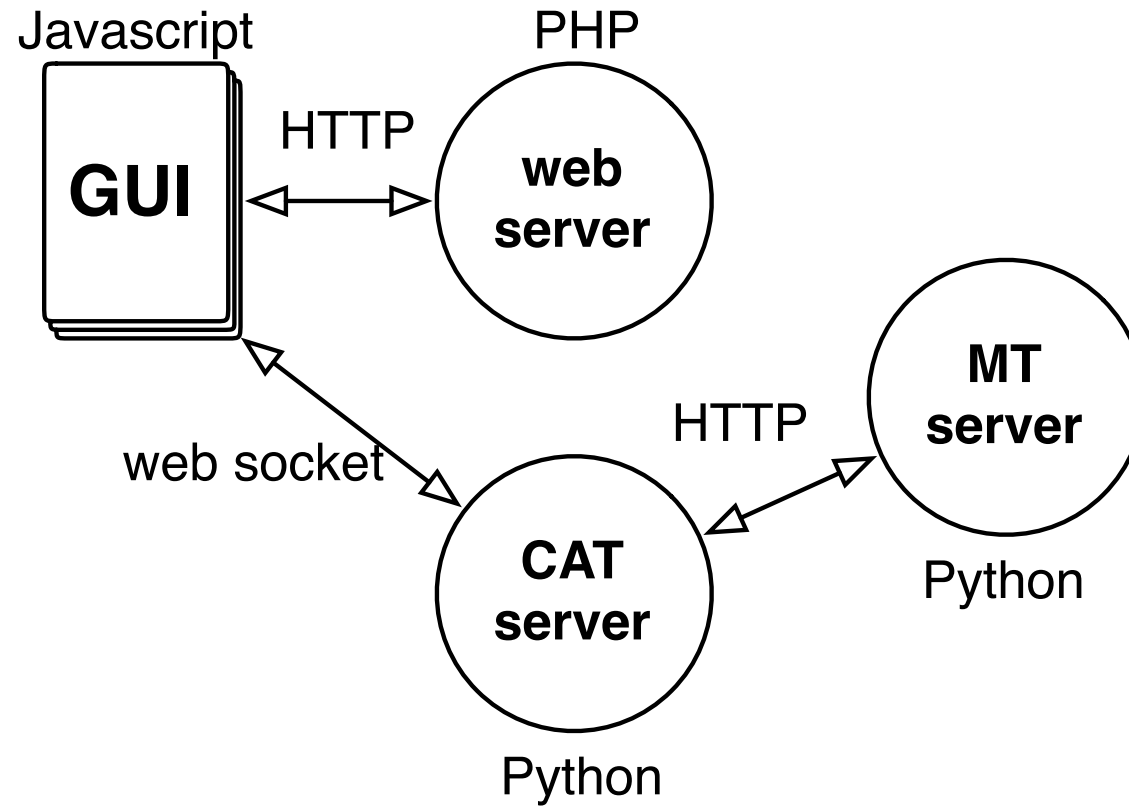
- Local backtracking
 - **Immediate repetition:** the user immediately returns to the same segment (e.g. AAAA)
 - **Local alternation:** user switches between adjacent segments, often singly (e.g. ABAB) but also for longer stretches (e.g. ABC-ABC).
 - **Local orientation:** very brief reading of a number of segments, then returning to each one and editing them (e.g. ABCDE-ABCDE).
- Long-distance backtracking
 - **Long-distance alternation:** user switches between the current segment and different previous segments (e.g. JCJDJFJG)
 - **Text final backtracking:** user backtracks to specific segments after having edited all the segments at least once
 - **In-text long distance backtracking:** instances of long distance backtracking as the user proceeds in order through the text.



part III

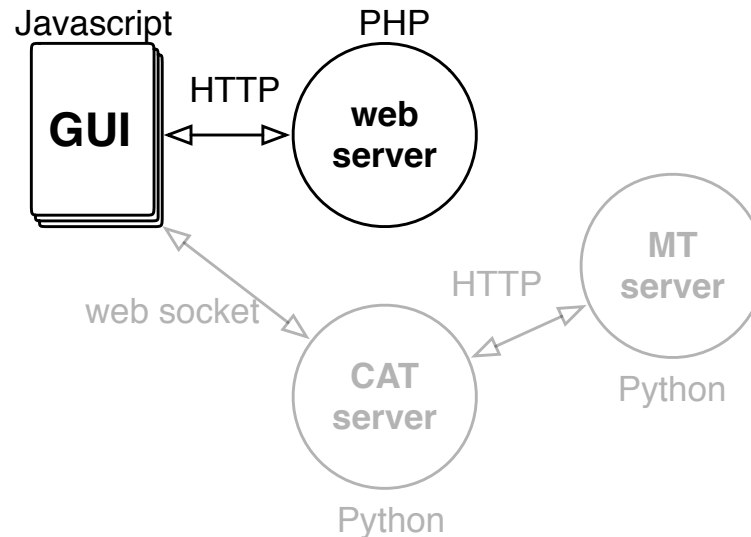
CASMACAT workbench implementation

Components



Web Server

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- Builds on Matecat open source implementation
- Typical web application: LAMP (Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP)
- Uses model, view, controller breakdown

