# Machine Learning and Language Processing (MLLP) Research Group

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## 1 Research areas and projects

#### Areas:

- Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR)
- Machine Translation (MT)
- Speech Translation (ST)
- Text-To-Speech (TTS)

#### **Projects:**



2011-14 (FP7)



2014-16 (FP7)



2017–20 (H2020)

+ a number of related Spanish and Valencian projects

Technology transfer: CdT UE, AppTek, JSI, HPI, ULisboa, ...



# 2 Classic example of our main goal

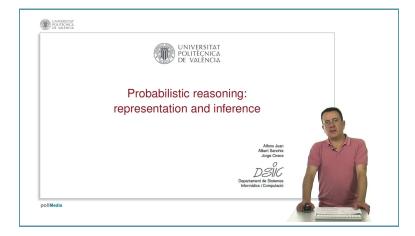
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Goal: automatic multilingual subtitling/dubbing



# 3 ASR quality

#### ASR Quality measured in Word Error Rate (%)

	A punt	рM	RTVE	VL	VL	TED	
System	Ca	Es	Es	En	SI	SI	Avg.
Google S2T	45	20	49	29	50	38	39
VRAIN-MLLP	19	9	13	19	16	17	16
Rel. Error (%)	-58	-55	-73	-34	-68	-53	-59

Best System Award

IberSpeech-RTVE 2018 TV Speech to Text Challenge



# 4 Streaming ASR

poliSubs: http://polisubs.upv.es

UPV app for live automatic multilingual subtitling





Sample Demo: Professor Lee Rubenstein at UPV



# 5 Multilingual, on-line transcription



MLLP's live multilingual, on-line transcription tool

Proof of concept developed for the EP in 2017/18



#### 6 Neural Machine Translation

Table 1: WMT19 News Translation.

	<u>loic I. VVIVI</u>	<u> 146W3 Halislation.</u>					
De-En		En-De		De-Fr		Fr-De	
Google-Trans.	45.3	Microsoft	44.9	Microsoft	35.0	Microsoft	37.3
Microsoft	42.8	NEU	43.5	eTranslation	32.7	Lingua Custodia	35.6
Facebook FAIR	40.8	UCambridge	43.0	LIUM	29.7	MLLP	34.5
NiuTrans	40.5	FAIR	42.7	MLLP	27.5	Kyoto University	34.3
UCambridge	39.7	JHU	42.5	Google-Trans.	26.6	LIUM	33.4
RWTH Aachen	39.6	eTranslation	41.9	TartuNLP-c	24.8	Google-Trans.	32.2
MLLP	39.3	MLLP	41.7	-	-	TartuNLP-c	30.7
DFKI	38.8	Google-Trans.	41.6	-	-	-	-
JHU	38.1	DFKI	41.6	-	-	-	-
UEDIN	35.0	Helsinki-NLP	41.4	-	-	-	-
TartuNLP-c	33.9	LMU	40.3	-	-	-	-
PROMT	32.1	UdS-DFKI	38.6	-	-	-	-
-	-	PROMT NMT	37.9	-	-	-	-
		TartuNLP-c	36.4	-	-	-	-



## **Neural Machine Translation (cont.)**

Table 2: WMT19 Similar Language Translation.

Team	BLEU	TER
MLLP	66.6	19.7
NICT	59.9	25.3
U. Helsinki	58.4	25.3
Kyoto U.	56.9	26.9
BSC	54.8	29.8
UBC-NLP	52.3	32.9
MLLP-2D	49.7	32.1

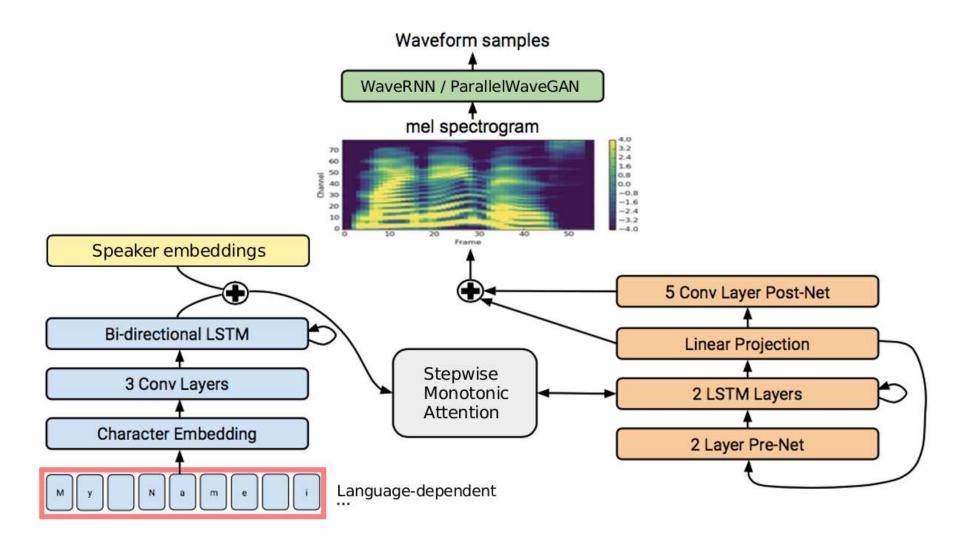
#### $\textbf{Portuguese} \rightarrow \textbf{Spanish} \qquad \textbf{Spanish} \rightarrow \textbf{Portuguese}$

Team	BLEU	TER
MLLP	64.7	20.8
UPC-TALP	62.1	23.0
NICT	53.3	29.1
U. Helsinki	52.0	29.4
UBC-NLP	46.1	36.0
BSC	44.0	37.5



#### 7 End-to-end Text-To-Speech

Text  $\xrightarrow{\text{Tacotron-2}}$  Mel spectrogram  $\xrightarrow{\text{WaveRNN}}$  Waveform



First tests with Tacotron-2

