

Traitement automatique des langues pour la santé : travaux récents au LIMSI LISN

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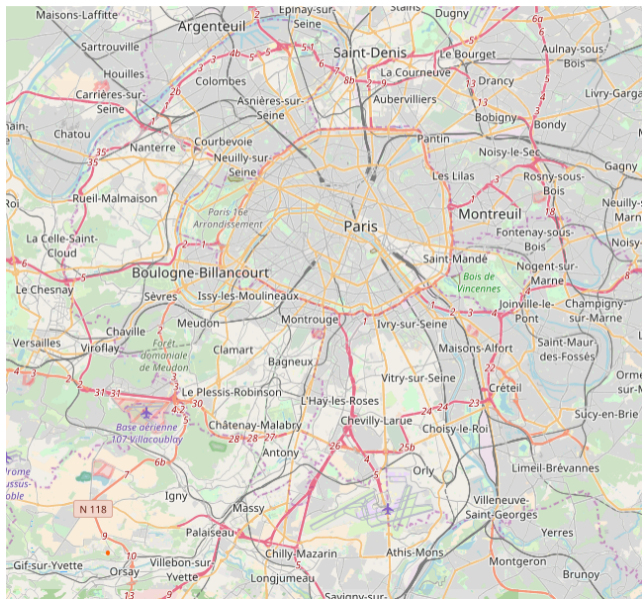


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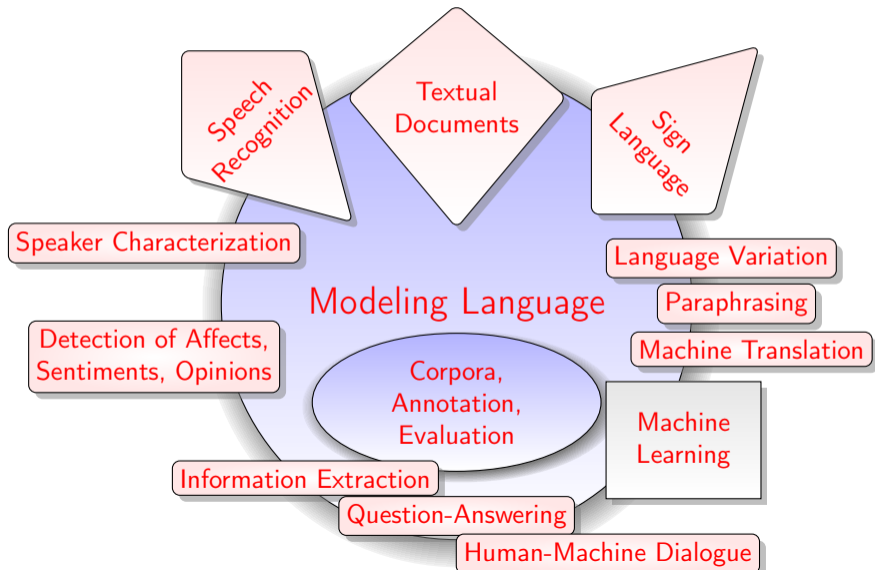
<https://www.lisn.upsaclay.fr/>

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LISN's Language Sciences and Technologies Department

2 teams, about 70 people including 28 permanent researchers



Biomedical texts convey information and knowledge

- **Natural Language Processing** of these texts unlocks that information and knowledge for further computer processing

Overall approach

- Supervised machine learning
- **Self-supervised word representations**
- Make use of rich **pre-existing knowledge** in the medical domain:
 - terminologies, ontologies

Multiple needs

- Health care professionals
 - Obtain information from patient records
- Health care researchers
 - Obtain knowledge from the literature
- Medical students
 - Receive assistance for training
- Patients
 - Access understandable documentation

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Text De-identification

An entity detection task

- MEDINA system

- Cyril Grouin



- Rule-based version (<https://medina.limsi.fr/>)

- Supervised learning version (<https://github.com/grouin/medina>)

- European Project CEF MAPA

- Manuel Herranz (Pangeanic), Montse Cuadros (Vicomtech), . . . , Lucie Gianola



Cyril Grouin



, Thomas Lavergne



, Patrick Paroubek



, Pierre

Zweigenbaum







- Multilingual BERT for entity detection

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MEDINA – MEDical Information Anonymization

Original text	<p>Je revois ce 20 novembre 2012 Monsieur Jean Dumont (12.08.1924 ; 91 ans), qui a séjourné dans le service pour bilan du 10 au 12 février 2012.</p> <p>Ses principaux antécédents sont une BPCO, une gastrectomie pour ulcère de l'estomac il y a 30 ans (CHU Bordeaux) ; splénectomie en décembre 2008 ; une néphrectomie partielle gauche en janvier 2009 (Dr Rochelière) pour adénocarcinome d'évolution favorable ; une notion de canal lombaire étroit et une rupture de la coiffe des rotateurs de l'épaule droite (juillet 2007).</p> <p>M. Dumont reviendra le 3 mai 2012 pour contrôle. Ses enfants Jean-Pierre (67 ans) et Catherine (64 ans) s'interrogent sur la suite à donner.</p> <p>Dr. Gustave Le Dervant, 5 rue Jeanne Hachette, 75015 Paris - tél. 01 45 31 08 72 (sur rendez-vous)</p>
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- Classification: with Thomas Lavergne  (LISN)
- CLEF eHealth 2016–2018 Shared Tasks with
 - Cyril Grouin , Thomas Lavergne , Aurélie Névéol  (LISN)
 - Aude Robert, Grégoire Rey (INSERM, French CépiDc data)
 - Robert Anderson (US CDC data)
 - Francesco Grippo and Chiara Orsi (Italian data)
 - László Pelikán (Hungarian data)

Coding Death Certificates for Health Statistics

Text classification: From the text of a certificate to one or more labels (codes)

Needed in about every country for public health statistics

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON OTHER SIDE

CAUSE OF DEATH

27. PART I. Enter the diseases, injuries, or complications that caused the death. Do not enter the mode of dying, such as cardiac or respiratory arrest, shock, or heart failure. List only one cause on each line.				Approximate Interval Between Onset and Death	
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Final disease or condition resulting in death) →	a.	Rupture of myocardium		Mins.	
		DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF):			
	b.	Acute myocardial infarction		6 days	
		DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF):			
Sequentially list conditions, if any, leading to immediate cause. Enter UNDERLYING CAUSE (Disease or injury that initiated events resulting in death) LAST	c.	Chronic ischemic heart disease		5 years	
		DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF):			
d.					
PART II. Other significant conditions contributing to death but not resulting in the underlying cause given in Part I.			28a. WAS AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED? (Yes or no)	28b. WERE AUTOPSY FINDINGS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF CAUSE OF DEATH? (Yes or no)	
Diabetes, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, smoking			Yes	Yes	
29. MANNER OF DEATH		30a. DATE OF INJURY (Month, Day, Year)	30b. TIME OF INJURY	30c. INJURY AT WORK? (Yes or no)	30d. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Pending Investigation <input type="checkbox"/> Accident <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> Could not be Determined <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide			M		
		30e. PLACE OF INJURY—At home, farm, street, factory, office building, etc. (Specify)	30f. LOCATION (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State)		

I23.3 Rupture of cardiac wall without haemopericardium as current complication following acute myocardial infarction (伴随急性心肌梗塞的无即期心包积血的心壁破裂)

I21.9 Acute myocardial infarction, unspecified (未明确的急性心肌梗塞)

