

CourtPressGER

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Abstract

We present CourtPressGER, a system for automatically generating German court press releases with Large Language Models (LLMs). We compile a curated dataset of **6.4 k pairs** of court decisions and their officially published press releases from Germany’s highest federal courts and the Federal Constitutional Court. Each pair is accompanied by a *synthetic prompt* that enables the automatic generation of press releases from the full decision text. We describe a modular pipeline that queries state-of-the-art models of different sizes and evaluate the outputs with a multidimensional protocol combining reference-based metrics, factual-consistency checks and an LLM-as-judge approach that approximates expert review. The results show that large general-purpose LLMs can already deliver press releases that approach the quality of human drafts, while a hierarchical summarisation strategy allows smaller models to remain competitive. CourtPressGER illustrates the potential of LLMs to support judicial communication and provides a public benchmark for future research.

Introduction

The German legal system consists of a complex network of courts that regularly publish extensive decisions. To make these decisions accessible to the public, the highest courts create press releases that summarize the essential aspects and implications of the decisions in an understandable form. These press releases serve as an important interface between the judicial system and the general public by explaining complex legal matters in an accessible way and serve as a proxy for the task of legal case summarization, for which manually created gold data is typically sparse.

However, the manual creation of such press releases requires significant resources. Recent progress in LLMs suggests that highquality automatic drafts are within reach, provided adequate training data and evaluation protocols are available. CourtPressGER addresses this gap by:

1. Collecting the largest aligned corpus of German

- decisions and press releases to date, 046
2. deriving decisionspecific instruction prompts, 047
3. benchmarking a range of open and commercial 048
LLMs, and 049
4. analysing their outputs through complementary 050
automatic and expertlevel measures. 051

Related Work

Legal text summarization has been an active area of research for several decades. Early approaches relied on statistical methods and extractive summarization techniques to select the most important sentences from legal documents. With the advent of neural network models, more sophisticated abstractive summarization methods became possible, allowing for the generation of new text that captures the essence of the original document.

In the German legal domain, several notable research efforts have focused on court decision summarization. The focus of these studies has been on official headnotes (“Leitsätze”) as they are mainly extractive summaries from the judgement that are written by the judges themselves. These headnotes are typically short and concise, making them suitable for extractive summarization tasks and can in general be found verbatim in the body of the decision. However, they do not provide a comprehensive overview of the entire decision and are not intended for public communication. In contrast, press releases are designed to be more accessible to the general public and provide a broader context for the decision.

[Glaser et al. \[2021\]](#) presented the first large dataset of 100.000 German court decisions with corresponding summaries, establishing baseline models for German legal summarization. Their transformer-based approach achieved a ROUGE-1 F1 score of approximately 30.5%, demonstrating both the feasibility and challenges of the task. The complex structure of German court decisions (including sections like “Rubrum,” “Tenor,” and “Gründe”) requires specialized preprocessing and models.

[Steffes and Rataj \[2022\]](#) focused on extracting official headnotes (“Leitsätze”) from Federal Court of Justice (BGH) decisions by utilizing the argumentative structure of rulings. Their approach selected key sentences based on their argumentative roles, improving

the selection of headnote sentences compared to purely statistical methods.

For multilingual court summarization, [Rolshoven et al. \[2024\]](#) introduced the SLDS dataset (Swiss Leading Decision Summarization) containing 18,000 Swiss Federal Court decisions in German, French, and Italian, along with German summaries (“Regesten”). Their work on cross-lingual summarization demonstrated that fine-tuned smaller models could perform similarly to large pre-trained models in prompt mode. They evaluated their approach using ROUGE, BLEU, METEOR, and BERTScore metrics.

Regarding evaluation methodologies, [Steffes et al. \[2023\]](#) explicitly showed that ROUGE is unreliable as a sole quality indicator for legal summaries since it fails to reliably assess legally relevant content. Their study demonstrated that a system might achieve high ROUGE scores while missing essential legal statements.

For more robust evaluation, [Xu and Ashley \[2023\]](#) presented a question-answering framework using LLMs to assess the factual correctness of legal summaries. Their approach generates understanding questions about the reference text and compares answers derived from both reference and generated summaries, showing better correlation with expert judgments than simple ROUGE scores.

In practical applications, the [ALeKS project](#) (Anonymisierungs- und Leitsatzerstellungs-Kit) is being developed in Germany to automatically anonymize court decisions and generate headnotes using LLMs. This collaboration between judicial authorities and research institutions aims to increase the publication rate of court decisions while maintaining content accuracy and data protection standards.

