



**Tapta:**  
**A user-driven translation system for patent documents  
based on domain-aware Statistical Machine Translation**

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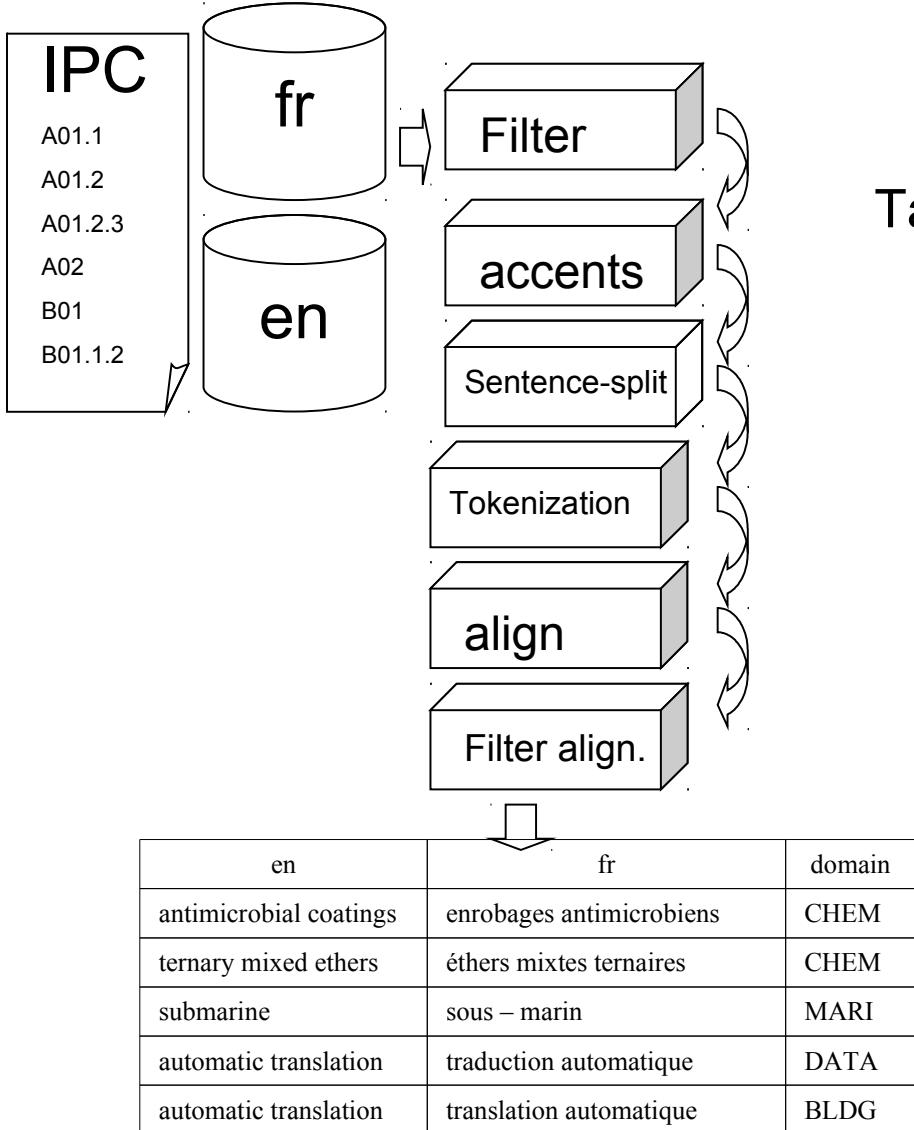
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# Introduction

- WIPO is a UN agency in charge of Intellectual Property
    - Patent Cooperation Treaty => facilitate patent protection in multiple countries
    - WIPO receives ~ 150,000 patent applications/year
    - Titles and abstracts must be available in English and French
  - WIPO has a corpus of 1.8 M en-fr docs (> 8M segments)
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- Needs in CAT tools + huge parallel corpus => SMT
  - Translation Assistant for **Patent Titles and Abstracts**