I25.9 Chronic ischaemic heart disease, unspecified (未明确的慢性缺血性心脏病)

- Source language
 - Large **variation** in expression
 - **Context**-dependent coding
 - Spelling errors, abbreviations
- Target ontology
 - **Large number of target concepts** (> 3,000 disease codes)
 - Highly unbalanced examples
 - Concept labels use meta-language

- 'Pre-processing': **Normalize text** as much as possible
 - Spelling correction
 - Compound word normalization
 - Stemming
- Generate features:
 - **Text features**: token and character n-grams of normalized words
 - Predictions by lookup in pre-existing dictionary
 - **Structured data features**
 - Age of the deceased
 - Coding year
- Multi-label classification
 - SVM, one-vs-all

Top results on CLEF eHealth 2017 data

- English (US) death certificates
 - P=90, R=81, F=85
- French death certificates
 - P=89, R=77, F=83
- French death certificates, line-aligned
 - P=87, R=87, F=87

Collaboration with users for take-up

- **CepiDc**: National epidemiology center on medical causes of death (WHO coding center)
 - Insert into coding workflow
- **Santé Publique France**: National public health agency
 - Detect “syndromic groups” for early outbreak surveillance and public health monitoring



François Morlane-Hondère, Leonardo Campillos-Llanos, Cyril Grouin  (LISN)

Funding: ANSM: National Agency for Drug Safety

Vigi4med (2014–2017)

- PI: Dr Cédric Bousquet
 - St-Étienne Medical School
 - LIMICS, Inserm, Paris
- 2 pharmacovigilance centers
- Detect adverse drug reactions
- Proof of concept, batch processing

PHARES (2017–2019)

- PI: Dr Marie-Christine Jaulent
 - LIMICS, Inserm, Paris
- 1 pharmacovigilance center
- Strengthen causal link detection
- Explore drug misuse
- On-line processing

LISN: NLP

Follow-up projects: BiFold (DFKI, Berlin); ANR-DFG-JST KEEPHA (DFKI, Berlin; Riken, Tokyo)

23/05/2013
Femme, 45

Laroxyl (amitriptyline)

Spondylarthrite ankylosante

Satisfaction générale



J'ai une SPA, spondylarthrite ankylosante .Je prends de la Salazopyrine , deux comprimés le matin ,et un le soir . J'ai surtout des douleurs le soir ,pendant le sommeil .En période de crise inflammatoire ,il m'arrive d'avoir des douleurs aux coudes ,aux cervicales avec des raideurs aux jambes .Comme je dormais mal ,et me sentais toujours fatiguée ,surtout le matin ,j'avais ...lire la suite

Satisfaction sur

Efficacité



Quantité effets secondaires



Gravité effets secondaires



Facilité d'emploi



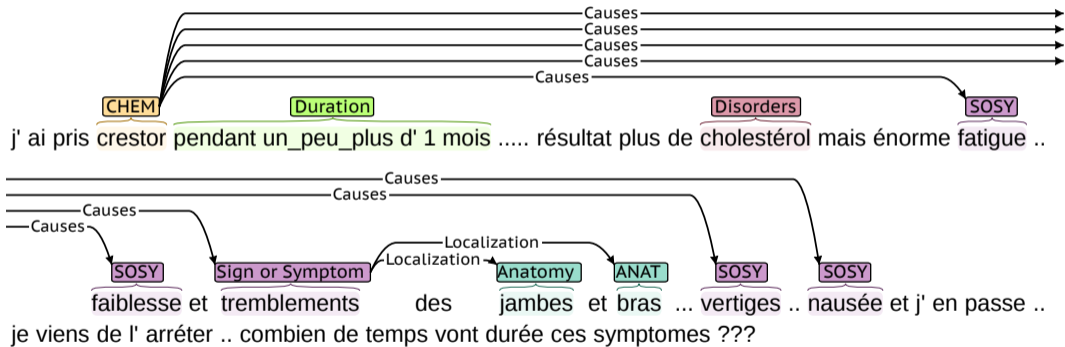
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Objectives

Spotting adverse drug event signals: pharmacovigilance, needed for drug safety



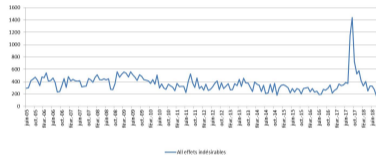
- Source language
 - Non-standard vocabulary
 - Lay vocabulary
 - Creative use of language on social networks
- Target ontology
 - Large number of target classes
 - MedDRA: > 22,000 sign and symptom (PT) codes

- Large **terminology resources**: e.g., drug names
 - Collect based on UMLS semantic classes
- **Robustly learn to recognize** non-standard vocabulary
 - Word embeddings to collect non-standard variants
 - gynécologue, gynécolgue, gynécologue, gynéco, gynécho, génico, gyné, gygy, etc.
 - Leverage syntactic parsing
 - Drug-taking verbs
 - I **take aspirin** every day
 - prendre, prescrire, être sous, donner, avoir...
 - Drug names absent from our lists
 - e.g., food complements, Canadian drug names
 - Intentional variants
 - Lévothyrox → lévo
 - Duphaston → dudu
 - pilule du lendemain → pdl
 - Spelling errors
- **Supervised machine learning** for entity and relation detection

Outcomes

Example

- Analyzed 100 million posts
- Studies published by pharmacovigilance experts
 - Example: Baclophen study¹
 - Example: Levothyrox study²
- Providing server to National Agency for Drug Safety



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²Audeh B, Grouin C, Zweigenbaum P, Bousquet C, Jaulent MC, Benkebil M, Lillo-Le Louet A. *French Levothyrox[®] Crisis: Retrospective Analysis of French web forums dedicated to thyroid pathology*. International Society of Pharmacovigilance, Oct 2019

Baclofen study

- 18570 posts mentioning baclofen and a clinical finding retrieved from NLP output database
 - Exclude alcohol dependence → 2621 posts
- Reviewed by two evaluators from pharmacovigilance center
 - 782 (29.2%) mentioned potential adverse drug reactions
- Compared to cases in French National Database
 - 717 ADR cases with baclofen
- Main findings
 - Information about baclofen dosage **more frequent in posts** (27.7% vs 9.2%)
 - 75% of the patients had a daily **dosage over 90 mg, higher** than the maximum recommended daily dosage
 - Demographic information (**gender, age**) **scarce** in posts

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Levothyrox study

First retrospective analysis of social media following a drug health crisis

- Levothyrox: used by 3 million patients in France
 - New Levothyrox formulation introduced in March 2017
- Examined all posts (900,000) published in the forums of the *Vivre sans thyroïde* Web site
- Posts mentioning Levothyrox or levothyroroxine and a clinical finding were retrieved from NLP output database
 - Identified medical problems most mentioned with Levothyrox
 - Reviewed 100 most mentioned verbatims to create categories
 - Distribution and temporal evolution of problem categories