Our work extends these efforts by specifically focusing on press release generation (rather than technical headnotes) for German court decisions, emphasizing both factual correctness and accessibility for non-legal audiences. We employ a comprehensive evaluation framework that combines reference-based metrics, embedding-based metrics, and factual consistency checks through both automated methods and LLM-as-judge assessments.

It is important to note that court press releases often contain additional context not found in the original decision, such as procedural history, background information, or quotes from spokespersons. This characteristic distinguishes press releases from pure summaries and presents additional challenges for automated evaluation of factual consistency.

CourtPressGER

Data

Our dataset includes court decisions and corresponding press releases from Germany’s highest courts (Bundesgerichte) as well as the federal constitutional court (Bundesverfassungsgericht - under german law not a Bundesgericht) :

- Federal Labor Law Court (Bundesarbeitsgericht - BAG)
- Federal Fiscal Court (Bundesfinanzhof - BFH)
- Federal Court of Justice (Bundesgerichtshof - BGH)
- Federal Social Court (Bundessozialgericht - BSG)
- Federal Constitutional Court (Bundesverfassungsgericht - BVerfG)
- Federal Administrative Court (Bundesverwaltungsgericht - BVerwG)

The cleaned dataset contains 6.4k pairs of court decisions and press releases. The average length of decisions is 10.810 BPE tokens , while press releases average 1.402 BPE tokens . We report BPE token counts as used by modern LLMs rather than raw word or character counts for better compatibility with model context window considerations.

Splits

For our experiments, we divided the dataset into training, validation, and test splits in an 72.2/11.6/16.3 ratio. The training set contains 4643 pairs, while the validation set contains 744 test sets contain 1045 pairs. The split was done chronologically with the following year distribution: ((...))

We decided to split chronologically because otherwise the distribution shifts incurred by rotating press office personnel over time would not be captured in the data split, leading to a potential overestimation of performance on unseen data.

Descriptive Statistics

Our dataset analysis reveals variation in document lengths across different courts. Federal Constitutional Court decisions tend to be the longest with an average of 14.782 BPE tokens, while Federal Fiscal Court decisions average 7.379 BPE tokens. Press release lengths also vary, with Federal Constitutional Court releases averaging 2,230 BPE tokens and Federal Court of Justice releases averaging 1,620 BPE tokens. The standard deviation for court decision length is 10.739 BPE tokens, indicating considerable variation in document size.

The descriptive statistics of the cleaned dataset can be seen in [Table 1](#).

In addition, the distribution of press release and judgement length and year distribution can be seen in [Figure 1] (#fig:length_distribution).

| Court | Press Release | | | Judgment | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------|-------|----------|----------|-------|
| | Mean | Std | Count | Mean | Std | Count |
| Bundesarbeitsgericht | 1056.37 | 407.50 | 177 | 14148.00 | 7913.64 | 177 |
| Bundesfinanzhof | 800.28 | 213.58 | 761 | 7378.97 | 4410.79 | 761 |
| Bundesgerichtshof | 1386.84 | 680.10 | 2407 | 8216.82 | 5686.26 | 2407 |
| Bundessozialgericht | 1146.66 | 484.69 | 161 | 11790.02 | 4850.29 | 161 |
| Bundesverfassungsgericht | 2039.50 | 1353.63 | 1771 | 14781.53 | 16844.62 | 1771 |
| Bundesverwaltungsgericht | 942.91 | 336.86 | 1155 | 11734.63 | 8110.92 | 1155 |
| Overall average | 1402.32 | 954.52 | – | 10809.58 | 10739.27 | – |

Table 1: Statistical summary of press releases and judgments by court

Experimental Setup

Synthetic Prompts

For each decision-press release pair, we generated synthetic prompts through the Anthropic API (Claude Sonnet 3.7) to serve as input for LLMs to generate press releases. These prompts were designed to highlight the key aspects of the decision and to train the models to create relevant and precise press releases.

To create synthetic prompts, we utilized Claude 3.7 Sonnet with a system prompt [Appendix]

Press Release Generation

Our pipeline includes various LLMs, which can be categorized into two groups:

1. Large Models: GPT-4o (mainstream and economical closed source model at time of experiments), Llama-3-70B (large & SotA open weights model at time of running experiments)
2. Small Models: Teuken-7B, Llama-3-8B, EuroLLM-9B, Mistral-7B (all open weights in smaller class, typical base models for research finetuning experiments)

The pipeline is designed to send the synthetic prompts to the models, collect the generated press releases, and store them alongside the actual press releases. A checkpoint system allows for the continuation of interrupted generation processes.

