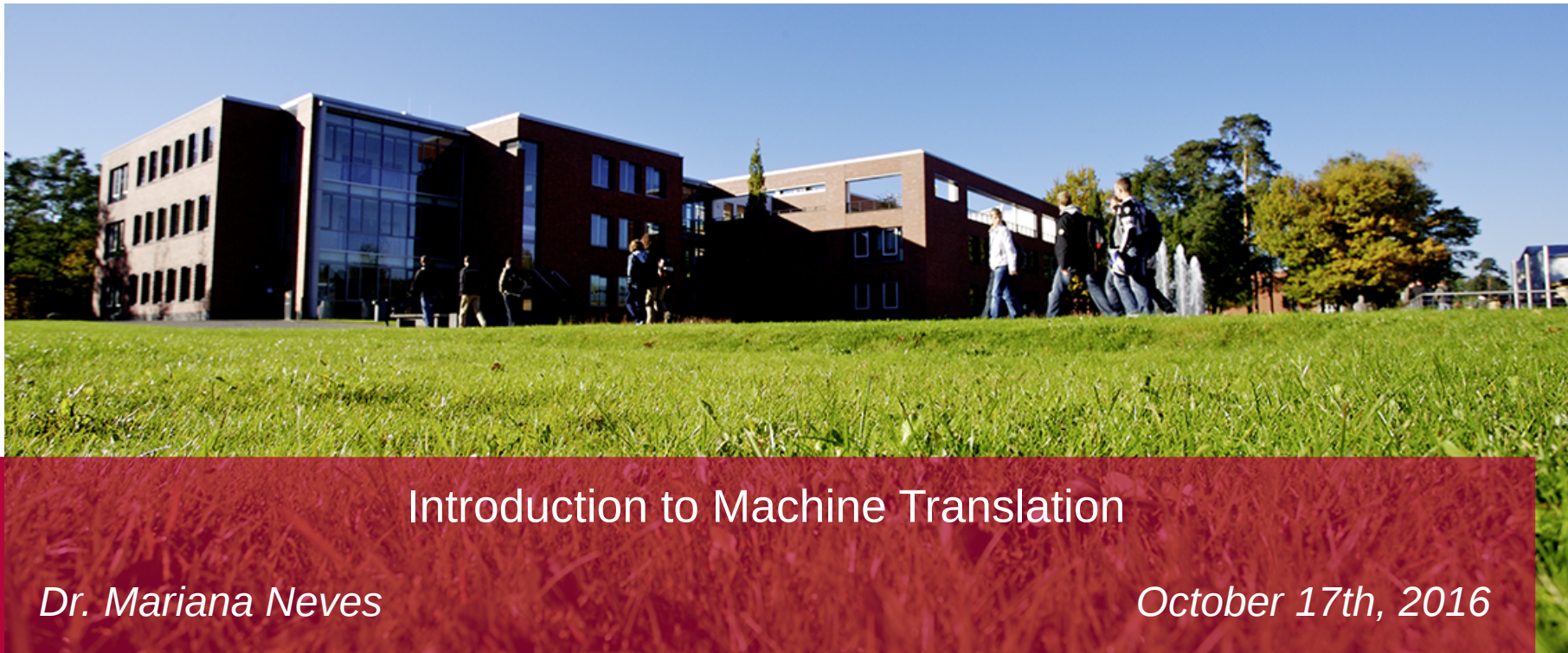


Machine Translation  
WiSe 2016/2017



## Introduction to Machine Translation

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## Machine translation (MT)

- Automatic translation from one language to another
- Koehn: „Translating between languages is [...] a task for which even humans require special training.“


# Machine translation

**welt** **WELT** @welt · 11m [View translation](#)

Transfermarkt: Drei Dortmund schießen im Marktwert nach oben  
[to.welt.de/qhFp3Q9](https://www.welt.de/qhFp3Q9)

Translated from German by  bing [Wrong translation?](#)

Transfer market: Three Dortmund shoot in market value after the top  
[to.welt.de/qhFp3Q9](https://www.welt.de/qhFp3Q9)



## Machine Translation

C1: DAIYU ALONE ON BED TOP THINK BAOCHAI

E1: *As she* lay there alone Daiyu's thoughts *turned to* Baochai .

C3: CLEAR COLD PENETRATE CURTAIN

E3: *The* coldness penetrated *the* curtains *of her bed* .

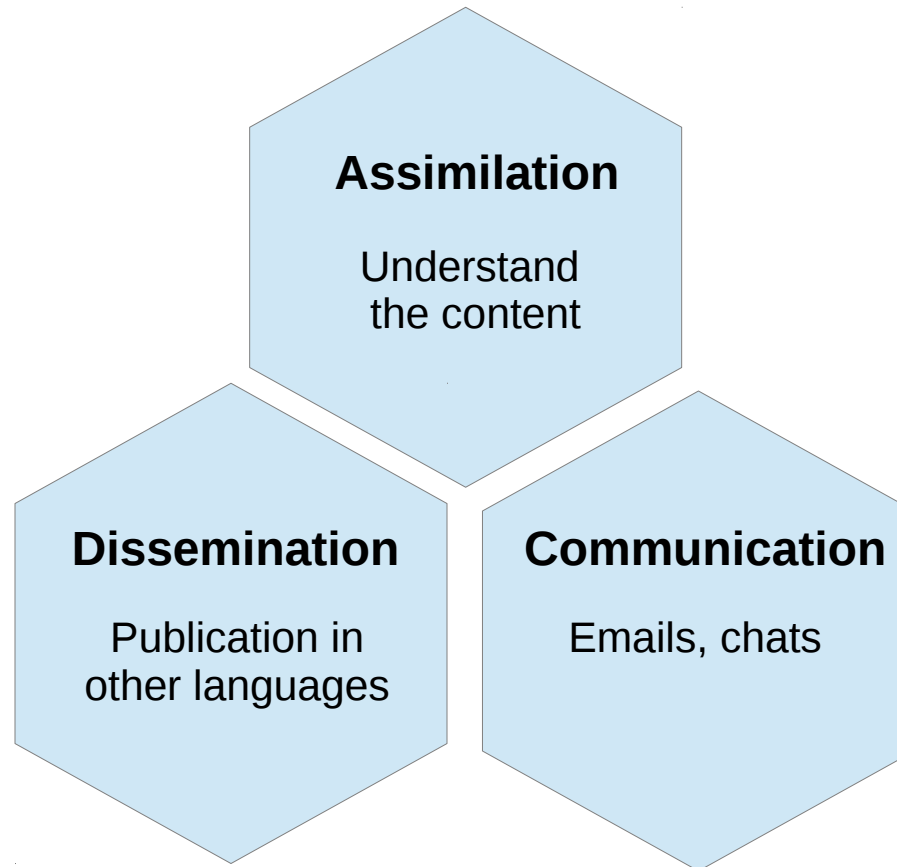
C4: NOT FEELING FALL DOWN TEARS COME

E4: *Almost* without noticing *it she had began to* cry .

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# MT applications





# Fully Automatic High Quality Machine Translation (FAHQMT)

- Limited domains (weather, sport, rail, flight info)
- Controlled vocabulary

# Météo: translation of weather reports and warnings

Since 2004, RALI has been investigating how well current SMT approaches deal with a real-world task. We have reconstructed translation systems for dealing with weather bulletins and warnings issued by the [Canadian Meteorological Centre of Environment Canada](#).

