## **Computer Aided Translation**

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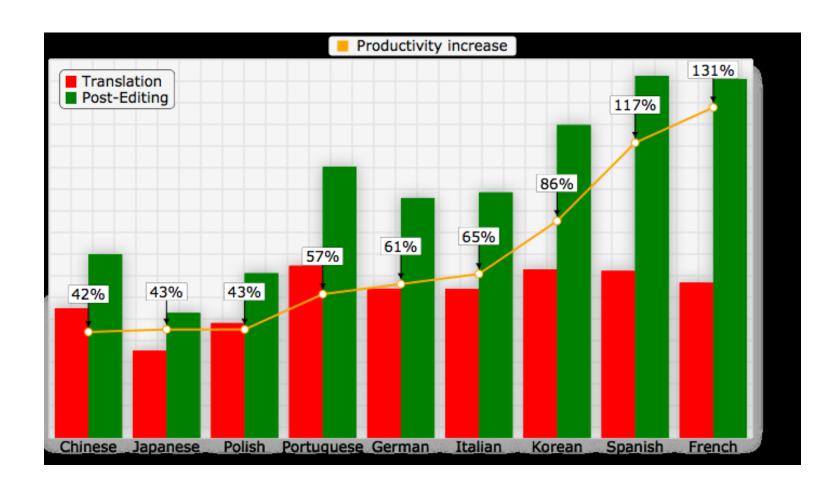


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→ How can machine translation help human translators?

# **Post-Editing Machine Translation**





(source: Autodesk)

## 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 [Sanchez-Torron and Koehn, AMTA 2016]

## MT Quality and Productivity

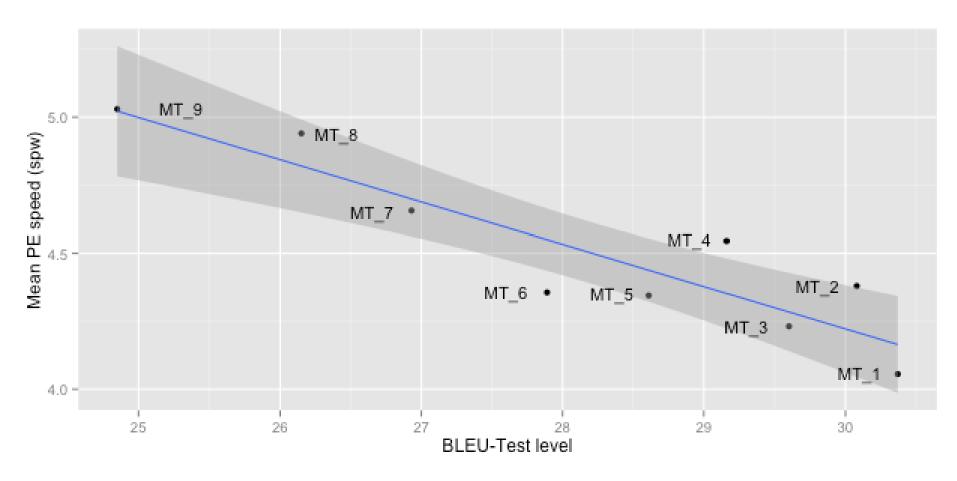


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- User study with professional translators
- Correlation between BLEU and post-editing speed?