Context Limitation

We found that the context window size of the models has a significant impact on their ability to generate high-quality press releases. Models with larger context windows (e.g., GPT-4o with a theoretical limit of 128k tokens, though in our implementation we used the API with a practical limit of 64k tokens) can process the entire court decision at once, while smaller models require document chunking and hierarchical summarization approaches.

For decisions that exceed the context window of a model, we implemented a hierarchical summarization approach (described in the next section) that allows the

model to consider the entire document while respecting context limitations.

Generation Prompt Template

For consistency across models, we use a standardized german prompt template that can be found in the appendix.

For OpenAI models (GPT-4o), the request format uses the above template as the user message with a system message that instructs the model to act as an expert in legal texts who writes press releases based on court decisions.

For local models (Teuken-7B, Llama-3-8B, EuroLLM-9B), we use a similar approach but without separate system messages, including the instructions directly in the prompt.

Hierarchical Summarization

For court decisions that exceed the context window of a model, we implemented a hierarchical summarization approach. This method involves the following steps:

1. Chunking: The court decision is divided into chunks that fit within the model’s context window.
2. Level 0 Summarization: Each chunk is independently summarized.
3. Higher Level Summarization: The summaries are combined and recursively summarized until a single summary is created.
4. Final Press Release Generation: The final summary is used as input for the press release generation.

This hierarchical approach allows smaller models to process long documents while maintaining the context and coherence of the original text. The implementation involves a recursive algorithm that estimates the number of levels needed based on the document length and the model’s context window size.

Each level of summarization uses specially designed prompts that instruct the model to focus on different aspects of the text, with higher levels emphasizing cohesion and integration of information from multiple chunks.