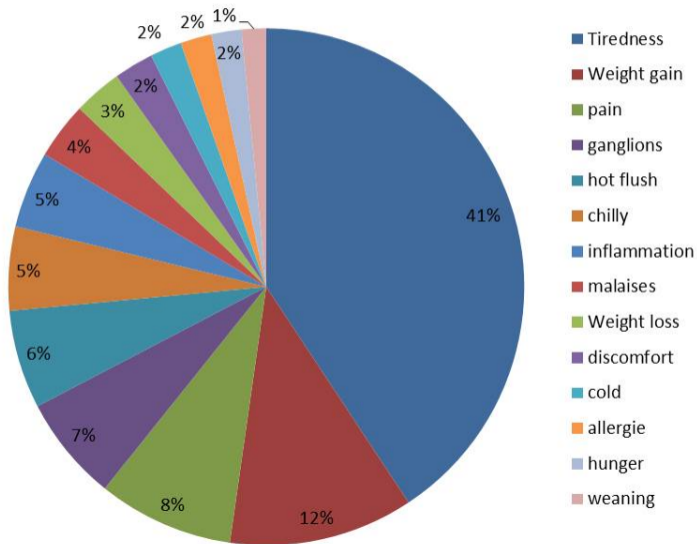
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Levothyrox: Distribution of problem categories

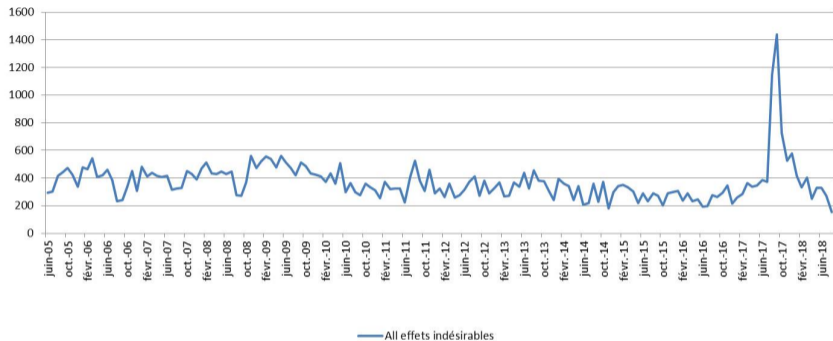
Problem Category	Examples	%
Drug Indication	<i>nodules, thyroid cancer</i>	25%
General event	<i>inflammation, tiredness</i>	25%
Neuro-psychiatric event	<i>depression, stress</i>	18%
Cardiovascular event	<i>hypertension, palpitation</i>	5%
Osteomuscular event	<i>cramps, osteoporosis</i>	
Gastrointestinal event	<i>nausea, constipation</i>	
Miscellaneous	<i>emergency, overdose</i>	
incl. Seriousness	<i>emergency, crisis</i>	7%

Levothyrox: Most mentioned problems

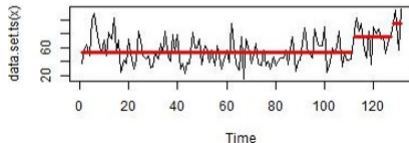
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Levothyrox: Temporal evolution of number of adverse effects






Time-series analysis using change-point analysis (CPA):

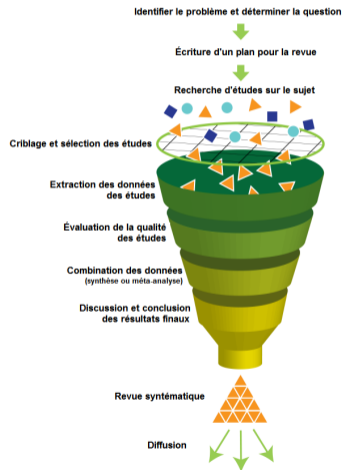


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Natural Language Processing for Systematic Reviews

A Multiple-Stage Process

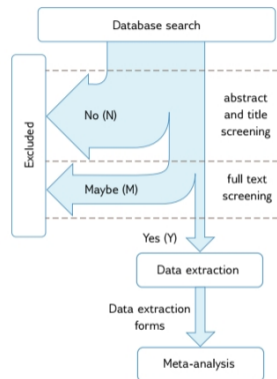
- Christopher Norman  (defended in Feb 2020),
Mariska Leeflang (U. Amsterdam), Aurélie Névéol 
- European Project MiRoR 
- Motivation: explore NLP methods to assist with systematic review preparation
 - Focus on Diagnostic Test Accuracy (DTA) studies
- Practical user needs
 - International Collaboration for the Automation of Systematic Reviews (ICASR)
 - Update of the Core Outcome Measures in Effectiveness Trials (COMET) database
<https://www.comet-initiative.org/>



Text Classification for Systematic Reviews

Article Triage for Systematic Reviews

- A highly imbalanced classification problem
 - Analyzed the contribution of available supervision information
 - Addressed reviews in different subfields
 - Studied the impact on resulting meta-analysis

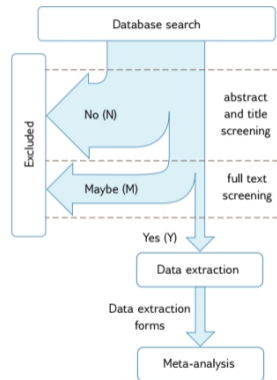


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Information Extraction for Systematic Reviews

Data Extraction for Systematic Reviews

- Data extraction with low supervision
 - Created a dataset for studying data extraction
 - Evaluated the reproducibility of data extraction and meta-analysis
 - Assessed automatic extraction of Index Test, Reference Standard and Target Condition



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Machine Translation of Scientific Abstracts

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[Construction and verification of NF- κ B luciferase reporter gene system].

[Article in Chinese. Abstract available in Chinese from the publisher]

Shi Z^{1,2}, Che X¹, Li F¹, Shen Z¹, Liu C¹.

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Abstract in English Chinese

To quantify the transcriptional activity of NF- κ B and to screen drugs related to the regulation of NF- κ B activation, we constructed a recombinant plasmid through deleting the original CMV promoter of retrovirus vector pQCXIP and inserting the NF- κ B enhancer and NanoLuc luciferase sequence into the vector. Then, using the recombinant plasmid we constructed a cell line in which the expression of NanoLuc luciferase (NLuc) was regulated by NF- κ B. The inserted sequences were verified by restriction endonuclease digestion and sequencing. Tumor necrosis factor- α (TNF- α), an NF- κ B activator, acted on the constructed NLuc cell line and led to the specific luciferase reaction. The luciferase reaction showed a fine time and dose dependence to the TNF- α stimulation, indicating the successful construction of the NF- κ B regulated NLuc-expressing cell line. Besides, the NF- κ B inhibitor, Ibrutinib, reduced the expression of NLuc in a dose-dependent way. The constructed reporter system in this study could be applied in the quantification of the NF- κ B transcriptional activity and in the NF- κ B regulation-related drug screening.