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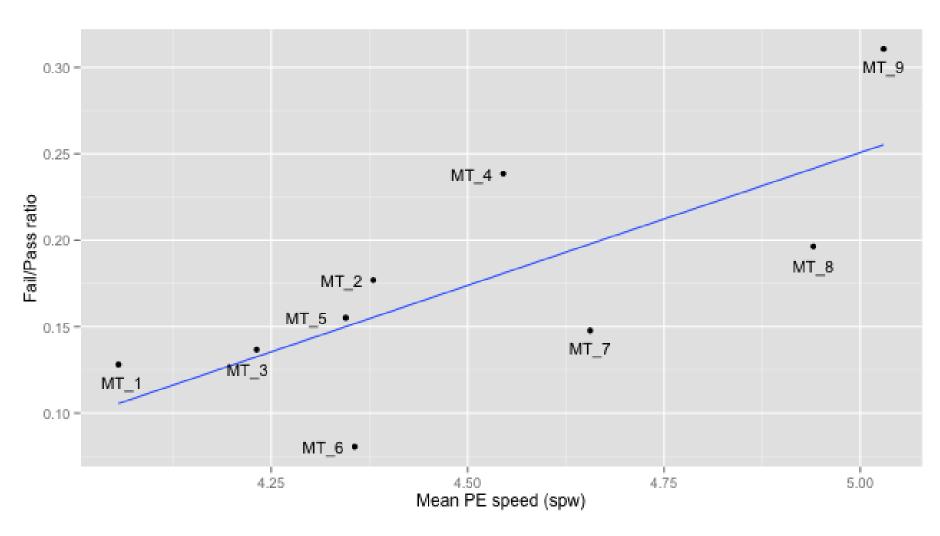




BLEU against PE speed and regression line with 95% confidence bounds +1 BLEU  $\leftrightarrow$  decrease in PE time of  $\sim$ 0.16 sec/word, or 3-4% speed-up

# 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

### **Overview**



- Interactivity
- Choices
- User Studies
- Confidence
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# **Interactivity**



- Traditional professional translation approaches
  - translation from scratch
  - post-editing translation memory match
  - post-editing machine translation output

• More interactive collaboration between machine and professional?



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### Visualization



• Show *n* next words

Olvidarlo. Es demasiado

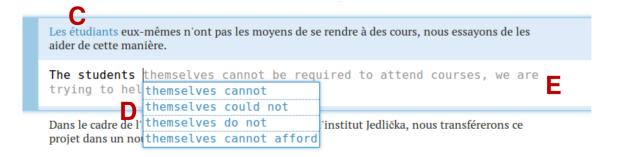
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• Show rest of sentence

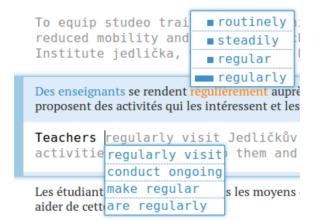
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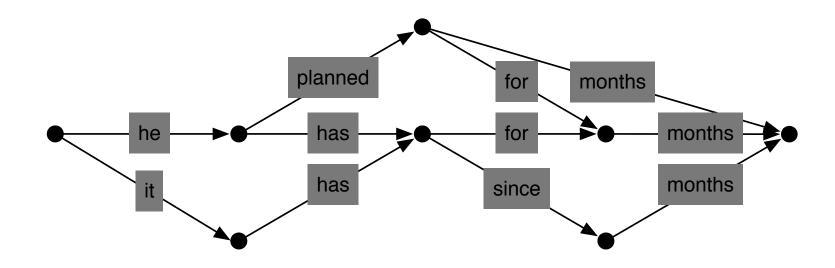
• Show alternate translation predictions