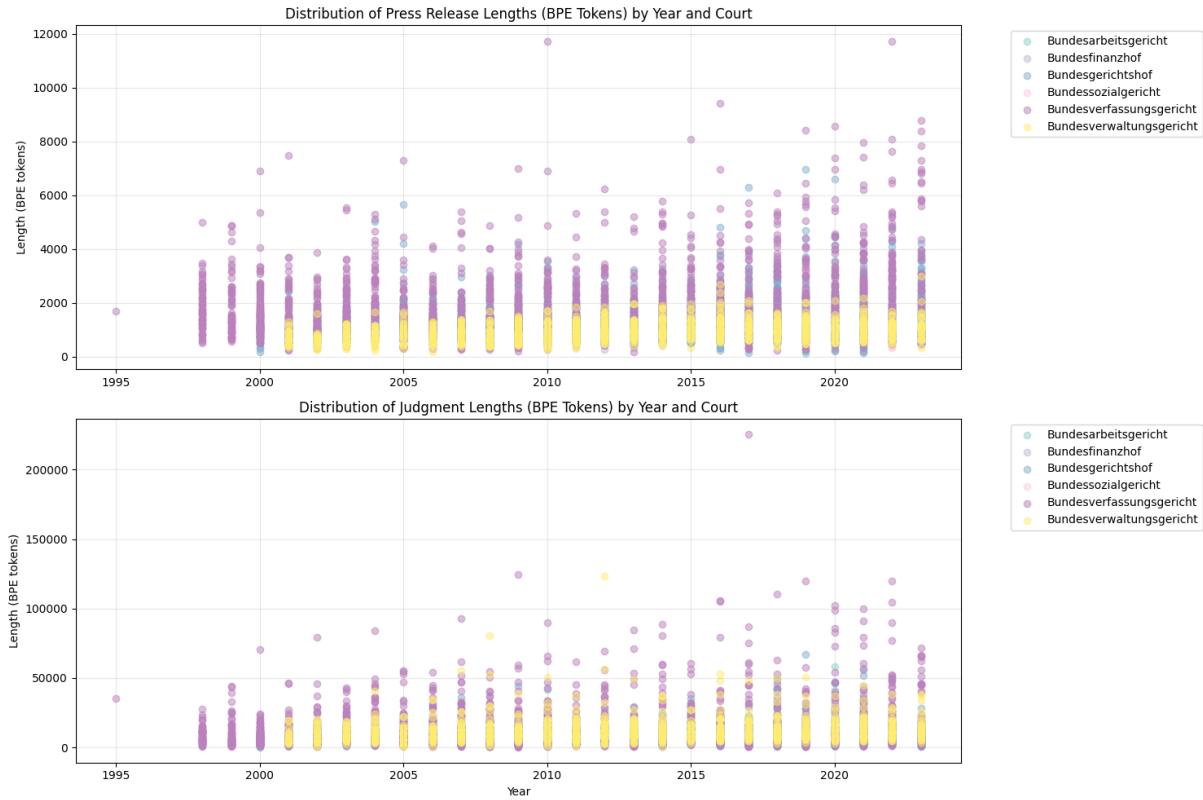


Figure 1: Distribution of press release and judgment lengths across different courts

273 **FT Teuken**

274 #todo ME

275 Evaluation

276 Our evaluation framework was designed to address the
 277 known limitations of traditional NLP metrics for legal
 278 text summarization. As highlighted by Steffes et
 279 al. (2023), metrics like ROUGE can be unreliable as
 280 sole quality indicators because they may not adequately
 281 capture legally relevant content.

282 Therefore, we developed a comprehensive evalua-
 283 tion approach using multiple complementary metrics:

- 284 • ROUGE (Lin [2004])
- 285 • BLEU (Papineni et al. [2002])
- 286 • METEOR (Banerjee and Lavie [2005])
- 287 • BERTScore (Zhang et al. [2020])
- 288 • QAGS (Question Answering for evaluating Gen-
289 erated Summaries) (Wang et al. [2020])
- 290 • FactCC (Factual Consistency Check) (Kryściński
291 et al. [2019])
- 292 • LLM-as-a-Judge (evaluation using Claude 3.7
293 Sonnet)

294 While BLEU is less commonly used for summa-
 295 rization tasks due to its sensitivity to word order and
 296 sentence length, we include it to maintain compa-
 297 rability with multilingual studies like Rolshoven et
 298 al. (2024) and to provide a more comprehensive assess-
 299 ment through multiple metrics.

300 This multi-faceted approach aligns with recent
 301 trends in legal summarization evaluation, which empha-
 302 size combining different automated metrics with expert
 303 judgment to assess different quality dimensions of gen-
 304 erated legal texts.

305 Factual Consistency Metrics

306 Our project utilizes advanced metrics to evaluate the
 307 factual consistency between court decisions and gener-
 308 ated press releases:

- 309 • QAGS (Question Answering for evaluating Gener-
310 ated Summaries): This metric first generates ques-
311 tions from the press releases, then answers these
312 questions with the court decisions as context, and
313 finally compares the answers to verify if the press
314 release is factually correct. This approach is sim-
315 ilar to the framework proposed by Xu & Ashley
316 (2023), which showed better correlation with ex-
317 pert judgments than traditional metrics.
- 318 • FactCC (Factual Consistency Check): This metric
319 extracts claims from the press releases and checks
320 each claim for consistency with the court decision.
321 A total score for factual consistency is calculated
322 from these checks.

323 For both QAGS and FactCC, we acknowledge a sig-
 324 nificant limitation: These metrics were originally de-
 325 veloped and trained on English news datasets, not Ger-
 326 man legal texts. Their application to our German court
 327 texts relies on the multilingual capabilities of the un-

328 derlying models, but has not been specifically validated
329 for German legal text. This limitation likely affects the
330 absolute scores and may partially explain why smaller
331 German-specific models like Teuken-7B achieve factual
332 consistency scores comparable to larger models de-
333 spite lower performance on other metrics. The scores
334 should be interpreted as relative comparisons rather
335 than absolute measures of factual accuracy.

336 For additional context information in press releases
337 that doesn't directly appear in the court decision, these
338 metrics may incorrectly flag such information as in-
339 consistent, leading to potentially lower scores even for
340 high-quality press releases. We address this limitation
341 partially through our LLM-as-a-Judge approach, which
342 can better distinguish between contradictory informa-
343 tion and benign additional context.

344 **LLM-as-a-judge**

345 We use Claude 3.7 Sonnet to evaluate the generated
346 press releases based on various criteria such as factual
347 correctness, completeness, clarity, and structure. Option-
348 ally, the generated press release can be compared
349 with the reference press release. The metric provides
350 both numerical ratings (1-10) and detailed justifica-
351 tions, calculating an overall score across all evalua-
352 tion criteria.