KEYWORDS: NF- κ B; NanoLuc luciferase; reporter gene system

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[Article in Chinese. Abstract available in Chinese from the publisher]

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Abstract in English Chinese

为了定量检测NF- κ B的活化效果及筛选与NF- κ B活化调控相关的药物,通过去除逆转录病毒载体pQCXIP原有的CMV启动子,并分别插入NF- κ B增强子序列及荧光素酶NanoLuc报告基因序列,构建了一种新的含有NF- κ B增强子序列和NanoLuc(NLuc)报告基因序列的表达载体,并进一步建立受NF- κ B调控的稳定表达NLuc荧光素酶的细胞系。通过建立及筛选结果表明成功构建了重组质粒pQCXIP-NF- κ B-NLuc;NF- κ B信号通路的刺激物肿瘤坏死因子TNF- α 作为诱导剂构建的稳定表达NLuc的细胞系,并出现特异性的荧光素酶反应,且该酶反应与TNF- α 的刺激量呈良好的时间-剂量依赖性,该结果表明NF- κ B调控的稳定表达NLuc荧光素酶的细胞系构建成功。实际验证中,NF- κ B抑制剂伊布替尼对细胞系NLuc荧光素酶表达的抑制呈剂量效应。综上,本实验构建的受NF- κ B调控的稳定表达NLuc荧光素酶的报告基因系统可用于NF- κ B的活化效果的定量检测及筛选与NF- κ B活化调控相关的药物,具有研究和应用价值。

KEYWORDS: NF- κ B; NanoLuc luciferase; reporter gene system

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Free full text

- WMT Biomedical Shared Tasks: **Aurélie Névéol** with many others
- WMT 2020 EN-FR Machine Translation System: **François Yvon** with Sadaf Abdul Rauf *et al.*



WMT Shared Tasks: Machine Translation of Biomedical Text (2016–2020+)

<http://statmt.org/wmt20/biomedical-translation-task.html>

- WMT 2020 biomedical task organizers
 - Rachel Bawden, Giorgio Di Nunzio, Christian B Grozea, Iñigo Inanue, Antonio Jimeno Yepes, Nancy Mah, David Martinez, Aurélie Névéol , Mariana Neves, Maite Oronoz, Olatz Perez de Viñaspre, Massimo Piccardi, Rolland Roller, Amy Siu, Philip Thomas, Federica Vezzani, Maika Vincente Navarro, Dina Wieman, Lana Yeganova
- Motivation: Improve access to health information for non native speakers
 - Access to “health in my language”
 - Provide writing assistance and leverage tools available for English only
- Data:
 - Literature (translated by authors), other texts (translated by professionals)
 - Aligned parallel corpora in 15 language pairs, to and from English

¹ Related publications (other than task overviews and participations):

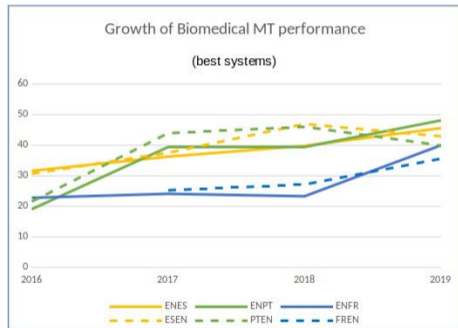
Névéol A, Jimeno Yepes A, Neves ML. **MEDLINE as a parallel corpus: a survey to gain insight on French-, Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking authors' abstract writing practice.** Language Resources and Evaluation Conference, LREC 2020. 2020:3676-3682.
Névéol A, Jimeno Yepes A, Neves ML, Verspoor K. **Parallel Corpora for the Biomedical Domain.** Language Resources and Evaluation Conference, LREC 2018. 2018:286-291.



WMT: Overview of the results for recurring language pairs (2016-2019)

Indicative comparison, test sets were different each year



- Participation
 - Up to 20 participating teams from up to 10 countries every year
 - Includes teams with no speaker of the languages involved
- Material and Methods
 - Participants increasingly rely on neural machine translation toolkits
 - A wide variety of in-domain, out-of domain, monolingual and parallel corpora are used



Contributions of the WMT biomedical task

see also: *Overcoming barriers to NLP for clinical text: the role of shared tasks and the need for additional creative solutions*. Chapman et al., *J Am Med Inform Assoc*. 2011 Sep-Oct;18(5):540-3

- Engage the scientific community on a specialized domain
 - Provide data to study translation in a specialized domain
 - Encourage general purpose translation
- Advance biomedical natural language processing
 - Increase availability and knowledge of biomedical data
 - Develop methods and understanding of NLP processes

- Sadaf Abdul Rauf  (post-doc), François Yvon  *et al.*
- Resource-heavy system to translate medical abstracts from English into French
 - Biomedical corpora
 - Back-translated texts
 - Terminological resources
 - Pre-trained representations
 - Multiple pre-processing pipelines
 - Transformer architecture

¹Sadaf Abdul Rauf, José Carlos Rosales, Pham Minh Quang, François Yvon. LIMSI @ WMT 2020. WMT 2020.




- In-domain parallel corpora
 - Provided by the WMT organizers
 - **Additional**
 - Cochrane bilingual parallel corpus
 - TAUS Corona Crisis corpus
 - More **selected by information retrieval** from OPUS corpora News Commentary, Books, and Wikipedia
- **In-domain monolingual sources**
 - Abstracts of medical papers published by Elsevier from the Lissa portal¹
 - A collection of research articles collected from various sources²
 - **Back-translated** into French using a neural FR-EN engine trained with the official WMT data sources

¹<https://www.lissa.fr/dc/#env=lissa>


²<https://crtt.univ-lyon2.fr/les-corpus-medicaux-du-crtt-613310.kjsp>

- Sentence alignment: Microsoft bilingual aligner (Moore, 2002)
- Tokenization and Byte-pair encoding
 - M: Moses tools and subword-nmt
 - H: HuggingFace BERT API
- FT: Fine-tuning on MEDLINE abstracts and Cochrane corpora
- PT: **Pre-translation of medical terms**
 - French-English version of the MeSH thesaurus
 - 30k English terms + preferred French translation
 - Extended to 40k by extracting more MeSH term pairs occurring in the training corpus
 - Use the resulting sentence pairs in a second training phase
- Translation framework: seq-2-seq (Facebook's fairseq)
 - Basic Transformers
 - B: BERT-fused transformers (BERT-NMT)


- Test sets: WMT 2018, 2019, 2020 (official)
- **Adding additional corpora** (1M sentences) to the provided corpora (2.9M sentences): improves BLEU score (+0.6–5.3 BLEU pt)
- Fine-tuning: always improves the Moses pipeline and the 2018 test set
- Back-translated monolingual corpora: small gain (+0.2–0.8 BLEU) for HuggingFace tokenization pipeline
- Pre-translation of medical terms: small drop (–0–0.8 BLEU)
 - The majority were already well translated
 - MeSH translations less similar to “natural” translations
- **IR-selected additional corpora**: improvement +0.5–0.9 BLEU for HuggingFace pipeline, +0.2–0.8 BLEU for BERT pipeline

- Tsanta Randriatsitohaina  (3rd year PhD student), Cyril Grouin , Thierry Hamon 
- ANR project MIAM
- Example: Grapefruit juice increases effect of other dihydropyridine calcium antagonists
- Sparse information
 - Build annotated corpus with project partners
 - Experiment with Silver Standard corpus created by transfer from annotated drug-drug interaction corpora



- Information Extraction for Spin Detection

- Anna Koroleva  (defended in Jan 2020), Patrick Bossuyt (U. Amsterdam),

Patrick Paroubek 

- European Project MiRoR 
- The Notion of Spin in Scientific Papers

Drug Repurposing: Detection of Adverse Drug Reactions in Drug Labels

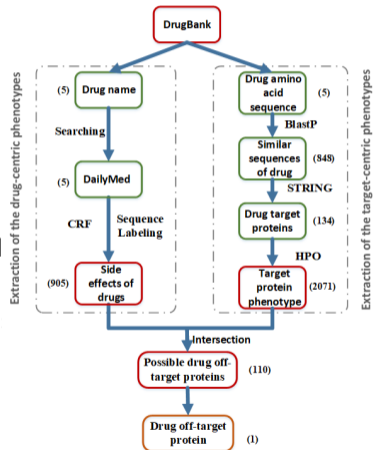
- **Jingbo Xia**  (HZAU), **Pierre Zweigenbaum** 
- Drug repurposing: finding novel uses of drugs
- Hypothesis
 - A cancer immunotherapy drug may induce adverse reactions through off-target protein interactions
 - If there is an identical side-effect phenotype between different drugs, it reveals that these drugs share a target
 - Analyzing the side-effects of drugs can reveal new targets for drug action
 - **Entity detection** helps collect adverse reactions from DailyMed drug labels
- Results
 - Here, suggests the BTK gene as an off-target site