Show alternate translations predictions with probabilities

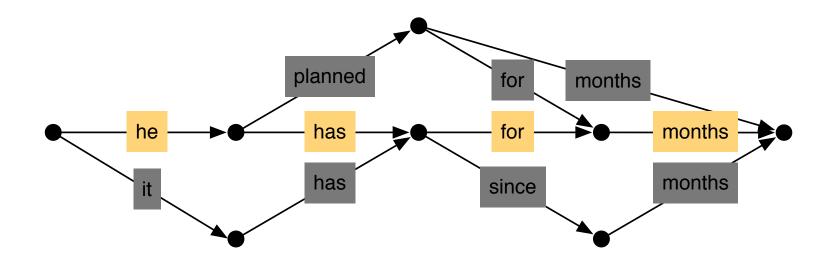






Search for best translation creates a graph of possible translations

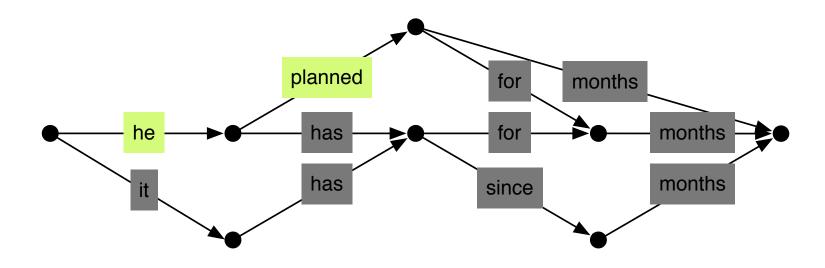




One path in the graph is the best (according to the model)

This path is suggested to the user

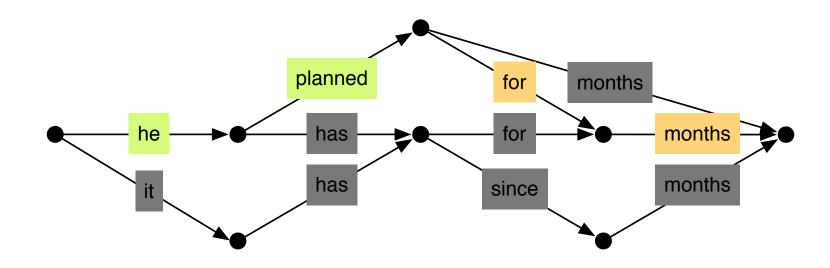




The user may enter a different translation for the first words

We have to find it in the graph

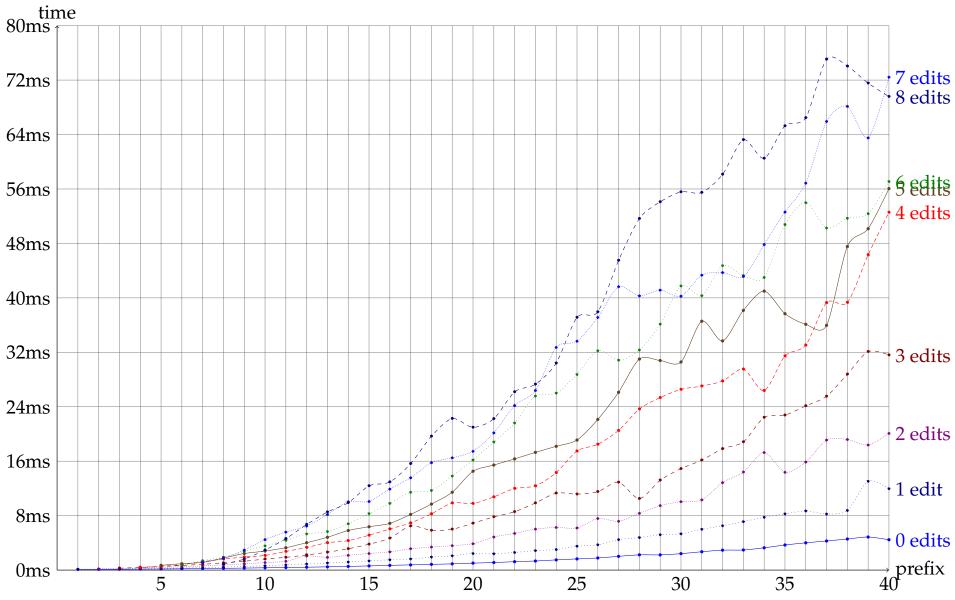




We can predict the optimal completion (according to the model)

### **Run Time**





### **Word Alignment Visualization**



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## **Shading off Translated Material**