# Our SMT



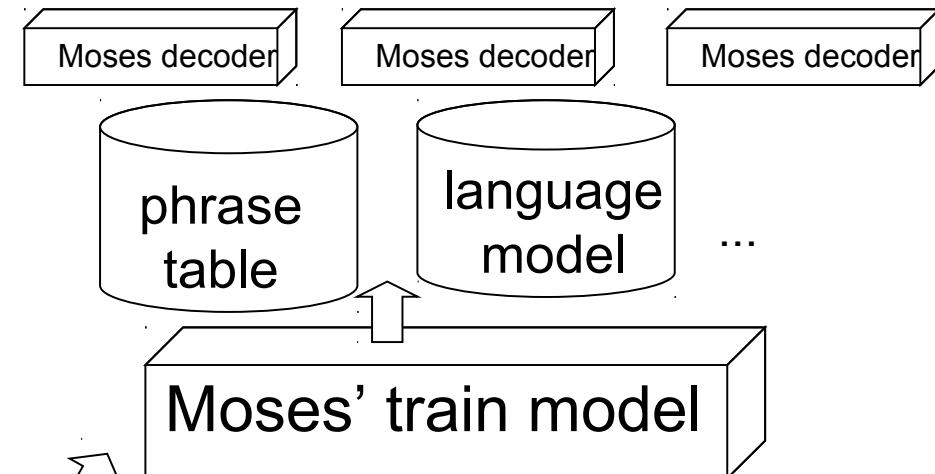
Tapta client

The screenshot shows the Tapta client interface with the following sections:

- File Tools**
- Text to translate:** A text box containing a patent claim about Efavirenz.
- Text selection translations:** A list of various French translations of the selected text.
- Technical domain:** A list of detected technical domains.
- Translation:** A list of French translations of the text.
- Detected technical domain:** A list of detected technical domains.
- Source Text Selection Mode:** A list of selection modes.



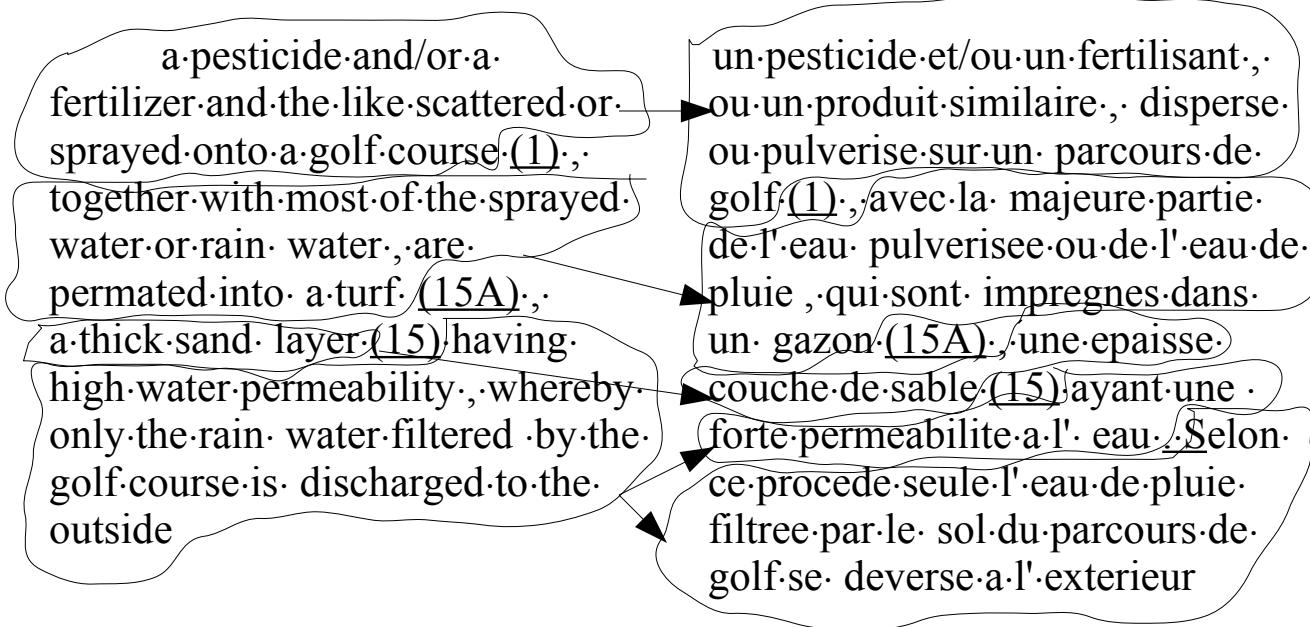
Tapta server



# Training our SMT: corpus

- Previously translated patent applications (1,800,788 documents)
- Title+abstract
- Additional valuable information:
  - Classification (IPC)
  - Language of publication
  - Quality control passed
- **8'352'768 aligned pairs of segments (high quality)**