353 To evaluate the quality of the generated press re-
354 leases, we use Claude 3.7 Sonnet with the following
355 system prompt [Appendix]

356 It is important to note that our evaluation relied
357 on LLM-as-a-Judge rather than human legal experts.
358 While this approach provides valuable insights and
359 scales to large datasets, it serves as a proxy for human
360 evaluation and would benefit from validation through
361 targeted expert reviews in future work. Claude 3.7 Son-
362 net was selected for this task due to its strong perfor-
363 mance in understanding complex legal texts in multiple
364 languages as well as its selection for synthetic prompt
365 generation which made it a natural choice for evalua-
366 tion.

367 **Results**

368 Based on our evaluation, we present the results orga-
369 nized by evaluation type (hierarchical vs. full document
370 processing) and model. We structured our analysis
371 to examine reference-based metrics, embedding-based
372 metrics, factual consistency metrics, and human-like
373 evaluation through LLM-as-judge.

374 The fulltext condition reveals the upper bound a
375 model can reach when context is not truncated, whereas
376 the hierarchical setting approximates a localdeploy-
377 ment scenario. GPT4o and Llama370B are statistically
378 tied on most automatic metrics, yet humanstyle LLM
379 judging clearly prefers GPT4o.

380 Note that we evaluate Mistral_v03 also on the full
381 ruling text even though it's context is limited to 32k

382 tokens. In our experiments, 1% of documents needed
383 to be truncated for evaluation in this narrower context.

384 These results are consistent with findings from
385 Glaser et al. (2021), who reported ROUGE-1 scores of
386 around 30.5% for their best models on German court
387 decision summarization. Our best models exceed this
388 performance slightly, which may be attributed to the
389 advancement in LLMs since their study.

390 These results demonstrate that while larger models
391 generally produce press releases that are more factually
392 correct, complete, clear, and well-structured, the hier-
393 archical summarization approach allows smaller mod-
394 els to produce reasonably good summaries, particularly
395 in terms of clarity and structure. Interestingly, the
396 improvement from hierarchical summarisation to full
397 summarisation is marginal for the largest models.

398 **Discussion**

399 Our findings confirm the intuitive tradeoff between
400 model capacity and inference cost: large models (*GPT*
401 *4o*, *Llama 3 70B*) heavily outperform smaller ones
402 on fidelity, completeness and clarity, but the differen-
403 tial shrinks when hierarchical summarisation is used.
404 The surprisingly high FactCC scores for small German
405 models stem from the Englishcentric nature of the met-
406 ric; annotation artefacts lead to partial credit even for
407 hallucinated statements. Conversely, QAGS questions
408 often target details absent from official releases, penal-
409 ising otherwise sound outputs.

410 The LLMasjudge protocol aligns well with expert
411 feedback collected on a subset of 60 cases ((TBD MP -
412 is this correct?)), supporting its use as a lowcost proxy.
413 However, qualitative analysis shows that LLM evalua-
414 tors struggle with nuanced legal misinterpretations (*ra-*
415 *tio decidendi* vs. *obiter dicta*). A hybrid pipeline that
416 flags such edge cases for manual review is therefore ad-
417 visable.

418 **Conclusions**

419 Our comprehensive evaluation of the CourtPressGER
420 system demonstrates that modern LLMs can effec-
421 tively generate German court press releases, with per-
422 formance varying according to model size and architec-
423 ture.

424 Key findings include:

1. Model size matters: Larger models consistently
425 outperform smaller models across all evalua-
426 tion metrics.
2. Hierarchical summarization is effective: Our hier-
427 archical approach enables smaller models to pro-
428 cess long documents while maintaining reason-
429 able quality.
3. Factual consistency challenges: Even the best
430 models struggle with perfect factual consistency,
431 indicating room for improvement.