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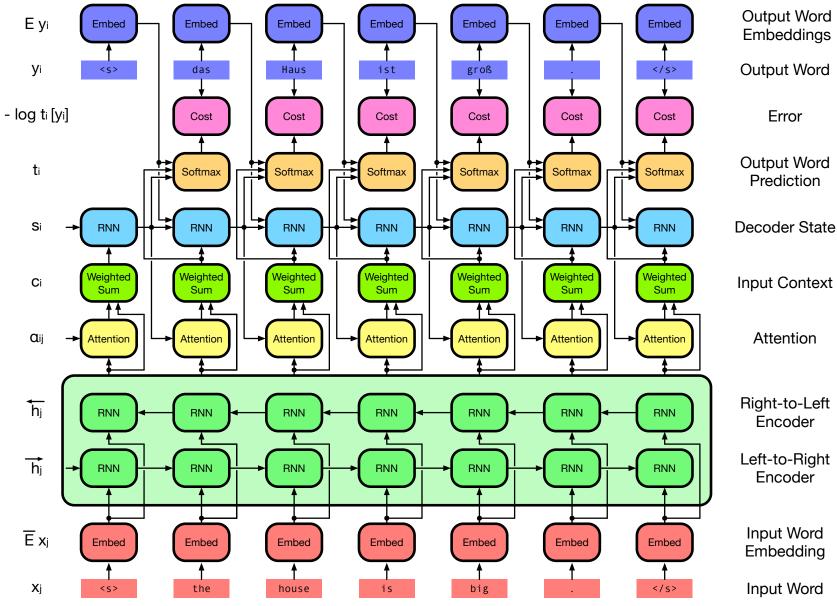
### **Some Observations**



- How can we do this?
  - word alignments by-product of matching against search graph
  - automatic word alignments (as used in training)
- User feedback
  - users like interactive machine translation
  - ... but they may be slower than with post-editing machine translation
  - user like mouse-over word alignment highlighting
  - user do not like at-cursor word alignment highlighting

### **Neural Interactive Translation Prediction**





# **Neural MT: Sequential Prediction**



• The model produces words in sequence

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

• 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
<b>√</b>	the	the	the (99.2%)
✓	company	company	company (90.9%), firm (7.6%)
✓	said	said	said (98.9%)
✓	it	it	<b>it (42.6%)</b> , this (14.0%), that (13.1%), job (2.0%), the (1.7%),
✓	will	will	<b>will (77.5%)</b> , is (4.5%), started (2.5%), 's (2.0%), starts (1.8%),
✓	start	start	<b>start (49.6%)</b> , 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%), <b>viewing (3.4%)</b> , min@@ (2.0%),
×	applicants	talks	talks (61.6%), interviews (6.4%), discussions (6.2%),
✓	this	this	<b>this (88.1%)</b> , so (1.9%), later (1.8%), that (1.1%)
✓	month	month	month (99.4%)
×	,	and	and (90.8%), <b>, (7.7%)</b>
×	with	and	and (42.6%), increasing (24.5%), rising (6.3%), <b>with (5.1%)</b> ,
$\checkmark$	staff	staff	<b>staff (22.8%)</b> , the (19.5%), employees (6.3%), employee (5.0%),
×	levels	numbers	numbers (69.0%), <b>levels (3.3%)</b> , increasing (3.2%),
×	rising	increasing	increasing $(40.1\%)$ , <b>rising <math>(35.3\%)</math></b> , climbing $(4.4\%)$ , rise $(3.4\%)$ ,
$\checkmark$	from	from	from (97.4%)
$\checkmark$	October	October	<b>October (81.3%)</b> , Oc@@ (12.8%), oc@@ (2.9%), Oct (1.2%)
×	through	to	to (73.2%), <b>through (15.6%)</b> , until (8.7%)
$\checkmark$	December	December	<b>December (85.6%)</b> , Dec (8.0%), to (5.1%)
✓			. (97.5%)