¹Yuyu Zheng, Xiangyu Meng, Pierre Zweigenbaum, Lingling Chen, Jingbo Xia. Hybrid phenotype mining method for investigating off-target protein and underlying side effects of anti-tumor immunotherapy BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making 2020, 20(Suppl 3):133 <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12911-020-1105-4>

Entity Detection: a Component in a Larger Drug Repurposing Method

A hybrid phenotype mining method

- Select 5 monoclonal antibody drugs with similar mechanism
- Information Extraction
 - Train CRF **entity detection** on TAC 2017 ADR dataset
 - Use to extract adverse drug reactions from drug labels
- Find target proteins of these drugs and their phenotypes
 - Sequence similarity: find homologous amino acid sequences (BLAST)
 - Expand through protein-protein interaction network (STRIN)
 - Obtain phenotype terms from Human Phenotype Ontology
- Select matching adverse drug reactions and phenotype term
 - Among 110 detected, investigated mutation of gene BTK
 - Gene Ontology analysis: filter genes with function related to T-cell proliferation activation, immune regulation
 - Results in 3 genes: AKT1, ACTG2, BTK, the latter more relevant according to a literature search



Training Corpus: TAC 2017 Adverse Drug Reactions in Drug Labels

<https://bionlp.nlm.nih.gov/tac2017adversereactions/>

AdverseReaction, Severity, Factor, etc.

uncommon, Sev ← Effect AdverseReaction
mild injection site reaction,

Relations between these entities: Effect, Hypothetical, etc.

radiation exposure is associated with an increased Fac ← Hypothetical ADR
risk for cancer.

¹ Roberts K, Demner-Fushman D, Tonning JM. Overview of the TAC 2017 adverse reaction extraction from drug labels track. In: TAC 2017.

Zhou K, Zhang X, Zweigenbaum P, Liang R, Jiang Y, Xia J. Adverse reaction identification driven by semantic information. In: TAC 2017.


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A Virtual Patient to Train Medical Students

Providing rich specialized terminology and concepts to a dialogue system

- LISN, CNRS

- **Sophie Rosset**  , Pierre Zweigenbaum  , Éric Bilinski

- **Leonardo Campillos Llanos**  (post-doc, now researcher in Madrid), Catherine Thomas, Dhouha Bouamor

- Funding: FUI / BPI Patient Genesys; SATT Paris-Saclay PVdial

- Partners: Interaction Healthcare / SimForHealth, CHU d'Angers, Voxygen, Vidal

¹Campillos Llanos, L., C. Thomas, É. Bilinski, P. Zweigenbaum, and S. Rosset (2019) *Designing a virtual patient dialogue system*

based on terminology-rich resources: *Challenges and evaluation*. *Natural Language Engineering*, 2019, pp. 1-38.

A Virtual Patient to Train Medical Students

Je viens consulter pour une fatigue importante.
Je suis épuisé

depuis quand ?

Je suis très fatigué depuis 7 mois

avez-vous d'autres symptômes ?

Plusieurs problèmes, j'ai des insomnies, je suis anxieux et j'ai mal au dos

dites m'en plus

Maintenant, j'ai perdu du poids et je n'ai plus de motivation

avez-vous été opéré ?

J'ai eu une opération de l'appendicite

quand ?

J'ai eu une opération de l'appendicite a 10 ans.

cela s'est bien passé ?

Non, il n'y a eu rien de particulier.

Prenez-vous un traitement ?

A Virtual Patient to Train Medical Students

English version: D (Doctor) is the user input

P (Patient) sentences are generated by our system in real time

D: *How are you feeling?*

P: *Several things, I have **chest pain**, fever and sweating.*

D: **And what else?**

P: *I currently have a cough, yellow sputum and difficulty breathing.*

D: *Since when are you feeling **feverish**?*

P: *The fever started minutes after the pain.*

D: *Describe me your **coughing**.*

P: *I have a dry cough which started around 23 hs.*

D: *Are you **breathing with difficulty**?*

P: *Yes.*

D: **Since when?**

P: *I have difficulty breathing since yesterday night.*

D: *Tell me more about your **sweating**.*

P: *I **perspire** because of the fever.*

D: *Have you had chest pain for a long time?*

P: *I have had chest pain since yesterday evening at 20.*

D: *Are you allergic to something?*

P: *I am only allergic to kiwi*

D: *Do you have any treatment for **that**?*

P: *I do not take anything for my allergy.*

D: *Do you have a **cardiovascular disease**?*

P: *I have **hypertension**.*

D: *Do you take a pill for your **tension problems**?*

P: *I take an antihypertensive (**oral**).*

D: *Have you ever been operated?*

P: *I had an **appendix operation**.*

D: *When did you have your **appendix** out?*

P: *I had an appendix operation in my childhood.*

LEXICAL SIMPLIFICATION

PROCESSING INFORMATION STATE

DERIVATIONAL VARIANTS

INFLECTIONAL VARIANTS

MULTIWORD ENTITIES

ELLIPSIS

TERM VARIATION

ANAPHORA

ONTOLOGICAL RELATIONS

LEXICAL SIMPLIFICATION

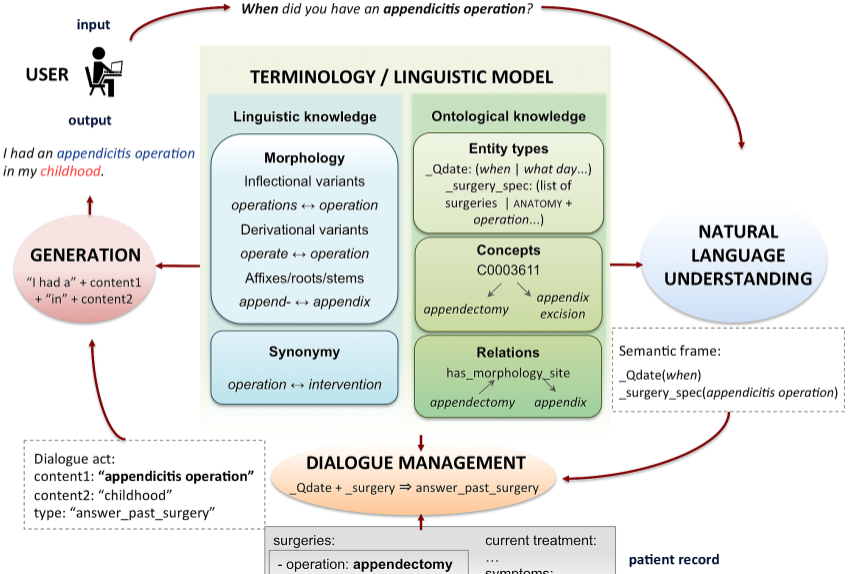
TERM VARIATION

LEXICAL SIMPLIFICATION

AFFIXES

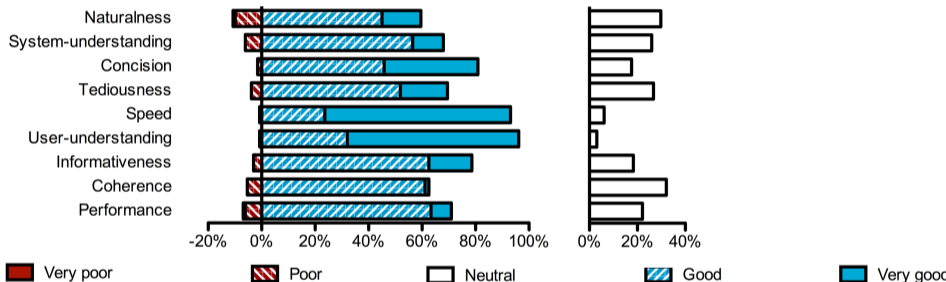
- Terminology
 - Match user vocabulary to patient case vocabulary
 - Large concept and vocabulary spaces
- Includes question-answering
 - Need for precision
- Dialogue management
 - Context-based processing
 - Instantaneous answer
- Must run on new specialties and cases with no human intervention

