

Global Under-Resourced Media Translation

User Day

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Language	Bitext	Monolingual
Czech	185M	140M
German	571M	237M
Hausa	1.7M	7M
Icelandic	28.2M	101M
Japanese	145.7M	218M
Russian	297M	163M
Chinese	166M	123M
English		430M

Facebook 2021 WMT News Task

But what if you don't have 571M parallel sentences?

Languages in the World



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Rationale

• MT is still poor for most world languages

Aims

- Improve translation quality
- Apply to journalism and media analyst use-cases



https://gourmet-project.eu/

Project Overview

Techniques

- Data Gathering and Augmentation
- Modelling Morphological Structure
- Structure Induction at the Sentence Level
- Transfer Learning

Research Partners







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World Service

Monitoring

Low-resource Domain - Health



Challenges

- Lack of data
- Structurally distant languages
- Morphological complexity and agglutination

Approaches

- Data scraping, filtering
- Transfer learning from other languages
- Unsupervised and semi-supervised approaches
- Using linguistic and lexical resources
- Modelling of segmentation and morphology
- Modelling of latent structure

Putting it all Together

GoURMET Translate		
Input	Output	
ગરક તણાવ : ઇશનને નહી શેકવામાં સમ્પે તો દુનિયામાં તેલને ભાવ વધાશે - સાઉદી પિરન્સ સાભાન	Guif tensions: If Iran is not stopped, the price of oil in the world will rise - Saudi Prince Salman	
Gujarati 🗸	English 🗸	
Translate Clear		

- Models dockerised with secure API enables integration of user tools
- $\cdot\,$ English \leftrightarrow Bulgarian, Gujarati, Swahili and Turkish
- + English \leftrightarrow Amharic, Kyrgyz, Serbian and Tamil
- $\cdot\,$ English \leftrightarrow Igbo, Hausa, Macedonian, Tigrinya
- \cdot English \leftrightarrow Yoruba, Urdu, Turkish, Burmese