#	ED	PER	REP	Source	SMT	REF
1	0	0.000	21	THESE THUNDERSTORMS WILL PRODUCE GUSTY WINDS OF 90 KM / H OR MORE , HAIL STONES OF 2 CM OR MORE , HEAVY RAIN AND FREQUENT LIGHTNING .	CES ORAGES PRODUIRONT DES RAFALES DE 90 KM / H OU PLUS - DE LA GRELE DE 2 CM OU PLUS - DE FORTES PLUIES - ET DE NOMBREUX ECLAIRS .	CES ORAGES PRODUIRONT DES RAFALES DE 90 KM / H OU PLUS - DE LA GRELE DE 2 CM OU PLUS - DE FORTES PLUIES - ET DE NOMBREUX ECLAIRS .
2	0	0.000	38	PERSONS IN THESE REGIONS SHOULD TAKE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND LISTEN FOR SUBSEQUENT WARNINGS .	LE PUBLIC DES REGIONS CONCERNEES DEVRAIT PRENDRE LES PRECAUTIONS QUI S IMPOSENT ET SURVEILLER L EMISSION D ALERTES SUBSEQUENTES .	LE PUBLIC DES REGIONS CONCERNEES DEVRAIT PRENDRE LES PRECAUTIONS QUI S IMPOSENT ET SURVEILLER L EMISSION D ALERTES SUBSEQUENTES .
3	0	0.000	5	THIS WARNING IS IN EFFECT FROM 2:20 PM TO 4:50 PM EDT .	CETTE ALERTE EST EN VIGUEUR DE 14H20 A 16H50 HAE .	CETTE ALERTE EST EN VIGUEUR DE 14H20 A 16H50 HAE .
4	0	0.000	16	SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS HAVE WEAKENED OR HAVE MOVED OUT OF THE THESE REGIONS .	LES ORAGES VIOLENTS ONT FAIBLI OU ONT QUITTE CES REGIONS .	LES ORAGES VIOLENTS ONT FAIBLI OU ONT QUITTE CES REGIONS .

(<http://rali.iro.umontreal.ca/rali/?q=en/Meteo>)

# Controlled languages - rules

## **RULE 1:**

Write sentences that are shorter than 25 words.

## **RULE 2:**

Write sentences that express only one idea.

## **RULE 3:**

Write the same sentence if you want to express the same content.

## **RULE 4:**

Write sentences that are grammatically complete.

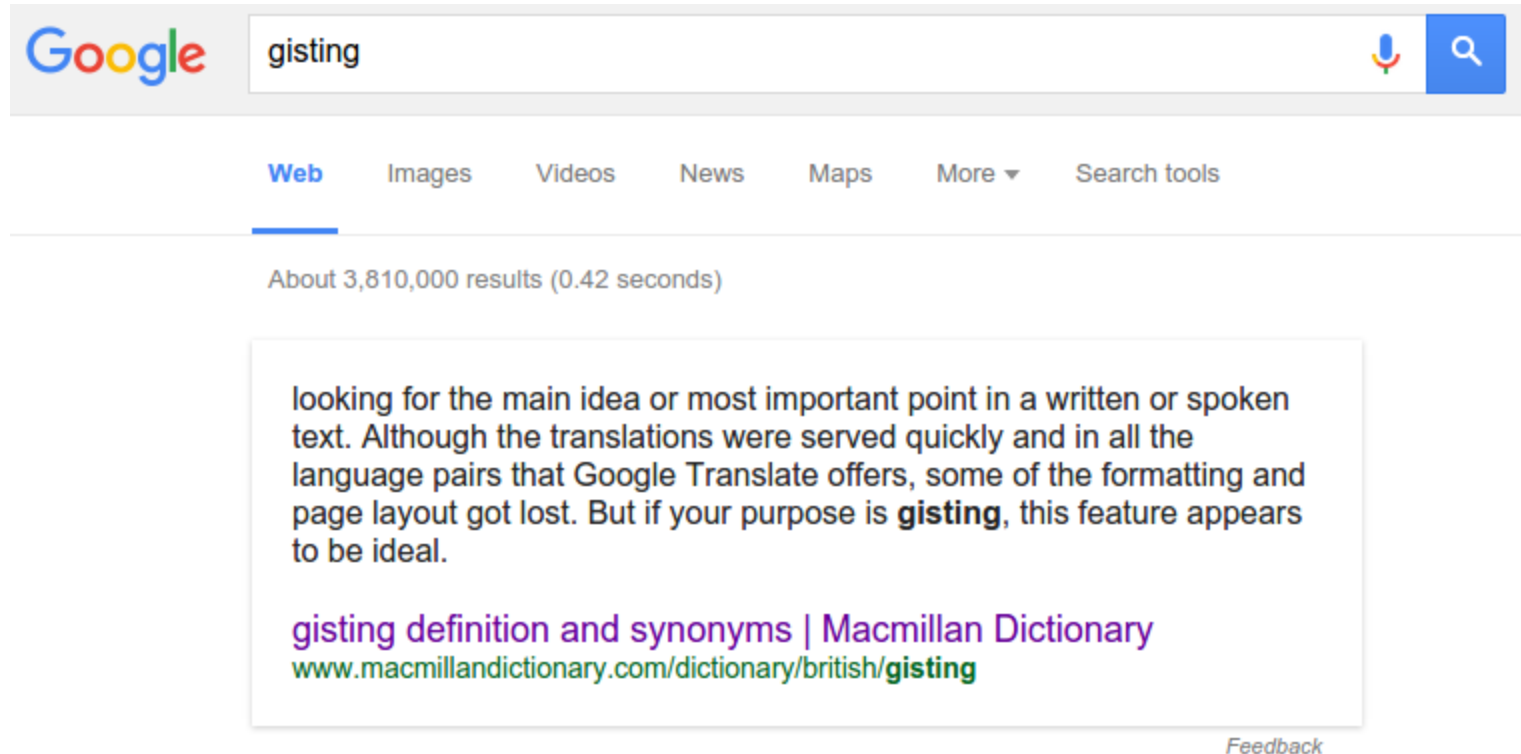
## **RULE 6:**

Write sentences in the active form.

## **RULE 7:**

Write sentences that repeat the noun instead of using a pronoun.

# Gisting



The image shows a Google search interface. The search bar contains the word "gisting". Below the search bar, the "Web" tab is selected. The search results show "About 3,810,000 results (0.42 seconds)". A snippet from Macmillan Dictionary is displayed, defining "gisting" as "looking for the main idea or most important point in a written or spoken text." The snippet also includes a link to the Macmillan Dictionary website for "gisting".

Google

gisting

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About 3,810,000 results (0.42 seconds)

looking for the main idea or most important point in a written or spoken text. Although the translations were served quickly and in all the language pairs that Google Translate offers, some of the formatting and page layout got lost. But if your purpose is **gisting**, this feature appears to be ideal.

[gisting definition and synonyms | Macmillan Dictionary](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/gisting)  
[www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/gisting](http://www.macmillandictionary.com/dictionary/british/gisting)

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# Gisting

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**UPDATED** REFUGEES

### Budapest Station open again - pushing refugees in train



Police have released the train station in Budapest in the morning, the refugees huddled

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(<http://www.morgenpost.de/>)

# Gisting for intelligence agencies

3PO. And there are other translation projects in the works, such as the recently announced \$5.9 million contract with Raytheon BBN Technologies, to create a real-time English translation of documents, including handwritten notes or images with text on them.

Enter BOLT, which Darpa has asked Congress to fund at \$15 million this year. Once developed, BOLT would act something like C-3PO from the *Star Wars* movies, performing a variety of difficult translation feats for troops in hostile territory.



A soldier translator in Afghanistan

Photograph by Ted Aljibe/AFP/Getty Images.

(<http://info.moravia.com/blog/bid/193094/U-S-defense-projects-may-drive-innovations-in-machine-translation>  
[http://www.slate.com/articles/technology/future\\_tense/2012/05/darpa\\_s\\_transtac\\_bolt\\_and\\_other\\_machine\\_translation\\_programs\\_search\\_for\\_meaning\\_.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/technology/future_tense/2012/05/darpa_s_transtac_bolt_and_other_machine_translation_programs_search_for_meaning_.html)  
<http://www.wired.com/2011/04/militarys-newest-recruit-c-3p0/>)

# Gisting for intelligence agencies

- As a first step, select relevant documents from a large collection.
- Interesting documents will then be passed to a human translator

# Integration with speech technologies

The screenshot shows the Skype Translator Preview page. The main heading is "Welcome to Skype Translator Preview" with a sub-heading "Now including two additional spoken languages — German & French — and 50 IM languages". A green "Download now" button is visible. Two callout boxes highlight supported languages: one for voice/video calls and one for Instant Messages.