### **Knowles and Koehn [AMTA 2016]**



• 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%

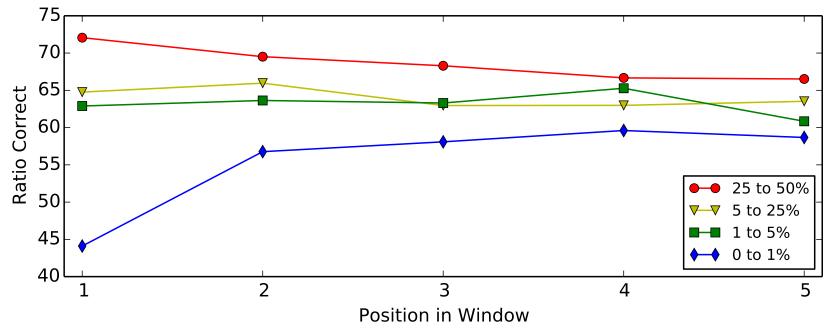
# **Recovery from Failure**



• Ratio of words correct after first failure

System	Configuration	1	2	3	4	5
Neural	no beam search	55.9%	61.8%	61.3%	62.2%	61.1%
	beam size 12	58.0%	62.9%	62.8%	64.0%	61.5%
Phrase-based	-	28.6%	45.5%	46.9%	47.4%	48.4%

• Depending on probability of user word (neural, no beam)



## **Patching Translations**



- Decoding speeds
  - translation speed with CPU: 100 ms/word
  - translation speed with GPU: 7ms/word
- To stay within 100ms speed limit
  - predict only a few words ahead (say, 5, in  $5 \times 7$ ms=35ms)
  - patch new partial prediction with old full sentence prediction
  - uses KL divergence to find best patch point in  $\pm 2$  word window
- May compute new full sentence prediction in background, return as update
- Only doing quick response reduces word prediction accuracy 61.6%→56.4%

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### **Choices**



- Trigger the passive vocabulary
- Display multiple translations for words and phrases

er	hat	seit	Monaten	geplant	,	im	März	einen	Vortrag	•••
h	e has	for months		the plan in March a lec		cture				
	it has	for m	for months now		,	in	March	a presentation		•••
h	ie was	for sev	for several months		:0	in th	e March	a sp	peech	•••
he h	nas made	since	months	the pipeline in March of		March of	a sta	tement	•••	
ŀ	ne did	for many months		schedule	d	the	the March a gene		eneral	•••

- Rank and color-highlight by probability of each translation
- Prefer diversity

#### **Alternative Translations**



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give a presentation present his work give a speech speak

User requests alternative translations for parts of sentence.

## **Bilingual Concordancer**



#### entre autres(560/1554)

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...d and made recommendations , " inter alia " , with respect to the follow...
...on (EC) No 1995 / 2000 imposing , inter alia , a definitive anti @-@ dumping dut...
...ervices . this increase , arising , inter alia , as a result of economic growth , ...
...of paragraph 1 the Commission may , inter alia , bring forward :
... of stocks of obsolete pesticides , inter alia , by supporting projects aimed at s...
...wn rules of procedure which shall , inter alia , contain provisions for convening ...
...uch specific agreements may cover , inter alia , financing provisions , assignment...
...he internal market and concerning , inter alia , health and environmental protecti...
...e product concerned ) originating , inter alia , in Belarus and Russia ( the count...
...e product concerned ) originating , inter alia , in India .
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... des recommandations concernant , entre autres , les questions spécifiques suiva...
...995 / 2000 du Conseil instituant , entre autres , un droit antidumping définitif ...
...nsports . cette augmentation , due entre autres facteurs à la croissance économi...
...aragraphe 1 , la Commission peut , entre autres , présenter :
...r les stocks de vieux pesticides , entre autres en soutenant des projets à cet ef...
...lement intérieur , qui contient , entre autres dispositions , les modalités de c...
...ords spécifiques peuvent porter , entre autres , sur les mécanismes financiers s...
...hé intérieur et qui concernent , entre autres , la santé et la protection de l&...
...it concerné " ) originaire , entre autres , du Belarus et de Russie ( ci @-@...
...t concerné " ) originaires , entre autres , de l ' Inde .
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#### notamment(447/1554)

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... the EU budget by addressing " inter alia " the problems of accountabili...