System Architecture



Outcomes

- Functional system
 - Good user evaluations
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- Robust across medical specialties
- Robust on unseen patient cases
- Ready for transfer to company

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Annotated Corpora and Shared Tasks

Collection and annotation of text corpora for natural language processing

- Natural Language Processing needs annotated text
 - System development / training
 - System evaluation
 - Organization of shared tasks

Some Annotated Biomedical Corpora (1/3)

- Translated scientific abstracts

- WMT 2017–2020 biomedical shared tasks
- Document-level alignment

- Aurélie Névéal  *et al.*

- Quaero Medical Corpus

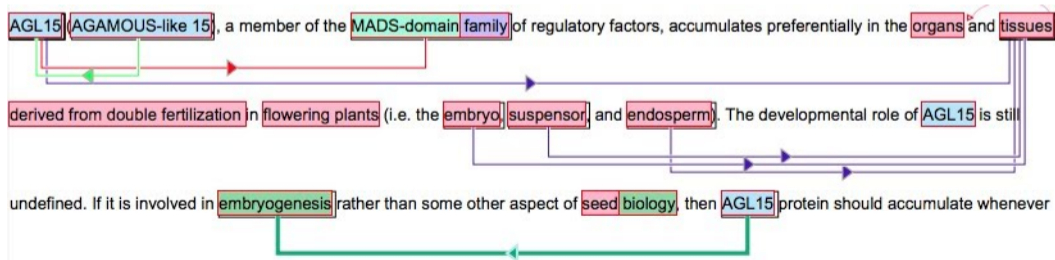
- MEDLINE paper titles, EMEA drug information
- Entity mentions, 10 types, UMLS concepts (<https://quaerofrenchmed.limsi.fr/>)
- CLEF eHealth 2016 shared task

- Aurélie Névéal , Cyril Grouin , Thierry Hamon , Pierre Zweigenbaum  *et al.*

¹ Névéal A, Grouin C, Leixa J, Rosset S, Zweigenbaum P. The QUAERO French Medical Corpus: A Ressource for Medical Entity Recognition and Normalization. Fourth Workshop on Building and Evaluating Ressources for Health and Biomedical Text Processing -

Some Annotated Biomedical Corpora (2/3)

- SeeDEV: plant biology papers
 - Seedev BioNLP shared tasks (2016, 2019)
(<http://2016.bionlp-st.org/tasks/seedev>,
<https://sites.google.com/view/seedev2019/>)
 - Relation and event extraction
 - Estelle Chaix (INRAE), Claire Nédellec (INRAE), . . . , Pierre Zweigenbaum  *et al.*



Some Annotated Biomedical Corpora (3/3)

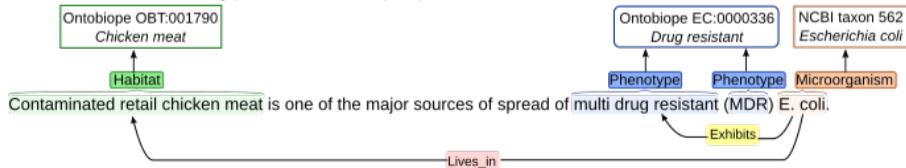
- CAS: published case reports
 - DEFT 2019–2020 shared tasks
 - Entity mentions, types
 - **Natalia Grabar**  (STL, CNRS, Lille), Cyril Grouin , Thierry Hamon  *et al.*
- CépiDc: death certificates
 - CLEF eHealth 2016–2018 shared tasks
(https://clefehealth.imag.fr/?page_id=315)
 - ICD-10 coding: Text classification / Concept detection (linking)
 - **Aude Robert** (Inserm), Grégoire Rey (Inserm), **Aurélie Névéol** , Cyril Grouin , Thomas Lavergne , Thierry Hamon , Pierre Zweigenbaum  *et al.*

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Hybrid Concept and Word Embeddings for Entity Linking

BioNLP Bacteria Biotopes shared task (Bossy et al., BioNLP OST 2019)

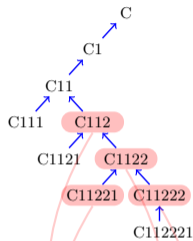
- c-norm
 - Co-supervised with Claire Nédellec, INRAE
 - Funding: Paris-Saclay Interdisciplinary Doctoral Initiative
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- **Entity linking** (= concept normalization)
 - Link entity mention to ontology concept
- BioNLP ST Bacteria Biotope
 - Bacteria
 - Biotopes: where bacteria live (OntoBiotope)
 - Phenotypes: bacteria properties



Mapping Word Embeddings to Concept Embeddings

Ontology : concept hierarchy

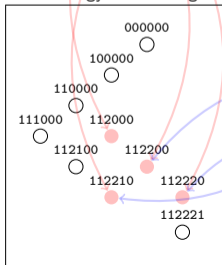
Text corpus



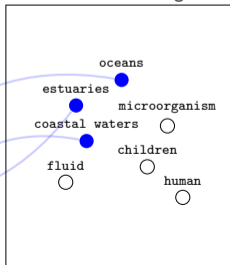
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Vibrios are facultatively anaerobic bacteria that are metabolically similar to the Enterobacteriaceae. They are ubiquitous to oceans, coastal waters, and estuaries. The best known species is *Vibrio cholerae*, which can cause severe diarrheal illness in humans. The genus *Vibrio* consists of Gram-negative straight or curved rods, motile by means of a single polar flagellum. Vibrios are capable of both respiratory and fermentative metabolism. Classic cholera is characterized by an abrupt onset of vomiting and profuse watery diarrhea. Fluid losses can be significant (up to 20 L/day) and hypovolemic shock and metabolic acidosis can cause death within a few hours of onset, especially in children. Mortality, in untreated cases, is as high as 60%. In the past 180 years, 7 pandemics were reported, usually of Bengali origin, with the latest pandemic originating in Indonesia in 1961 and moving to the Western hemisphere. In 1991, a cholera outbreak in Peru and 20 other countries in the Western hemisphere accounted for over 600,000 cases with 8000 deaths. The complete genome of *Vibrio cholerae* consists of two circular chromosomes. The majority of recognizable genes for essential cell functions (e.g., DNA replication, transcription, translation, etc.) and pathogenicity (e.g., toxin, surface antigens, and adhesins) are located on the large chromosome. The small chromosome contains a large percentage of hypothetical genes, more genes that appear to have origins other than the Proteobacteria and a gene capture system (phage) islands that suggests this may have been a megaplasmid captured by an ancestral *Vibrio* species. The *Vibrio cholerae* genome sequences provide a starting point for understanding how a free living, environmental microorganism is also a human pathogen. (From <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genomes/bacteria/Vibrio>)