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### Currently supported for voice/video calls

- Chinese
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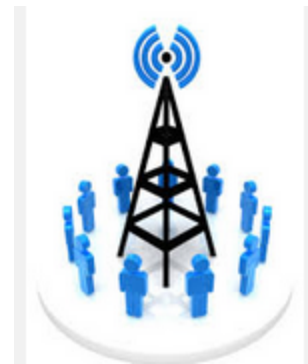
## Broadcast news speech-to-text translation experiments

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## Development of SRI's Translation Systems for Broadcast News and Broadcast Conversations

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## A Machine Translation System for Foreign News in Satellite Broadcasting

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# Hand-held devices

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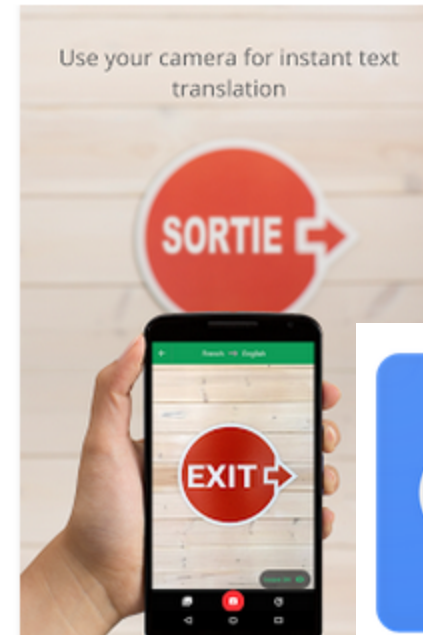


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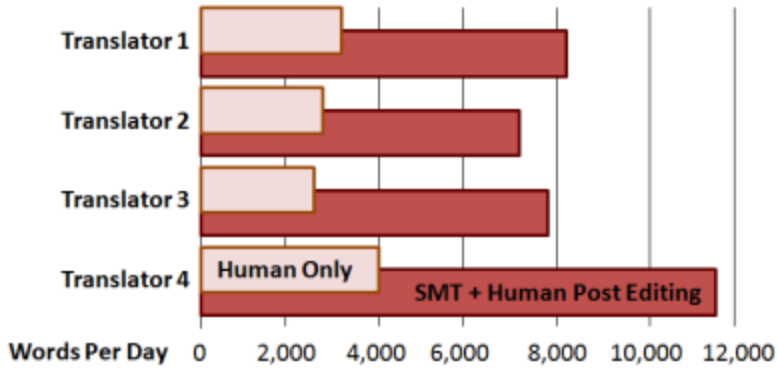
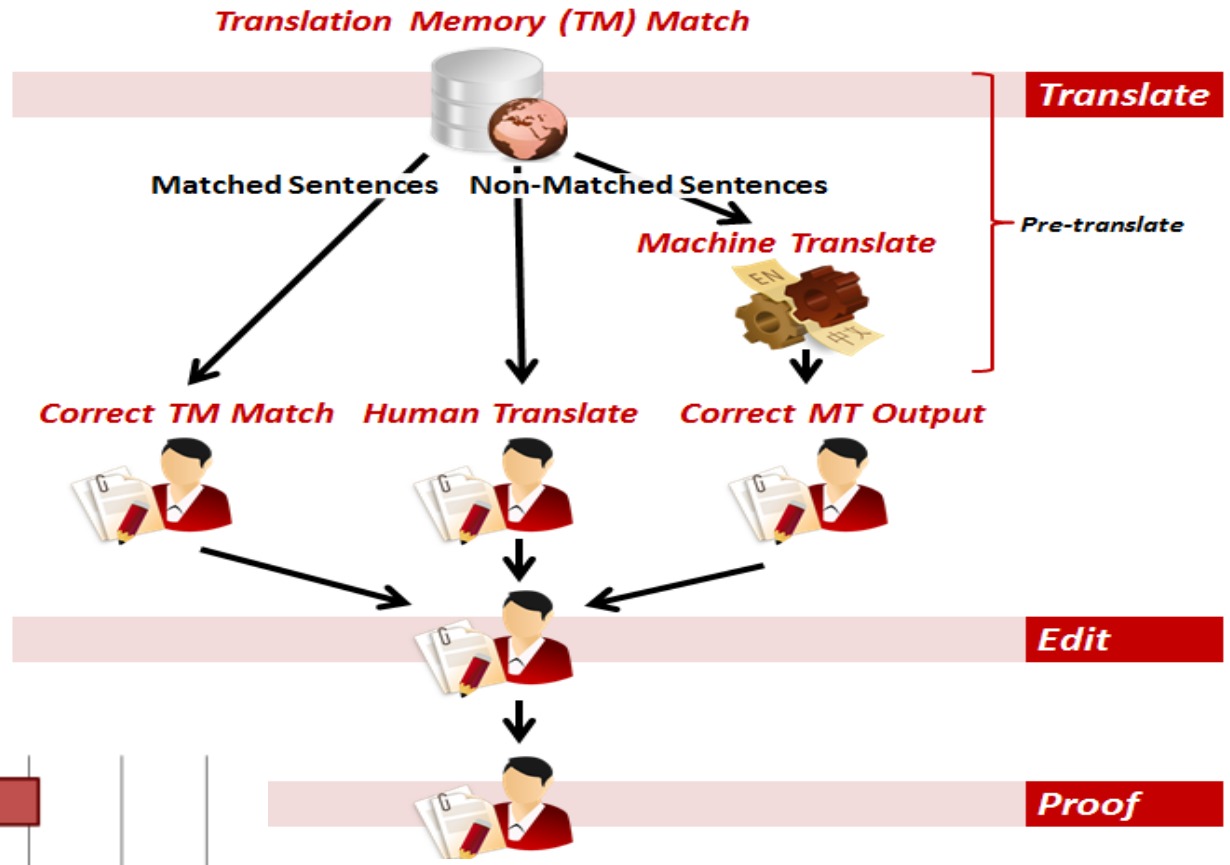
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<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.google.android.apps.translate&hl=en>)

# Tools for translators, Post-editing



(<http://www.languagestudio.com/LanguageStudioDesktop.aspx>  
<http://www.asiaonline.net/EN/MachineTranslation/default.aspx?QID=21>)

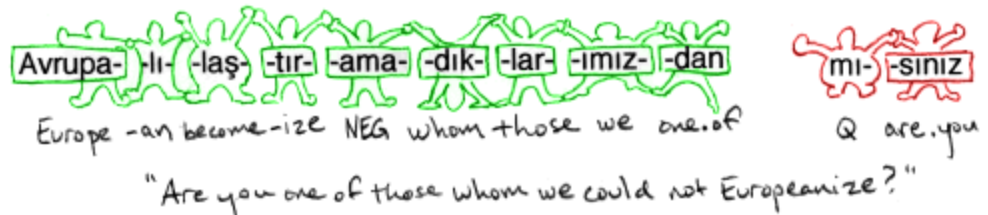
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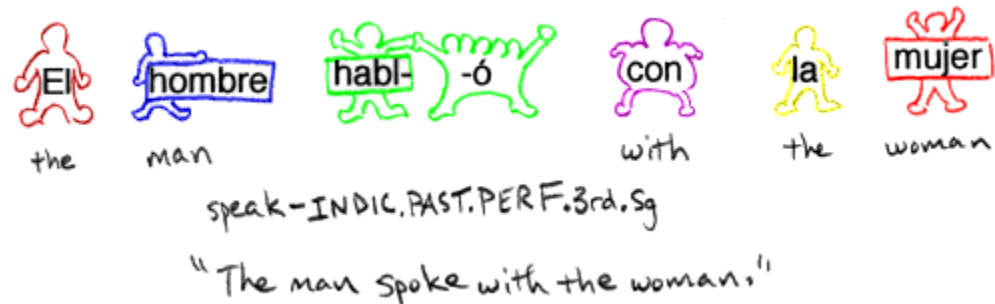
# Typology

- Study of cross-linguistic similarities and differences
- Morphology

- Agglutinative
  - Turkish



- Fusion
  - Spanish



# Typology

- Syntax: e.g., order of verb (V), subject (S) and object (O)

SVO:

(German, French,  
English, Mandarin)

She adores listening to music.

SOV:

(Hindi, Japanese)

彼女は音楽を聴いて大好き。

(she music to listening adores)

VSO:

(Irish, Arabic, Biblical Hebrew)

Dúil mhór aici éisteacht le ceol.