# Tokenization / sentence-splitting / Alignment



# SMT Training

- Using open-source Moses
- Training: > **8 Million segments**
- Small test set: 102 segments
- Big test set: newly published documents (9521 segments)

# “domain-aware” SMT

- ▶ Text translated according to the technical domain
- ▶ Map IPC code to one of our 32 *domains*

[ADMN] Admin, Business, Management & Soc Sci  
[AERO] Aeronautics & Aerospace Engineering  
[AGRI] Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry  
[AUDV] Audio, Audiovisual, Image & Video Tech  
[AUTO] Automotive & Road Vehicle Engineering  
[BLDG] Civil Engineering & Building Construction  
[CHEM] Chemical & Materials Technology  
[DATA] Computer Sci, Telecom & Broadcasting  
[ELEC] Electrical Engineering & Electronics  
[ENGY] Energy, Fuels & Heat Transfer Eng  
[ENVR] Environmental & Safety Engineering  
[FOOD] Foods & Food Technology  
[GENR] Generalities, Language, Media & Info Sci  
[HOME] Home Contents & Household Maintenance  
[HORO] Precision Mechanics, Jewelry & Horology  
[MANU] Manufacturing & Materials Handling Tech

Domain information as *factor*, eg:

in|U the|U robotic|1 prosthesis|1 alignment|1 device|U  
provides|U automatic|1 translation|1 in|U two|U axes|1  
a|U chinese|2 to|U english|2 automatic|2 translation|2  
method|U

[SCIE] Optical Engineering  
[SPRT] Sports, Leisure, Tourism & Hospitality Ind  
[TEXT] Textile & Clothing Industries  
[TRAN] Transportation

# SMT... more...

- Language model:irstlm (5 grams), kenlm, binarization
- Pruning of the phrase table, binarized (102M entries x 2)
- Improve the quality:
  - Get only segments out of QC-passed documents
  - Add segments that were originally in French
  - Create a sub-model (phrase tables)
  - Merge this sub-model with original (75-25%)

# Graphical User Interface

**File Tools**

**Text to translate:**  
A system (10) and method (50) for enabling phone users to participate in an instant messaging based conference can include the steps of receiving (52) a speech input (12) from a user (14) via a telephone system (24), to a computer system (26), and then performing a conference (3) between the user (14) and other participants in the conference (3) via the telephone system (24).

**View/administrate pre-translated terms**

conference (3)	messagerie instantanée
devices (2)	
instant messaging (4)	
method (2)	
plurality (2)	
receiving (2)	entrée vocale
speech input (2)	sortie vocale
speech output (2)	
steps (2)	
system (1)	système de téléconférence
teleconferencing system (2)	

<a href="#">traduction texte</a>	5 [qc][qc]
<a href="#">traduction textes</a>	2
<a href="#">conversion texte</a>	1
<a href="#">de traduction textes</a>	1
<a href="#">transposition texte</a>	1

<b>traduction texte</b>	WO2003031774	DATA	EN	... calls with optional voice to <b>text translation</b>	de conférences téléphoniques avec une <b>traduction facultative voix - texte</b>
	WO2009036800	DATA	EN	... relates to a method of <b>text translation</b> comprising the steps of	invention concerne un procédé de <b>traduction de texte</b> qui consiste à
	WO2009036800	DATA	EN	... electronic device capable of such <b>text translation</b> and a computer program comprising software instructions that, when executed, performs such a test ...	... électronique capable d'une telle <b>traduction de texte</b> et un programme informatique ...
	WO2003052624	DATA	EN	... voice to text conversion and/or <b>text translation</b> and/or the text to voice conversion ...	... en texte et/ou de la <b>traduction de texte</b> et/ou de la conversion ...
	WO2007045136	DATA	ZH	... multi - language speech and <b>text translation</b> server, the user terminal device consists of at least a first transmitting / receiving device and at least a second transmitting / receiving device ...	... contrôlé et un serveur de <b>traduction de paroles et de texte</b> en plusieurs langues, ...
<b>traduction textes</b>	WO2002086732	DATA	EN	... user - directed web site <b>text translation</b>	... pour une fonction intégrée de <b>traduction de textes</b> de sites web orientée
	WO2002071774	DATA	EN	... the invention is directed to <b>text translation</b> tools that are especially useful in translation of related electronic documents	invention concerne des outils de <b>traduction de textes</b> qui sont spécialement utilisés ...