...ates , the Commission has adopted , inter alia , Decision 2003 / 526 / EC ( 3 ) wh...

...d equitable development involving , inter alia , access to productive resources , ...

...ertain products which could be used inter alia , as equipment on board ships but w...

...nexes , taking into consideration , inter alia , available scientific , technical ...

...w that it is absolutely necessary , inter alia , because of enlargement , to find ...

...paragraphs 1 and 2 as appropriate , inter alia , by conducting studies and compili...

...liability and efficiency , caused , inter alia , by insufficient technical and adm...

...in the Programme shall be pursued , inter alia , by the following means:
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...get de l' Union , ce qui passe notamment par la résolution du problème de r...

...es États membres , la Commission a notamment arrêté la décision 2003 / 526 / C...

... durable et équitable , impliquant notamment l' accès aux ressources produc...

...usceptibles d' être utilisés notamment comme équipements mis à bord , mai...

...ion et à ses annexes , compte tenu notamment des informations scientifiques , tec...

...os; il est absolument nécessaire , notamment en raison de l' élargissement ...

...ragraphes 1 et 2 le cas échéant , notamment en menant des études et en compilan...

... et d' efficacité en raison , notamment , d' une interopérabilité tec...

...nis dans le programme , il convient notamment de mettre en oeuvre les moyens ci @-...

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## **Logging Functions**



- Different types of events are logged
  - 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**



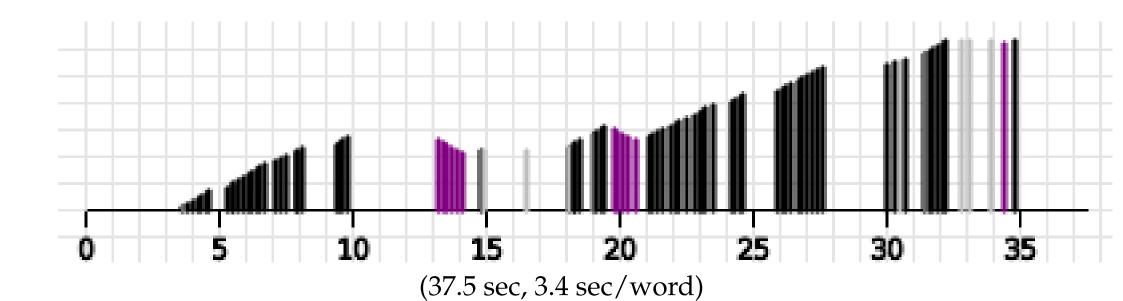
- In every event we save:
  - Type
  - In which element was produced
  - Time
- Special attributes are kept for some types of events
  - Diff of a text change
  - Current cursor position
  - Character looked at
  - Clicked UI element
  - Selected text
- ⇒ Full replay of user session is possible