(adores she music to listen)

# Typology

- Argument structure and linking
  - Head-marking:
    - „the man's house“ (English)
  - Dependent-marking:
    - „A férfi házában“ „the man house-his“ (Hungarian)



# Typology

- Verbs and satellite particles (direction, motion, etc.)
- Verb-framed:
  - Spanish: „La botella salió flotando“ (The bottle exited floating.)
- Satellite-framed
  - English: „the bottle floated out“

# Typology

- Pronouns omission
  - Pronoun-drop:
    - English: [I] am reading a book.
    - Spanish: Estoy leyendo un libro.

# Typology

- Pronouns omission
  - Referential density
    - Cold: more inferential work to recover antecedents
      - Japanese, Chinese
    - Hot: more explicit and easier
      - Spanish

# Lexical

- Homonymy
  - wall (**Wand**), wall (**Mauer**)
- Polysemy
  - to know (knowing a fact) : **wissen**
  - to know (familiarity with a person/location): **kennen**

# Lexical

- Grammar
  - English: „She **likes to** sing“
  - German: „Sie singt **gern.**“
- Lexical gap
  - „A world view, a philosophy of life“ – **Weltanschauung**

## Other divergences

- Position of adjectives
  - English: „green witch“
  - Spanish: „bruja verde“ - „witch green“

## Other divergences

- Cultural aspects, e.g., calendars and dates
  - British English: **DD/MM/YY**
  - American English: **MM/DD/YY**
  - Japanese: **YYMMDD**

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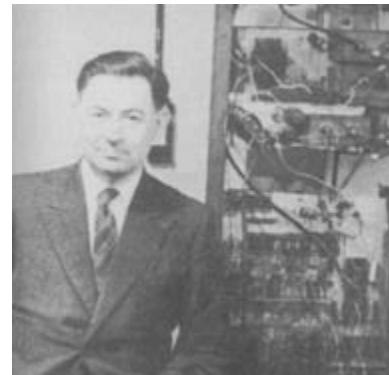
As early as the 17th century by philosophers René Descartes and Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz



(<http://www.biography.com/people/ren-descartes-37613>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gottfried\\_Wilhelm\\_Leibniz](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gottfried_Wilhelm_Leibniz))

## First references to MT

In 1947, Warren Weaver and Andrew Booth suggested that computers could be used to translate natural languages.



(<http://apprendre-math.info/history/photos/Weaver.jpeg>  
<http://www.dcs.bbk.ac.uk/about/history/booth.php>)

## Post WWII: foreign languages as encrypted English

“One naturally wonders if the problem of translation could conceivably be treated as a problem in cryptography. When I look at an article in Russian, I say: 'This is really written in English, but it has been coded in some strange symbols. I will now proceed to decode.'”

"Translation" (1955), in W.N. Locke and A.D. Booth (eds.),  
Machine Translation of Languages (MIT Press, Cambridge, Mass.).”

### Warren Weaver

Scientist

Warren Weaver, PhD was an American scientist, mathematician, and science administrator. He is widely recognized as one of the pioneers of machine translation, and as an important figure in creating support for science in the United States. [Wikipedia](#)



## Georgetown-IBM experiment (1954)

- „[...] human translations were subject to political bias and interference“
- Translation of 60 sentences from Russian into English
- Topic: organic chemistry
- System: six grammar rules and 250 words in the vocabulary

# Georgetown-IBM experiment (1954)

- Conclusions
  - The problem was solved
  - But semantic disambiguation are impossible to be solved automatically

Russian (Romanized)	English translation
Mi pyeryedayem mislyi posryedstvom ryechyi.	We transmit thoughts by means of speech.
Vyelyichyina ugla opryedyelyayetsya otnoshyenyiyem dlyini dugi k radiusu.	Magnitude of angle is determined by the relation of length of arc to radius.
Myezhdunarodnoye ponyimanyiye yavlyayetsya vazhnim faktorom v ryeshyenyiyi polyityichyeskix voprosov.	International understanding constitutes an important factor in decision of political questions.

([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georgetown-IBM\\_experiment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georgetown-IBM_experiment))

## ALPAC report (1966)


- Automatic Language Processing Advisory Committee
- Study of reality of MT
- Conclusions:
  - post-editing not cheaper than full translation
  - Little Russian scientific literature worth to be translated
  - No shortage of human translators
  - No advantage in using machine translation
  - Better fund linguistic research for human translation
- Funding for MT stopped in the US as a consequence

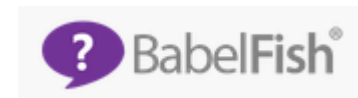
# History of MT

- 1970s, first commercial systems
  - Météo
  - Systran
  - Logos
  - METAL
  - Trados

## First commercial systems



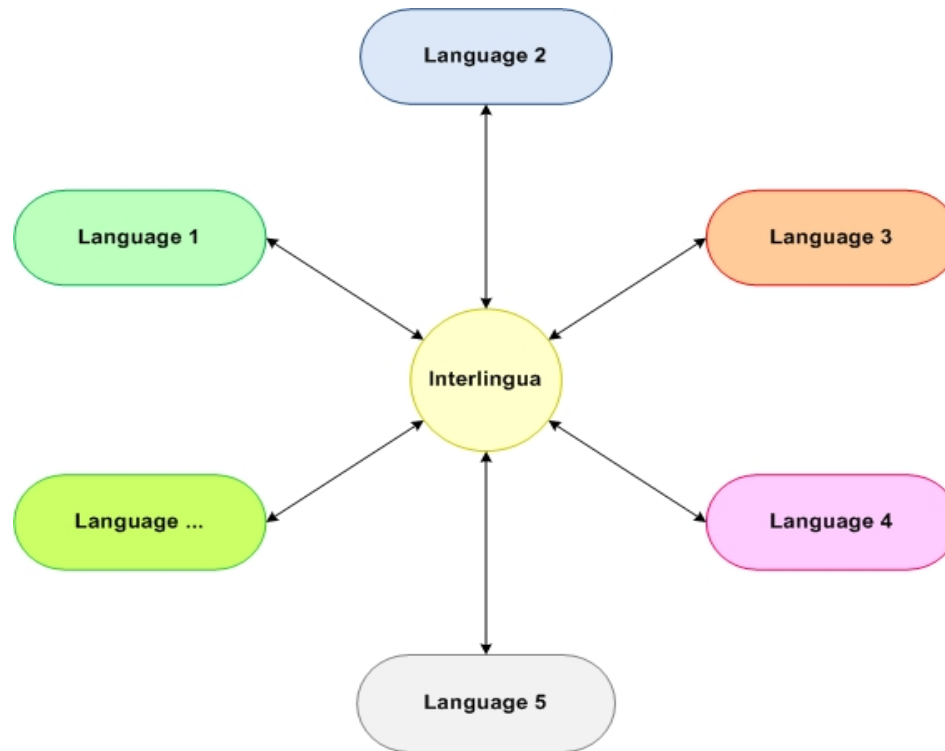
- 1968: Founded by Dr. Peter Toma
- 1969: US Air Force - scientific and technical documents  
Russian/English
- 1975: Commission of European Communities (CEC)
- 1976: CEC - system from English/France
- 1981: CEC - English/French, French/English, English/Italian
- 1986: Xerox - six target languages
- 1985: SYSTRAN PRO for Windows
- 1997: search engine AltaVista's (today Yahoo's)
- 2006-2007: 