**File Tools**

**Text to translate:**  
The present invention is directed to methods of preparation of Efavirenz (1), various intermediates useful in the preparation of Efavirenz and methods of preparation of such intermediates in some embodiments, a stereoselective cyclopropylacetylide addition reaction may be controlled by

**Text selection translations:**

- une réaction d'addition de cyclopropylacetylide stéréosélective
- une réaction d'addition de cyclopropylacetylide stéréosélective
- une réaction d'addition cyclopropylacetylide stéréosélective
- une réaction d'addition stéréosélective en cyclopropylacetylide
- un cyclopropylacetylide stéréosélective de réaction d'addition
- une réaction d'addition stéréosélective cyclopropylacetylide
- une cyclopropylacetylide stéréosélective de réaction d'addition
- une réaction d'addition d'cyclopropylacetylide stéréosélective
- un cyclopropylacetylide stéréosélective de la réaction d'addition
- un cyclopropylacetylide de réaction d'addition stéréosélective
- un cyclopropylacetylide réaction d'addition stéréosélective
- un cyclopropylacetylide stéréosélective en réaction d'addition
- une réaction d'addition stéréosélective de cyclopropylacetylide
- une réaction d'addition de cyclopropylacetylide stéréosélectif

**Technical domain:**

la présente invention se rapporte à l'éfavirenz, diverses méthodes de préparation de l'éfavirenz, diverses intermédiaires utiles dans la préparation de l'éfavirenz et méthodes de préparation de telles intermédiaires dans certains embodiments, une réaction d'addition stéréosélective cyclopropylacetylide peut être contrôlée.

**Detected technical domain:** (1)

**Source Text Selection Mode:** (1)

# Evaluation: automatic

Experiment	Speed Seconds (#docs)	BLEU score
Baseline	542 (51)	<b>40.11</b>
Pruned	164 (51)	41.11
Pruned+d=0.15+s=10	22 (51)	43.30
Pruned+BigLm	196 (51)	<b>51.71</b>
Pruned+BigLm w/oDomain	173 (51)	50.91
Only Qc	N/a (51)	28.29
Google translate	N/a (51)	34.09
Bing translator	N/a (51)	27.17
Pruned+BigLm	27140 (1390)	45.06
Pruned+BigLm w/oDomain	6934 (1390)	44.99
Pruned+BigLm_Qc_d=0.15 s=10	6378 (1390)	<b>45.07</b>

Reasonable speed:  
**5 sec/doc** (without parallelization)

Real test: translate latest published documents

# Evaluation: human

- 12 testers
  - Good French and English skills
  - Not translators
- Coached by 2 professional translator-revisers
- 516 translations produced during 13 days

	Translations produced	😊 Publishable		😢 Non Publishable	
With coaching (10 days)	403	243	<b>60.3%</b>	160	39.7%
Without coaching (3 days)	113	56	<b>49.6%</b>	57	50.4%

~ half of translation produced by non translators passed a high quality QC

# Second evaluation: compare with outsourcing agencies

Translations	translations QCed	T	appa P	Agency P	Agency NP	Same quality	appa better	Agency better
With coaching	388	350	38	344	44	111	193	84
Without coaching	112	103	9	98	14	23	60	29
Total	500	453	47	442	58	134	253	113
%	<b>100</b>	<b>90.6</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>88.4</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>22.6</b>

# Conclusion

- SMT with reasonable results
- User-driven translation was successful
- Tapta was not adopted by WIPO professional translators
- But:
  - Adding Tapta in the workflow is investigated
  - Was judged as very valuable for non-translators
  - Accelerated training aid

# Future work

- Other language pairs : Chinese, Korean, Japanese ...
- Triangulation
- Incremental training
  
- Web Tapta: <http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/translate/>