## **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%)

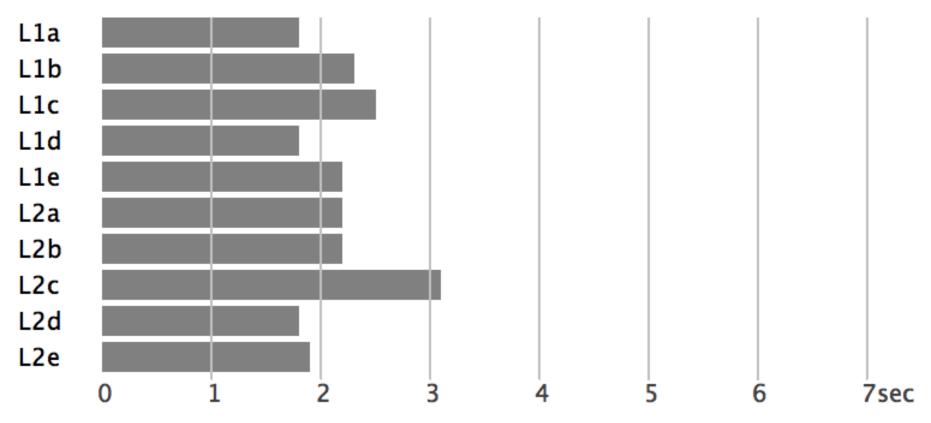
## Faster and Better, Mostly



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

#### **Unassisted Novice Translators**

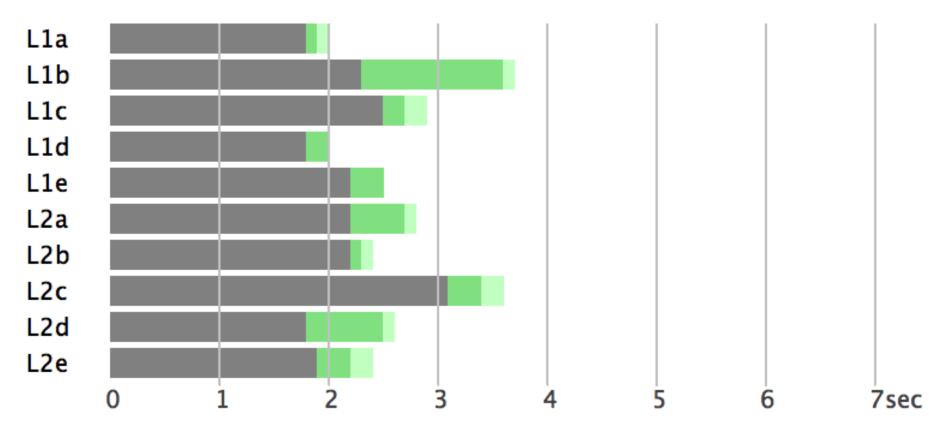




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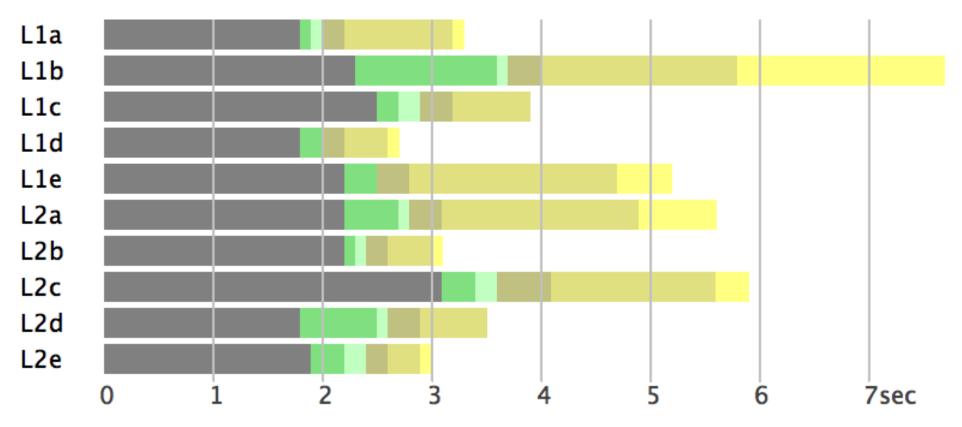




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typing, initial and final pauses, short, medium, and long pauses most time difference on intermediate pauses



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



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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

Slightly less time spent on typing



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  - $\rightarrow$  can also be used for pricing
- Active research question, see also shared task at WMT 2013