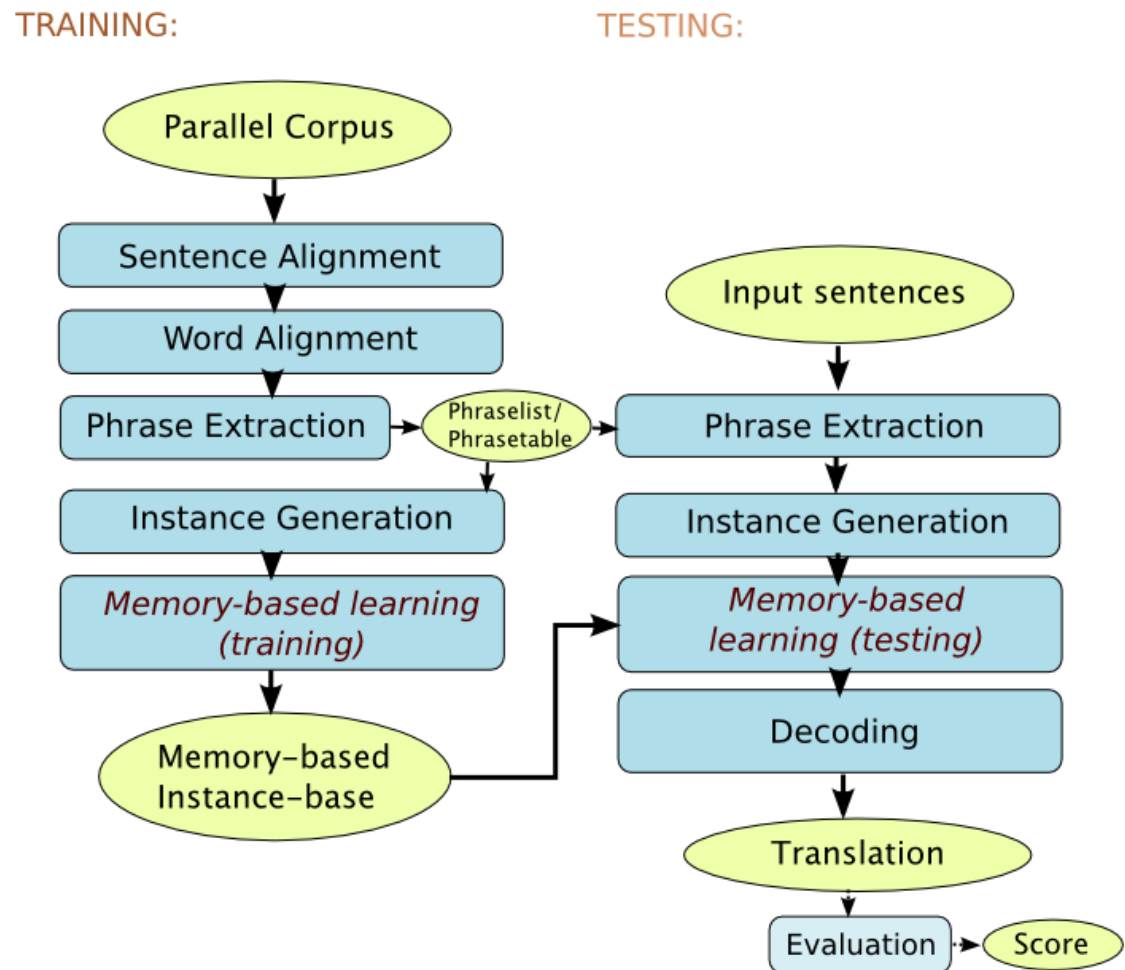
# History of MT

- 1980s, 1990s: interlingual systems



# Data-driven methods

- 1980s, Example-based translation



## Data-driven methods

- Late 1980, Statistical machine translation

“Most state-of-the-art commercial machine translation systems in use today have been developed using a rules-based approach and require a lot of work by linguists to define vocabularies and grammars. Several research systems, including ours, take a different approach: we feed the computer with billions of words of text, both monolingual text in the target language, and aligned text consisting of examples of human translations between the languages. We then apply statistical learning techniques to build a translation model.”



## Current commercial developers



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# Available resources

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# Tools

- Natural language processing (NLP) tools:
  - Tokenization, parsing, named-entity recognition
- MT tools:
  - GIZA++: IBM's word-based models
  - Moses, Thot: phrase-based models
- MT evaluation tools:
  - BLEU, METEOR

# Parallel corpora

- LDC, Gigaword



Arabic Gigaword Fifth Edition

English Gigaword Fifth Edition

(<https://catalog ldc.upenn.edu/LDC2011T11>  
<https://catalog ldc.upenn.edu/LDC2011T07>)



# Parallel corpora

- Europarl
  - [source release](#) (text files), 1.5 GB
  - [tools](#) (preprocessing tools and sentence aligner only), 8.6 KB
  - [parallel corpus Bulgarian-English](#), 41 MB, 01/2007-11/2011
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# Parallel corpora

- Acquis Communautaire

Language ISO Code	N° of Texts	Text body			Signature	Annex	Total N° Words (Text + Signature + Annex)
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da	7939	6548461	44444011	825	691894	1599456	8839811
de	7914	6576633	47047334	831	571928	1506847	8654608
el	7782	7377316	47715936	948	559487	1628451	9565254
en	7972	7512013	45150120	942	667978	1752545	9932536
es	7809	<b>7964255</b>	<b>48281455</b>	<b>1020</b>	709279	1832745	<b>10506279</b>
et	7944	4925361	38603952	<b>620</b>	439184	1819226	7183771
fi	7735	5134294	43705813	664	565226	<b>1180877</b>	6880397
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hu	7489	5391810	40601868	720	539967	1887476	7819253
it	7872	7264126	46792286	923	707467	1704221	9675814
lt	7966	5386359	39936370	676	625365	1948354	7960078
lv	7980	5656335	39290110	709	461736	2011426	8129497
mt	7639	7230538	43919981	947	505324	2288013	10023875
nl	7882	7339465	47699598	931	<b>712255</b>	1710041	9761761
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pt	7848	7851904	47225710	1001	648180	1838833	10338917
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### Resumo

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In the study of the biology of *Polyphagotarsonemus latus* (Banks) on lemon var. Siciliano (*Citrus limon* Burm) round plastic pots (250 ml) containing sterilized sand were used as support for two 2cm-diameter new fruits. The assay was carried out at  $27.5 \pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ , relative humidity of  $67.6 \pm 1.3\%$  and constant photophase. The duration of immature phases was  $3.7 \pm 0.1$  days for females and  $3.6 \pm 0.1$  days for males, with 100% survival. After a pre-oviposition period of  $1.0 \pm 0.2$  days, the females deposited  $5.6 \pm 0.5$  eggs per day during  $10.5 \pm 0.9$  days, i.e.,  $58.9 \pm 6.7$  eggs per female. The longevity was  $13.4 \pm 1.0$  days for females and  $12.0 \pm 2.4$  days for males. The intrinsic rate of increase (rm) was 0.359, finite rate of increase (l) 1.43 individual per female per day, mean generation time (T) 10.34 days and net reproductive rate (Ro) 41.0.

**Palavras-chave :** Broad mite; biological development; life table of fertility; net reproductive rate.

# Evaluation campaigns

## NIST Open Machine Translation 2015 Evaluation (OpenMT15)

### Highlights

- Evaluation on informal data genres (SMS/Chat, Conversational Telephone Speech) for Arabic-to-English and Chinese-to-English
- Inclusion of audio input track
- Explore common MT measurement techniques on these informal data genres

(<http://www.nist.gov/itl/iad/mig/openmt15.cfm>)

# Evaluation campaigns

## IWSLT 2015, International Workshop on Spoken Language Translation

- Automatic speech recognition (ASR), i.e. the conversion of a speech signal into a transcript,
- Machine translation (MT), i.e. the translation of a polished transcript into another language,
- Spoken language translation (SLT), i.e. the conversion and translation of a speech signal into a transcript in another language.