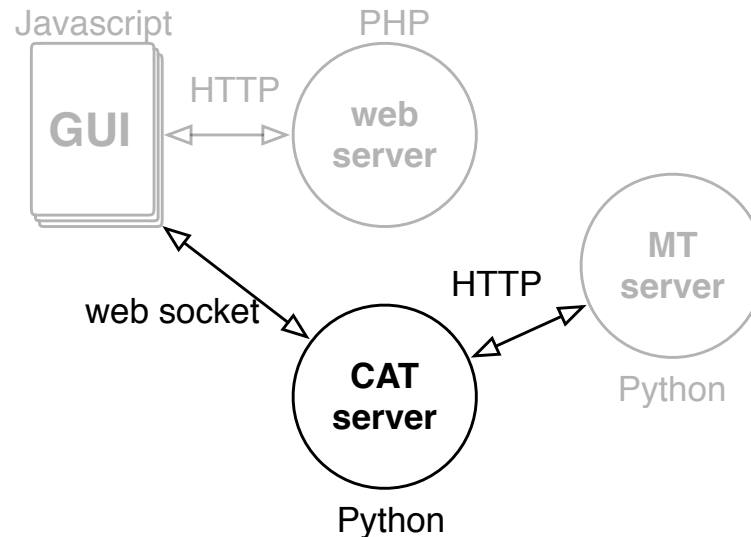


- Relevant data is stored in MySQL database `matecat_sandbox`
- Major database tables
 - Projects are stored in `projects`
 - They have a corresponding entry in `jobs`
 - Raw files (XLIFF) are stored in `files`
 - Segments are stored in `segments`
 - Translations of segments are stored in `segment_translations`
 - Log events are stored in `*_event`
 - etc.
- The major change from Matecat is the logging

Controller

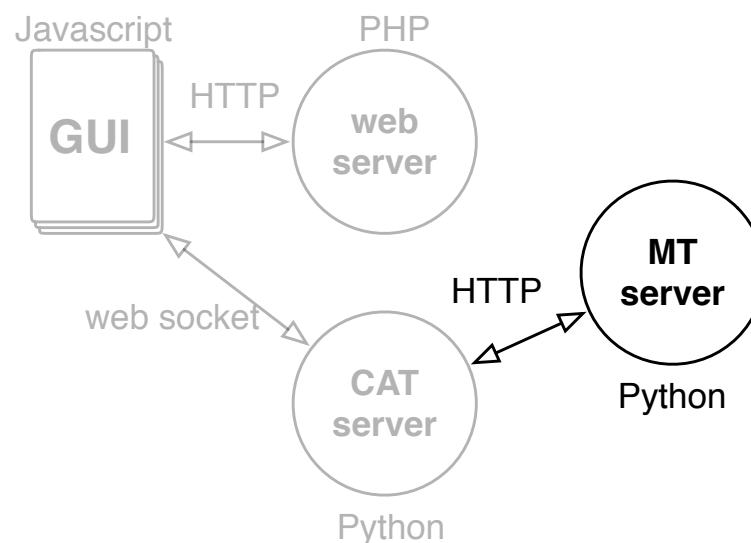
- Typical request: get information about a segment:
POST `http://192.168.56.2:8000/?action=getSegments&time=1446185242727`
- Script `index.php` selects corresponding action in `lib/controller`
e.g., `getSegmentsController.php`
- Response is HTML or JSON
- The main action is really in the Javascript GUI `public/js`
 - core functionality from Matecat `public/js/cat.js`
 - CASMACAT extensions `public/js/casmacat`

CAT Server



- To a large degree middleware
- Calls external services such as
 - MT server
 - word aligner
 - interactive translation prediction
- Caches information about a sentence translation

MT Server



- Google-style API to MT Server
- Python wrapper for Moses
 - basic translation request
 - includes pre and post processing pipeline
 - other functions: word alignment, incremental updating, etc.
- Uses mosesserver XMLRPC server

server.py

- Requires mosesserver to run as a service

```
mosesserver -config $MODELDIR/moses.ini --server-port 9010
```

- Script server.py requires a lot of parameters
 - preprocessing tools (tokenizer, truecaser, etc.)
 - IP address and port
 - URL of the mosesserver API
 - etc.

- Request to the script

```
http://127.0.0.1:9000//translate?q=Un+test&key=0&source=xx&target=xx
```

- Response

```
{"data": {"translations": [{"translatedText": "A test",  
"translatedTextRaw": "a test",  
"annotatedSource": "un test",  
"tokenization": {"src": [[0, 1], [3, 6]], "tgt": [[0, 0], [2, 5]]}}]}
```



- Moses is installed in `/opt/moses`
- CASMACAT is installed in `/opt/casmacat`
 - web server / GUI in `/opt/casmacat/web-server`
 - MT server (`server.py`) in `/opt/casmacat/mt-server`
 - CAT server in `/opt/casmacat/cat-server`
 - installation scripts in `/opt/casmacat/install`
 - log files in `/opt/casmacat/logs`
- Home Edition
 - admin web server in `/opt/casmacat/admin`
 - corpus data in `/opt/casmacat/data`
 - prototype training in `/opt/casmacat/experiment`
 - engines stored in `/opt/casmacat/engines`

Home Edition MT Engine

- Demo engine in `/opt/casmacat/engines/fr-en-upload-1`

- Files

```
biconcor.1
biconcor.1.align
biconcor.1.src-vcb
biconcor.1.tgt
biconcor.1.tgt-vcb
corpus-1.binlm.1
fast-align.1
fast-align.1.log
fast-align.1.parameters
fast-align-inverse.1
fast-align-inverse.1.log
fast-align-inverse.1.parameters
info
moses.tuned.ini.1
phrase-table-mmsapt.1
reordering-table.1.wbe-msd-bidirectional-fe.minlexr
RUN
truecase-model.1.en
truecase-model.1.fr
```

- The script `RUN` starts the engine

Thank You

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questions?