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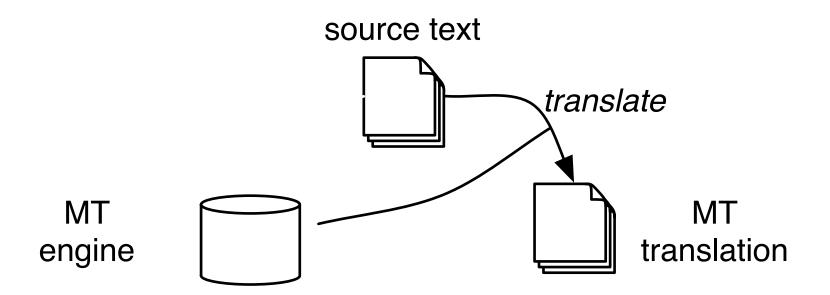
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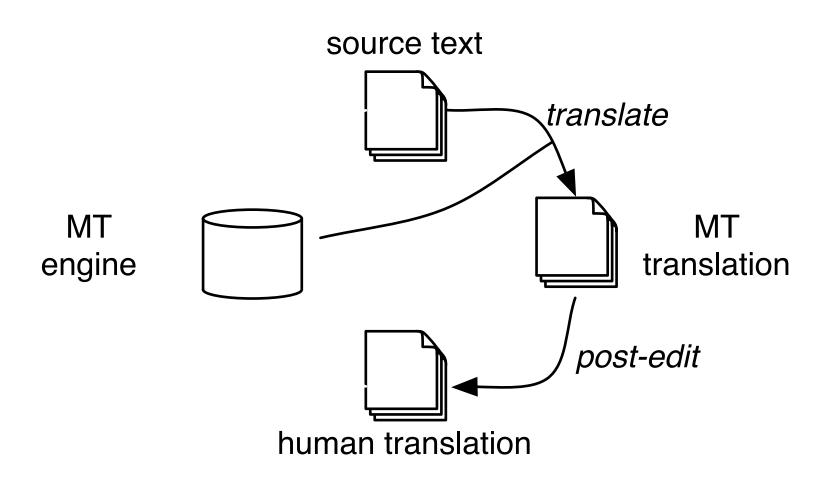


- Machine translation works best if optimized for domain
- Typically, large amounts of out-of-domain data available
  - European Parliament, United Nations
  - unspecified data crawled from the web
- Little in-domain data (maybe 1% of total)
  - information technology data
  - more specific: IBM's user 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

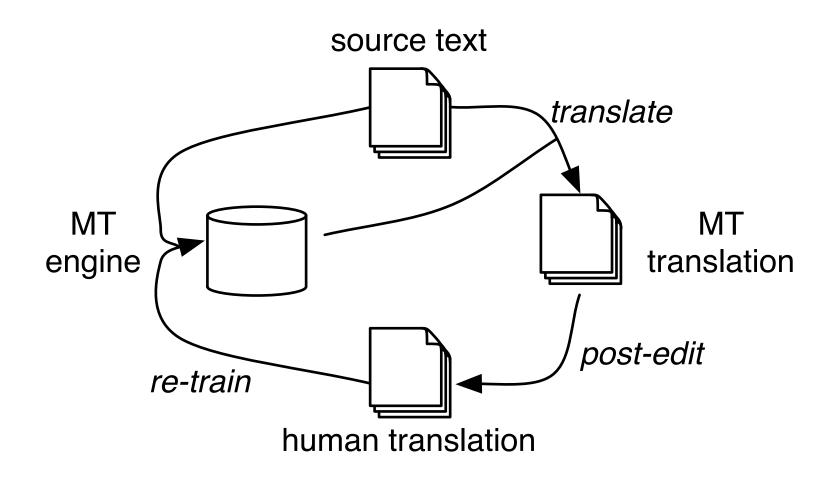














- Statistical machine translation
  - store corpus in memory
  - add new sentence pairs to corpus
  - indexed data structure (suffix arrays) allow quick look-up of translations
- Neural machine translation
  - fine tuning
  - special handling of new words
  - ongoing research in this area

## **Summary**



- Use of machine translation in translation industry is becoming standard
- Interaction between machine and human open problem
- Not very much research in this area
- Open source toolkit: CASMACAT