# Evaluation campaigns

## **ACL 2016 FIRST CONFERENCE ON MACHINE TRANSLATION (WMT16)**

- Czech-English
- German-English
- Romanian-English
- Finnish-English
- Russian-English
- Turkish-English

## **Shared Task: Biomedical Translation Task**

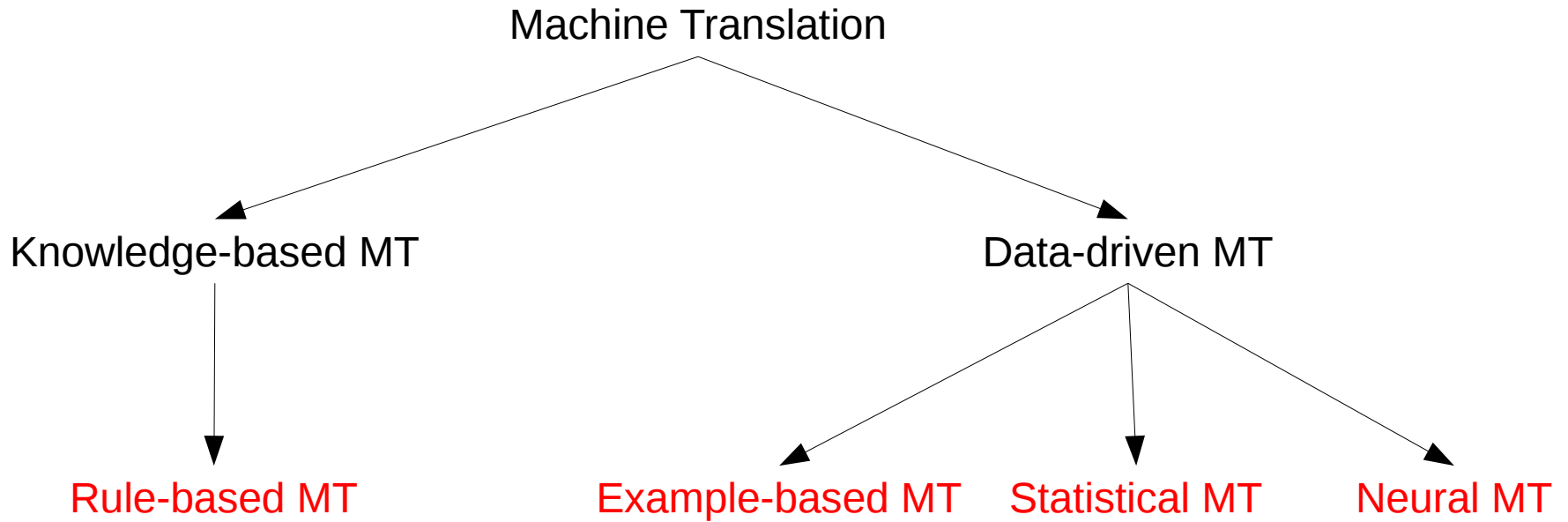
- English-French and French-English
- English-Spanish and Spanish-English
- English-Portuguese and Portuguese-English

**HPI at the  
WMT'16,  
WMT'17!**

# Overview

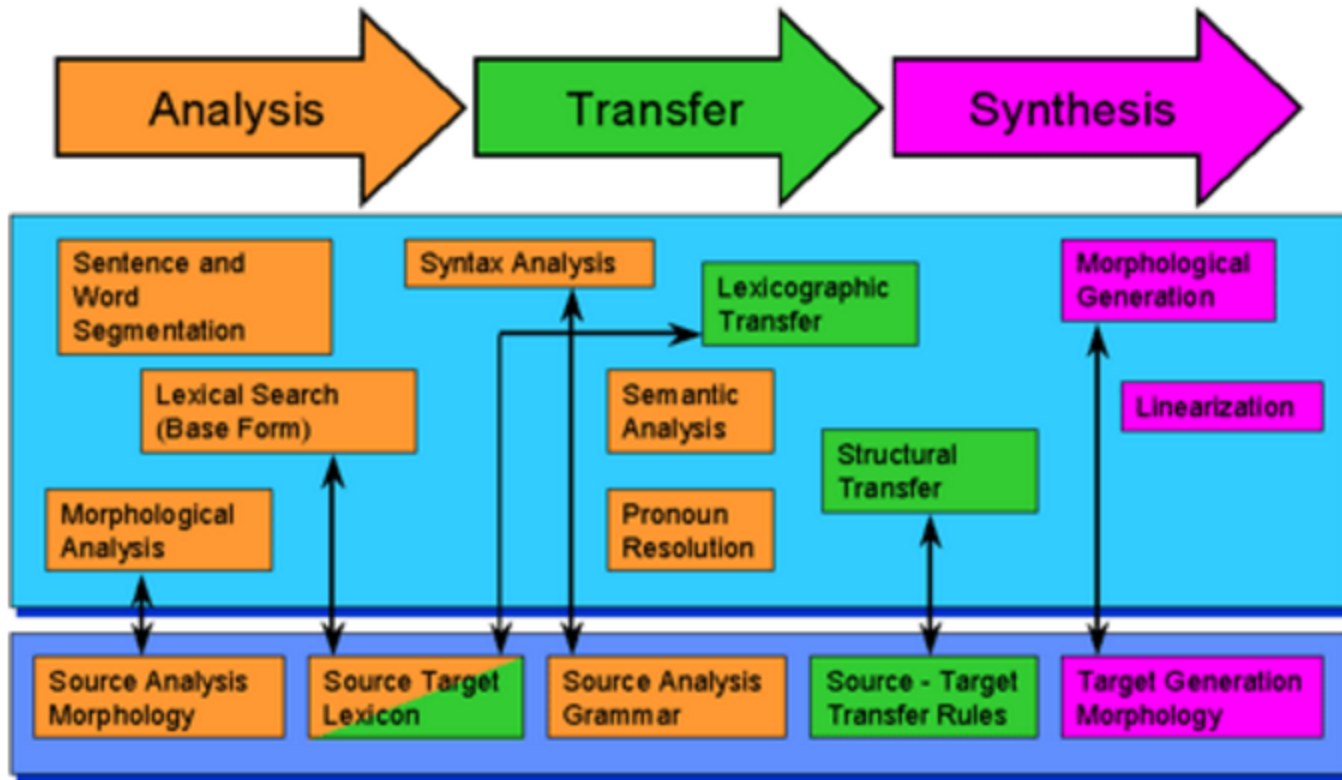
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- MT course

# MT paradigms





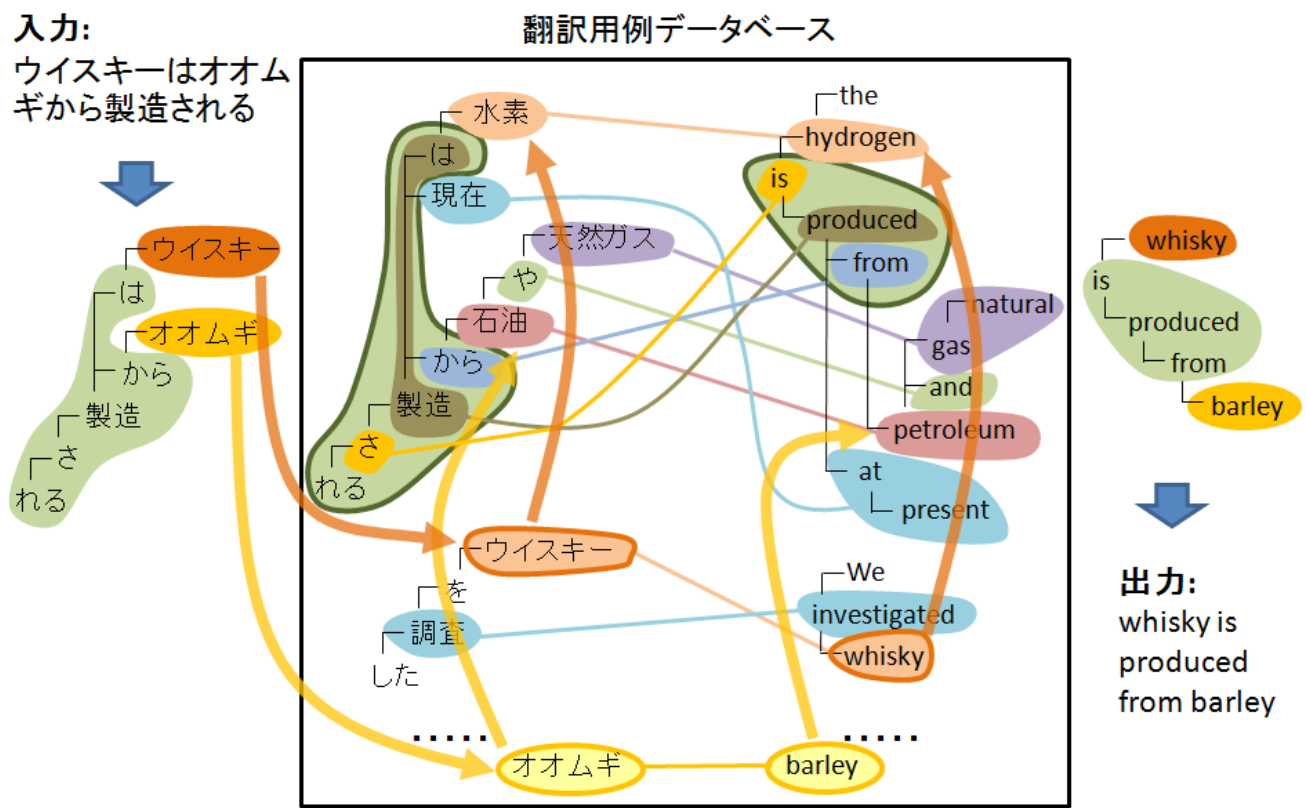
# Rule-based MT



## Rule-based MT

- Apertium (<https://www.apertium.org>)