Ontology embedding



Word embeddings



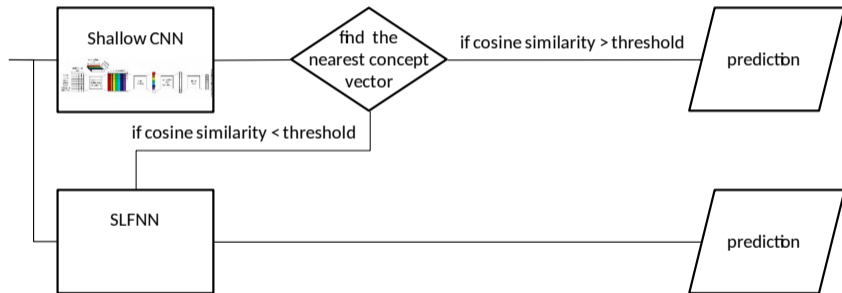
- Representation of words and concepts
 - Input: word2vec word embeddings
 - Output: **ontology concept vectors**
- Two entity linking methods
 - Single-layer feedforward neural network (SLFNN)
 - Shallow convolutional neural network CNN
 - Ensemble: Sieve, **Average**
- Ontology Embedding: **Concept Vector Creation**
 - One dimension per concept
 - Inherit parent vectors, with decay factor
- Training data
 - Supervision: BioNLP ST Bacteria Biotope shared task annotated corpus
 - **Weak supervision**: concept labels in ontology

¹Arnaud Ferré, Louise Deleger, Robert Bossy, Pierre Zweigenbaum, Claire Nédellec. **C-Norm: a Neural Approach to Few-Shot**

Sieve Combination

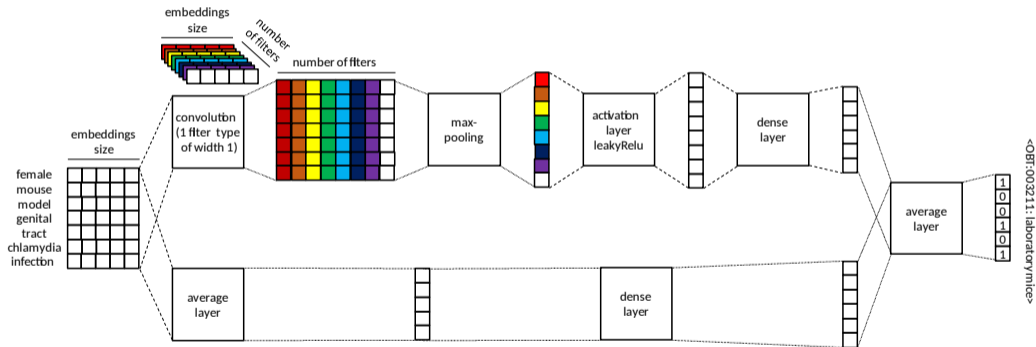
Sieve combination: priority to shallow CNN

female
mouse
model
genital
tract
chlamydia
infectiøn



C-Norm Architecture

End-to-end, average combination



C-Norm Results

Strong contribution of ensemble (on development set)

	BB-norm Habitats		BB-norm Phenotypes	
	Wang score	Strict score	Wang score	Strict score
SLFNN	0.654 \pm 0.003	0.325 \pm 0.004	<u>0.814</u> \pm 0.013	<u>0.537</u> \pm 0.011
S-CNN	<u>0.696</u> \pm 0.003	<u>0.510</u> \pm 0.007	0.782 \pm 0.005	0.501 \pm 0.013
Sieve (threshold=0.4)	0.725 \pm 0.003	0.508 \pm 0.005	0.807 \pm 0.008	0.527 \pm 0.009
C-Norm	0.819 \pm 0.004	0.633 \pm 0.009	0.854 \pm 0.011	0.620 \pm 0.024

C-Norm Results

Strong contribution of weak supervision (on development set, habitats)





	Wang score	Strict score
C-Norm standard	0.698 \pm 0.003	0.473 \pm 0.004
C-Norm standard+weak	0.819 \pm 0.004	0.633 \pm 0.009

C-Norm Results

Outperforms state of the art on test set: Bacteria Biotope participants

	Habitats		Phenotypes	
	Wang [95% CI]	Strict [95% CI]	Wang [95% CI]	Strict [95% CI]
Baseline	0.559 [0.543, 0.576]	0.224 [0.199, 0.250]	0.581 [0.559, 0.604]	0.091 [0.056, 0.127]
AmritaCen	0.522 [0.497, 0.548]	0.347 [0.314, 0.376]	0.646 [0.595, 0.698]	0.512 [0.448, 0.571]
BOUN-ISIK	0.687 [0.667, 0.710]	0.428 [0.395, 0.459]	0.566 [0.520, 0.610]	0.315 [0.259, 0.373]
BLAIR GMU	0.615 [0.596, 0.632]	0.211 [0.185, 0.237]	0.646 [0.607, 0.685]	0.313 [0.254, 0.373]
PADIA	0.684 [0.661, 0.709]	0.488 [0.456, 0.519]	0.758 [0.716, 0.803]	0.618 [0.556, 0.676]
CONTES	0.715 [0.694, 0.736]	0.500 [0.467, 0.529]	0.799 [0.760, 0.835]	0.616 [0.553, 0.675]
HONOR	0.737 [0.716, 0.759]	0.531 [0.499, 0.563]	0.778 [0.738, 0.814]	0.578 [0.519, 0.640]
C-Norm	0.777 [0.755, 0.797]	0.604 [0.574, 0.635]	0.881 [0.855, 0.907]	0.700 [0.643, 0.755]

- Incorrect: 37.4%, divided into:
 - Partially correct: 17.5%
 - Concepts too high (28.1%) or too low (15.8%) in the hierarchy
 - Other: 38.6%, including:
 - Syntactic structure of mention: 35.2%
 - Ambiguities: 18.2%

- **Hicham El Boukkouri**  : PhD thesis (2018–2021)
- Co-supervision
 - Olivier Ferret  (CEA)
 - Thomas Lavergne  (LISN)
 - **Pierre Zweigenbaum**  (LISN)
- Funding: ANR project ADDICTE
- CharacterBERT: collaboration with Hiroshi Noji and Junichi Tsujii (AIRC, AIST)

Pre-training vs Fine-tuning for a Specialized Domain

Should one pre-train BERT from scratch for a specialized domain?

- Typical procedure: use pre-trained model, resume pre-training on in-domain corpus, then fine-tune on task
- Would it be better to pre-train on in-domain corpus directly, with in-domain vocabulary?