| Modell | ROUGE-1 | BLEU-1 | METEOR | BERT | FactCC | QAGS | llm_fact | llm_compl | llm_clar | llm_struc | llm_ref | llm_total |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| gpt 4o | 0.3584 | 0.2275 | 0.1836 | 0.7711 | 0.4915 | 0.2637 | 8.1070 | 7.0885 | 8.7451 | 8.4076 | 6.8414 | 7.8379 |
| llama 3_3 70B | 0.3746 | 0.2327 | 0.1931 | 0.7730 | 0.4987 | 0.2863 | 7.3417 | 6.3637 | 8.1545 | 7.6200 | 5.9002 | 7.0760 |
| euromlm 9B | 0.2800 | 0.1856 | 0.1451 | 0.7459 | 0.5065 | 0.1875 | 4.9739 | 4.4255 | 6.4043 | 6.6876 | 3.5435 | 5.2070 |
| llama 3 8B | 0.2927 | 0.1829 | 0.1472 | 0.7373 | 0.5082 | 0.2289 | 5.2780 | 4.5405 | 6.3069 | 6.4295 | 3.7751 | 5.2660 |
| mistral v03 | 0.3571 | 0.2304 | 0.1871 | 0.7777 | 0.5122 | 0.2386 | 5.5376 | 4.9653 | 5.5578 | 5.2447 | 3.7370 | 5.0085 |
| teuken | 0.1630 | 0.0794 | 0.0781 | 0.6600 | 0.5051 | 0.1607 | 3.0635 | 2.1606 | 4.2356 | 4.4077 | 1.8269 | 3.1388 |

Table 2: Press release comparison on hierarchical summarized judgements

| Model | ROUGE-1 | BLEU-1 | METEOR | BERT | FactCC | QAGS | llm_fact | llm_compl | llm_clar | llm_struc | llm_ref | llm_total |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| gpt 4o | 0.3627 | 0.2105 | 0.1845 | 0.7563 | 0.4991 | 0.2777 | 8.3933 | 7.1615 | 8.8192 | 8.5385 | 7.0115 | 7.9848 |
| llama 3_3 70B | 0.3823 | 0.2248 | 0.1986 | 0.7691 | 0.5082 | 0.2898 | 8.1721 | 6.8661 | 8.6333 | 8.1552 | 6.6603 | 7.6974 |
| mistral v03 | 0.3612 | 0.2126 | 0.1901 | 0.7465 | 0.5021 | 0.3252 | 6.9612 | 5.7141 | 7.1395 | 6.8110 | 5.0271 | 6.3306 |

Table 3: Press release comparison on full judgements

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436 4. Language-specific models: German-specific mod-
437 els like EuroLLM show competitive performance
438 for their size compared to larger multilingual mod-
els.

439 While our fine-tuned Teuken model showed some
440 improvement over the base version, ((ME update this
441 when done)) it still performs significantly below larger
442 models, suggesting that parameter count remains a de-
443 cisive factor for this complex task.

444 Our work provides a contribution to the emerging
445 field of automated legal text summarization in the Ger-
446 man language, extending the work of Glaser et al.
447 [2021], Steffes and Rataj [2022], and Rolshoven et al.
448 [2024]. The multidimensional evaluation approach
449 we employed addresses the limitations of traditional
450 metrics highlighted by Steffes et al. [2023] and in-
451 corporates newer evaluation methods like question-
452 answering based assessment proposed by Xu and Ash-
453 ley [2023].

454 Our system has potential practical applications simi-
455 lar to the ALeKS project currently under development
456 in Germany, which aims to automate the generation of
457 court decision headnotes. While ALeKS focuses on
458 technical headnotes, our work specifically addresses
459 press releases that need to be accessible to non-legal
460 audiences.

461 Limitations

462 We acknowledge several limitations of our approach:

- 463 1. Evaluation metrics: Our use of QAGS and FactCC
464 metrics, which were developed and validated on
465 English datasets, introduces uncertainty when ap-
466 plied to German legal texts. Future work should
467 explore German-specific factual consistency met-
468 rics.
- 469 2. LLM-as-judge vs. human evaluation: While our
470 LLM-based evaluation provides valuable insights,
471 it serves as a proxy for human expert evaluation
472 and would benefit from validation through tar-
473 geted expert reviews.
- 474 3. Additional context in press releases: Court press

475 releases often contain contextual information not
476 present in the original decision, which can con-
477 found factual consistency metrics.

- 478 4. Divergence from Rolshoven et al. findings: Un-
479 like Rolshoven et al. (2024), who found that fine-
480 tuned smaller models could approach the perfor-
481 mance of larger models, our results show a clear
482 advantage for larger models. This difference may
483 be attributed to our focus on press releases rather
484 than technical summaries (“Regesten”), the differ-
485 ent nature of our dataset, or the specific character-
486 istics of German federal court decisions.

487 The CourtPressGER project demonstrates the poten-
488 tial of LLMs to assist in making legal information more
489 accessible to the public while highlighting the ongoing
490 challenges in maintaining factual accuracy when sum-
491 marizing complex legal documents.