# Example-based MT



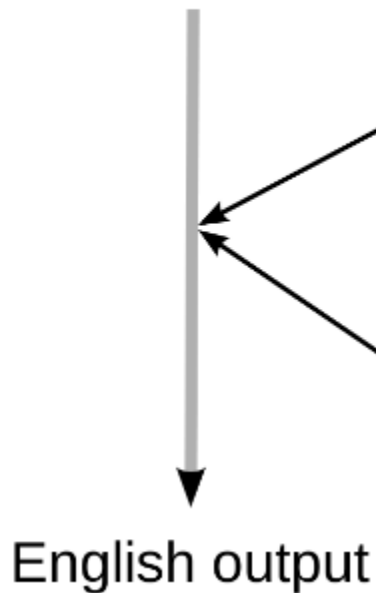
(<http://nlp.ist.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/EN/index.php?plugin=attach&refer=KUROHASHI-KAWAHARA-LAB&openfile=EBMT.png>)

## Example-based MT

- Cunei (<http://cunei.sourceforge.net/>)
- KyotoEBMT (<http://nlp.ist.i.kyoto-u.ac.jp/EN/index.php?KyotoEBMT>)

# Statistical MT

似乎格式有問題



**translation model**

**language model**

**parallel corpus**

网站资讯分析网数  
据显示的主域名为  
全世界访问量最高  
的站点除此之外搜  
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区域名下的多个站  
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The corporation has been estim  
to run more than one million pag  
in data centers around the world  
to process over one billion searc  
requests and about twenty-four i  
of user-generated data each dat  
December 2012 Alexa listed as

**monolingual corpus**

started functioning in 1928 and established the tradition of  
large exhibitions and trade fairs held in Brno, and nowadays  
also ranks among the sights of the city. Brno is also  
known for hosting big motorbike and other races on the  
Masaryk Circuit, a tradition established in 1930 in which  
the Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix is  
one of the most prestigious races. Another notable cultural  
tradition is an international fireworks competition.

# Statistical MT

- Moses (<http://www.statmt.org/moses/>)
- Cunei (<http://cunei.sourceforge.net/>)

# Neural MT

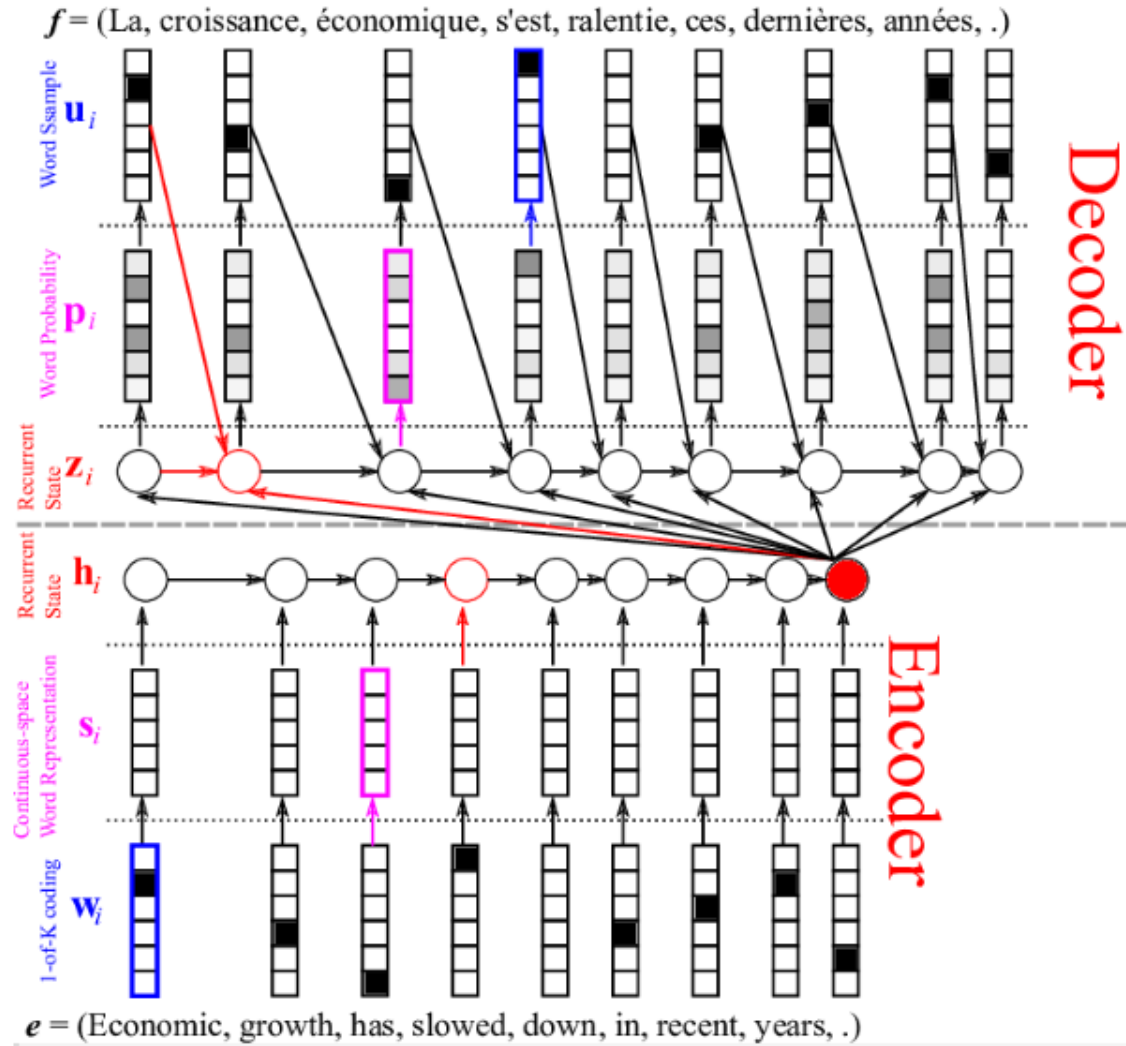
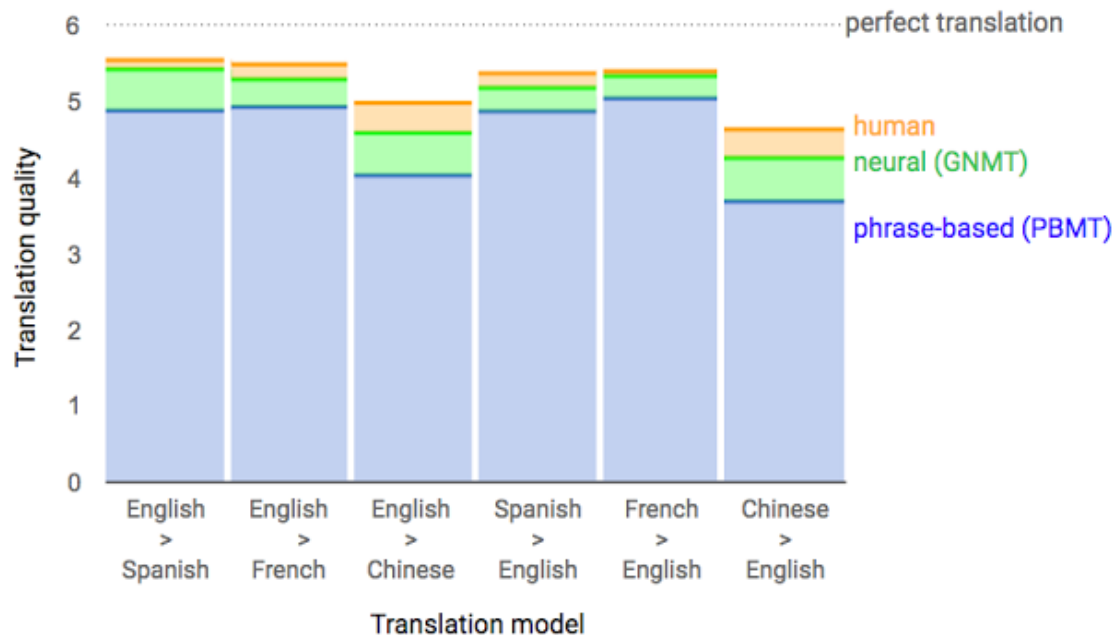


Figure 2. The very first neural machine translation system.