Domain	Corpora	# of documents	# of words
General	Wikipedia (EN)	11,9 million	2,14 billion
	OpenWebText	3,15 million	1,28 billion
Medical	MIMIC-III	4,17 million	0,5 billion
	PubMed	4,65 million	0,5 billion

¹ Hicham El Boukkouri. Ré-entraîner ou entraîner soi-même ? Stratégies de pré-entraînement de BERT en domaine médical. In:

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Pre-training on medical corpus better; But if retraining on medical corpus, not much different. Better than BERT and BlueBERT

Model			Evaluation task			
V	C ₁	C ₂	i2b2/VA 2010	MEDNLI	ChemProt	DDI
general	general	∅	85,66 ± 0,18	77,31 ± 0,71	67,47 ± 0,99	75,81 ± 1,02
general	general	medical	<u>89,00</u> ± 0,17	84,91 ± 0,46	<u>72,29</u> ± 0,58	<u>78,82</u> ± 1,11
medical	medical	∅	88,80 ± 0,10	83,54 ± 0,43	71,30 ± 0,51	79,40 ± 1,15
medical	medical	medical	89,20 ± 0,20	84,32 ± 0,73	72,97 ± 0,46	80,11 ± 0,79
BERT (base)			86,42 ± 0,31	77,85 ± 0,63	69,22 ± 0,56	77,89 ± 0,92
BlueBERT (base)			88,70 ± 0,21	<u>84,53</u> ± 0,76	68,35 ± 0,61	77,89 ± 0,65

WordPieces and Specialized Domains

- BERT and Transformer-based state of the art
 - use WordPiece tokenization
- Specialized models (e.g., BioBERT, BlueBERT)
 - resume pre-training from general domain
 - keep general-domain WordPiece vocabulary

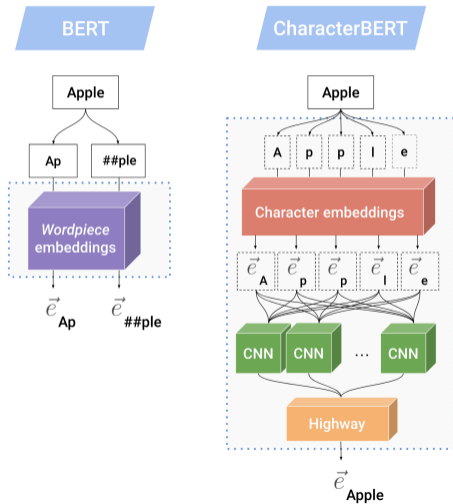
¹ Hicham El Boukkouri, Olivier Ferret, Thomas Lavergne, Hiroshi Noji, Pierre Zweigenbaum, Junichi Tsujii. **CharacterBERT:**

- WordPieces can be inconvenient
 - multiple vectors for unknown tokens
 - word similarity tasks: aggregation issue
 - sequence labeling tasks: only label first wordpiece
- General WordPieces not suited for specialized domains
 - [para, ce, tam, ol]
 - [cho, led, och, oli, thi, asi, s]
 - [bo, rb, ory, gm, i]

CharacterBERT: a Word-based BERT

Character-CNN module like ELMO

- No wordpieces
- Character-level
- 1 token = 1 embedding
- Open-vocabulary
- Whole-word masking for free



CharacterBERT: Pre-training Corpora

General and Medical corpora

Corpus	Composition	# documents	# tokens
General	Wikipedia (EN)	5.99×10^6	2.14×10^9
	OpenWebText	1.56×10^6	1.28×10^9
Medical	MIMIC-III	2.09×10^6	0.51×10^9
	PMC OA abstracts	2.33×10^6	0.52×10^9

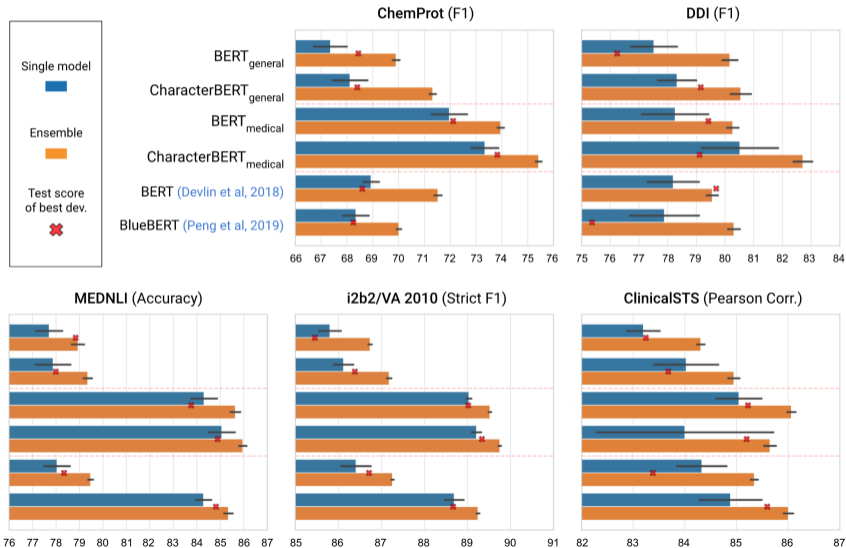
General : train on general corpus

Medical : re-train **general** on medical corpus

- Five tasks
 - Entity detection: i2b2/VA 2010
 - Relation Extraction: ChemProt and DDI
 - Natural Language Inference: MEDNLI
 - Text similarity: ClinicalSTS
- 10 random seeds / 15 training epochs / keep best on validation set
 - Final performance: avg+/- std on test set
 - Ensemble performance: majority vote; avg. score for STS

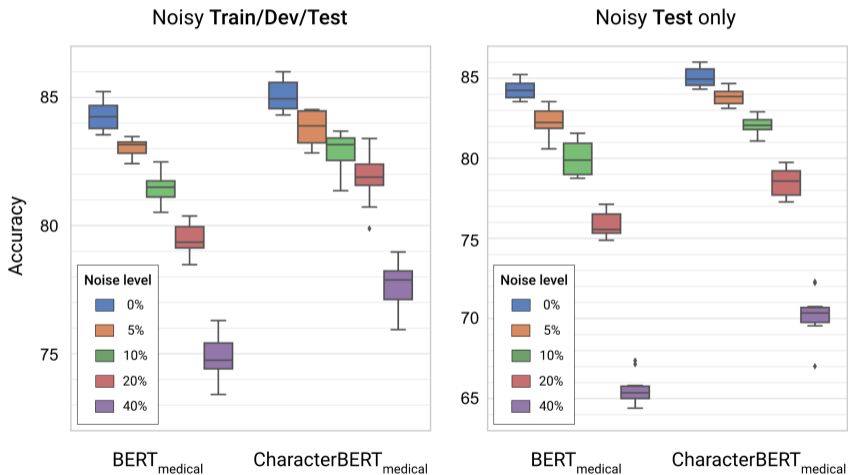
CharacterBERT: Results

Overall better performance from CharacterBERT



CharacterBERT: Robustness to Noise

Improved robustness to noisy versions of MEDNLI test



- Drops wordpiece system altogether
- Produces open-vocabulary representations by consulting a token's characters
- Globally outperforms BERT when specialized for medical domain
- More robust to misspellings

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Conclusion: Traitement automatique des langues pour la santé

- **Extraction d'information**
 - dans des textes cliniques
 - dans les médias sociaux
 - dans les publications scientifiques
- **Dialogue en langue naturelle**
 - avatar dialogant pour la formation des étudiants en médecine
- Liage à des sources de **connaissances pré-existantes**
 - dans les certificats de décès pour les statistiques (inter)nationales
 - dans les certificats de décès pour la surveillance syndromique réactive
- **Traduction automatique**
 - pour faciliter l'accès à des publications dans des langues diverses
 - ... simplification de texte
- **Méthodes hybrides** qui prennent en compte les connaissances existantes
 - plongement d'ontologie pour le liage référentiel
 - dictionnaires etc. dans les méthodes supervisées
- **Plongements de mots et de concepts spécialisés**

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