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| Ethics Statement | 559 |
| All data originate from publicly available court websites. Personal names are already anonymised by the courts. Our finetuning set will be released under the <i>DIPLODL</i> licence, excluding any confidential metadata. Automated press releases must be reviewed by qualified staff before publication to avoid misrepresentation. | 560 |
| Prompts | 561 |
| We used the following prompts for our experiments: | 562 |
| Synthetic prompt generation | 563 |
| We used the following prompt for synthetic prompt generation: | 564 |
| i Synthetic prompt generation | 565 |
| Du bist ein Experte für juristische Texte und Kommunikation. Deine Aufgabe ist es, ein Gerichtsurteil und die dazugehörige Pressemitteilung zu analysieren und dann herauszufinden, welcher Prompt verwendet worden sein könnte, um diese Pressemitteilung aus dem Gerichtsurteil zu generieren, wenn man ihn einem LLM gegeben hätte. | 566 |
| 1. Analysiere, wie die Pressemitteilung Informationen aus dem Urteil vereinfacht, umstrukturiert und Schlüsselinformationen hervorhebt | 567 |
| 2. Berücksichtige den Ton, die Struktur und den Detaillierungsgrad der Pressemitteilung | 568 |
| 3. Identifizierte, welche Anweisungen nötig wären, um den juristischen Text in diese Pressemitteilung zu transformieren | 569 |
| Erkläre NICHT deine Überlegungen und füge KEINE Meta-Kommentare hinzu. Gib NUR den tatsächlichen Prompt aus, der die Pressemitteilung aus dem Gerichtsurteil generieren würde. Sei spezifisch und detailliert in deinem synthetisierten Prompt. | 570 |
| Hier ist das originale Gerichtsurteil: {court_ruling} | 571 |
| Und hier ist die Pressemitteilung, die daraus erstellt wurde: | 572 |
| {press_release} | 573 |
| Erstelle einen detaillierten Prompt, der einem LLM gegeben werden könnte, um die obige Pressemitteilung aus dem Gerichtsurteil zu generieren. Schreibe NUR den Prompt selbst, ohne Erklärungen oder Meta-Kommentare. | 574 |
| Press release generation | 575 |
| We used the following prompt for press release generation: | 576 |
| i Press release generation | 577 |
| {prompt} Gerichtsurteil: {ruling} | 578 |

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LLM-as-a-judge

We used the following prompt for LLM-as-a-judge evaluation:

LLM-as-a-judge

You are an expert in legal texts and evaluate the quality of press releases for court decisions. Rate the generated press release according to the following criteria on a scale of 1-10:

1. Factual Correctness: How accurately does the press release reflect the facts from the court decision?
2. Completeness: Have all important information from the decision been included in the press release?
3. Clarity: How understandable is the press release for a non-legal audience?
4. Structure: How well is the press release structured and organized?
5. Comparison with Reference: How good is the generated press release compared to the reference press release?

For each criterion, provide a numerical value between 1 and 10 and a brief justification. Finally, calculate an overall score as the average of all individual values. Provide your answer in the following JSON format: { "faktische_korrektheit": { "wert": X, "begründung": "..."}, "vollständigkeit": { "wert": X, "begründung": "..."}, "klarheit": { "wert": X, "begründung": "..."}, "struktur": { "wert": X, "begründung": "..."}, "vergleich_mit_referenz": { "wert": X, "begründung": "..."}, "gesamtscore": X.X }

The user prompt contains: Court Decision [court_decision] Generated Press Release [generated_press_release] Reference Press Release [reference_press_release]