# Neural MT

- LISA (<http://104.131.78.120/>)
- TensorFlow (<https://research.googleblog.com/2016/09/a-neural-network-for-machine.html>)





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## MT course – what to expect from me

- Overview on MT methods
- Supervision of the projects
- Be available by email and in the office (Villa room 0.01)

## MT course – what I expect from you

- Presence and participation in the lecture (not controlled)
- Take part in a project (team or individual)
- Take part in the final exam

# Project

- Teams of 2/3 students
- „Take part“ in one of the translation challenges at WMT'16 (<http://www.statmt.org/wmt16/>)
  - News
  - IT-domain
  - Biomedical
- Presentation of preliminary and final results
- Submission of a 3-pages report
- Source code in GitHub or similar

# Project

- Flexible...
  - „Any“ translation task (first-come, first-served)
  - Any language pair
  - Any MT paradigm
  - Any NLP/MT tools

# Project

- ...but with some requirements
  - Integration of domain-specific resources
  - Training on out-of-domain corpora (talk to other teams)
  - Evaluation of official test datasets (last year's test data)

# Project

- Mail to me ([mariana.neves@hpi.de](mailto:mariana.neves@hpi.de)):
  - Team members
  - WMT translation task(s)
  - Language pair(s)
  - Host of the project (GitHub, etc)

## Lectures

(Program is subject to change)

Week	Date	Topic
1	Oct 17, 2016	Introduction to Machine Translation
2	Oct 24, 2016	Words, sentences and corpora
3	Oct 31, 2016	(Reformationtag)
4	Nov 7, 2016	Word alignment
5	Nov 14, 2016	Statistical word-based models
6	Nov 21, 2016	Statistical phrase-based models
7	Nov 28, 2016	Language model
8	Dec 5, 2016	Neural MT
9	Dec 12, 2016	(no lecture? - to be confirmed)
10	Jan 2, 2017	Mid-term presentation of projects
11	Jan 9, 2017	Decoding
12	Jan 16, 2017	Evaluation
13	Jan 23, 2017	Rule-based MT
14	Jan 30, 2017	Memory-based MT
15	Feb 6, 2017	Final presentation of projects
16	Feb 13, 2017	Final exam

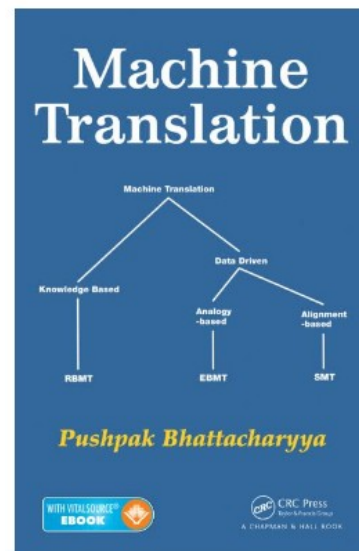
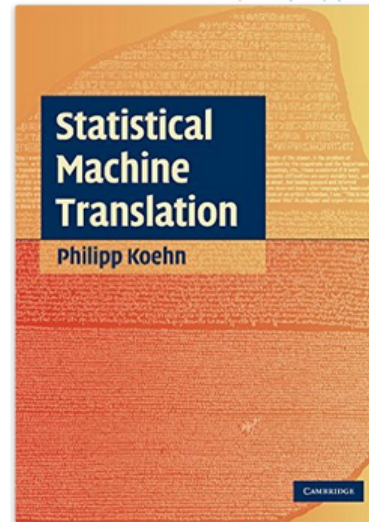


# Grading

- 60% Project
  - Commitment, implementation, presentation, report
  - Each team member should present in either of the two appointments (mid-term or final)
- 40% Final exam

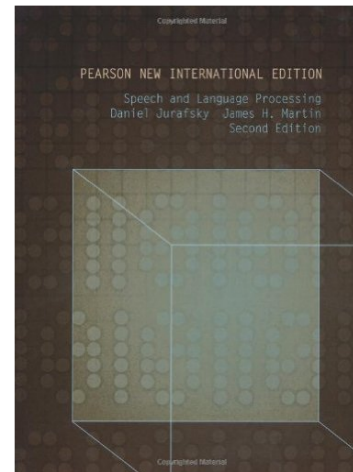
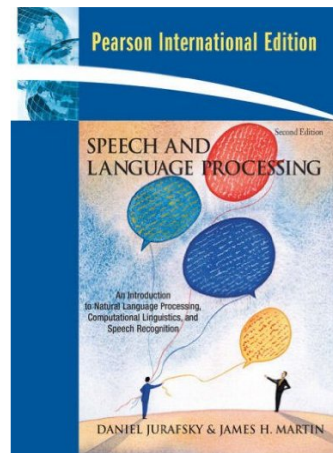
## Course books

- Statistical Machine Translation
  - Philipp Koehn
  
- Machine Translation
  - Pushpak Bhattacharyya



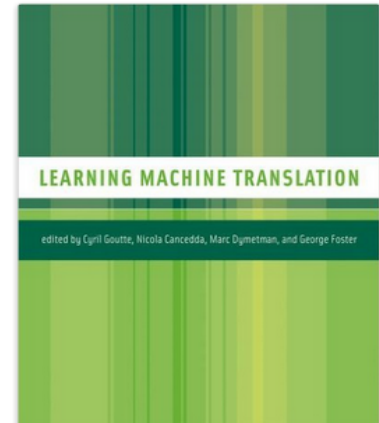
## Course books

- Speech and Language Processing (Chapter 25)
  - Daniel Jurafsky and James H. Martin



## Course books (advanced topics)

- Learning Machine Translation
  - Edited by Cyril Goutte, Nicola Cancedda, Marc Dymetman



# Workshop papers

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<b>Research Papers</b>			
<a href="#">pdf</a>	<a href="#">bib</a>	<a href="#">Cross-language Projection of Dependency Trees with Constrained Partial Parsing for Tree-to-Tree Machine Translation</a> Yu Shen, Chenhui Chu, Fabien Cromieres and Sadao Kurohashi	pp. 1–11
<a href="#">pdf</a>	<a href="#">bib</a>	<a href="#">Improving Pronoun Translation by Modeling Coreference Uncertainty</a> Ngoc Quang Luong and Andrei Popescu-Belis	pp. 12–20
<a href="#">pdf</a>	<a href="#">bib</a>	<a href="#">Modeling verbal inflection for English to German SMT</a> Anita Ramm and Alexander Fraser	pp. 21–31
<a href="#">pdf</a>	<a href="#">bib</a>	<a href="#">Modeling Selectional Preferences of Verbs and Nouns in String-to-Tree Machine Translation</a> Maria Nadejde, Alexandra Birch and Philipp Koehn	pp. 32–42
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<a href="#">pdf</a>	<a href="#">bib</a>	<a href="#">Alignment-Based Neural Machine Translation</a> Tamer Alkhouli, Gabriel Bretschner, Jan-Thorsten Peter, Mohammed Hethnawi, Andreas Guta and Hermann Ney	pp. 54–65
<a href="#">pdf</a>	<a href="#">bib</a>	<a href="#">Neural Network-based Word Alignment through Score Aggregation</a> Joël Legrand, Michael Auli and Ronan Collobert	pp. 66–73
<a href="#">pdf</a>	<a href="#">bib</a>	<a href="#">Using Factored Word Representation in Neural Network Language Models</a> Jan Niehues, Thanh-Le Ha, Eunah Cho and Alex Waibel	pp. 74–82

(<http://www.statmt.org/wmt16/papers.html>)