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| Model | R1 | R2 | RL | B1 | B2 | B3 | B4 | MTR | BP | BR | BF1 | KW | ENT | Len | Fcc | FccC | QGS | Qn | LJ_Fact | LJ_Compl | LJ_Clar | LJ_Struc | LJ_Ref | LJ_Tot |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| openai_gpt_4o_full | 0.3627 | 0.1452 | 0.1918 | 0.2105 | 0.1266 | 0.0832 | 0.0559 | 0.1845 | 0.7746 | 0.7396 | 0.7563 | 0.2082 | 0.2290 | 0.4572 | 0.4991 | 0.5068 | 0.2777 | 4.75 | 8.3933 | 7.1615 | 8.8192 | 8.5385 | 7.0115 | 7.9848 |
| openai_gpt_4o_hier | 0.3584 | 0.1242 | 0.1758 | 0.2275 | 0.1280 | 0.0786 | 0.0495 | 0.1836 | 0.7835 | 0.7595 | 0.7711 | 0.1883 | 0.2157 | 0.5114 | 0.4915 | 0.4758 | 0.2637 | 4.78 | 8.1070 | 7.0885 | 8.7451 | 8.4076 | 6.8414 | 7.8379 |
| llama_3_70B_full | 0.3823 | 0.1601 | 0.1997 | 0.2248 | 0.1385 | 0.0946 | 0.0668 | 0.1986 | 0.7889 | 0.7508 | 0.7691 | 0.2198 | 0.2311 | 0.4972 | 0.5082 | 0.5144 | 0.2898 | 4.87 | 8.1721 | 6.8661 | 8.6333 | 8.1552 | 6.6603 | 7.6974 |
| llama_3_70B_hier | 0.3746 | 0.1411 | 0.1864 | 0.2327 | 0.1358 | 0.0879 | 0.0593 | 0.1931 | 0.7918 | 0.7557 | 0.7730 | 0.2132 | 0.2158 | 0.5156 | 0.4987 | 0.5005 | 0.2863 | 4.94 | 7.3417 | 6.3637 | 8.1545 | 7.6200 | 5.9002 | 7.0760 |
| eurollm_9B_hier | 0.2800 | 0.0611 | 0.1199 | 0.1856 | 0.0832 | 0.0413 | 0.0212 | 0.1451 | 0.7570 | 0.7362 | 0.7459 | 0.1275 | 0.1229 | 0.5249 | 0.5065 | 0.5290 | 0.1875 | 4.84 | 4.9739 | 4.4255 | 6.4043 | 6.6876 | 3.5435 | 5.2070 |
| llama_3_8B_hier | 0.2927 | 0.0780 | 0.1344 | 0.1829 | 0.0897 | 0.0499 | 0.0287 | 0.1472 | 0.7519 | 0.7239 | 0.7373 | 0.1456 | 0.1444 | 0.4958 | 0.5082 | 0.5081 | 0.2289 | 4.90 | 5.2780 | 4.5405 | 6.3069 | 6.4295 | 3.7751 | 5.2660 |
| mistral_v03_full | 0.3612 | 0.1561 | 0.1844 | 0.2126 | 0.1304 | 0.0907 | 0.0660 | 0.1901 | 0.7706 | 0.7255 | 0.7465 | 0.2132 | 0.2074 | 0.4929 | 0.5021 | 0.5044 | 0.3252 | 4.72 | 6.9612 | 5.7141 | 7.1395 | 6.8110 | 5.0271 | 6.3306 |
| mistral_v03_hier | 0.3571 | 0.1218 | 0.1638 | 0.2304 | 0.1264 | 0.0780 | 0.0509 | 0.1871 | 0.7918 | 0.7645 | 0.7777 | 0.1884 | 0.1825 | 0.5475 | 0.5122 | 0.5189 | 0.2386 | 4.69 | 5.5376 | 4.9653 | 5.5578 | 5.2447 | 3.7370 | 5.0085 |
| teuken_hier | 0.1630 | 0.0213 | 0.0703 | 0.0794 | 0.0284 | 0.0105 | 0.0043 | 0.0781 | 0.6966 | 0.6303 | 0.6600 | 0.0705 | 0.0673 | 0.3553 | 0.5051 | 0.5068 | 0.1607 | 4.94 | 3.0635 | 2.1606 | 4.2356 | 4.4077 | 1.8269 | 3.1388 |

Table 4: Kombinierte automatische und menschliche Bewertungen (hierarchische Summaries _hier_; vollständige Judgements _full_)

Legende der Kürzel:

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|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| R1, R2, RL | ROUGE-1/-2/-L F1 | KW | Schlüsselwort-Überlappung |
| B1B4 | BLEU-1 BLEU-4 | ENT | Entitäts-Überlappung |
| MTR | METEOR | Len | Längenverhältnis |
| BP, BR, BF1 | BERTScore Precision/Recall/F1 | Fcc, FccC | FactCC Score / Konsistenz |
| QGS, Qn | QAGS Score / Ø Fragen | LJ_Fact | 1lm_judge fakt. Korr. |
| | | LJ_Compl | Vollständigkeit |
| | | LJ_Clar | Klarheit |
| | | LJ_Struc | Struktur |
| | | LJ_Ref | Vergl. mit Referenz |
| | | LJ_Tot | Gesamtscore |