

CONCLUSION

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On behalf of my colleagues, I thank you for the kind remarks. None of this, of course, is possible without such scholars as Professor Yngve. Also, I would like you to note that we are here largely because of a grant from the Office of Naval Research, and I wish to acknowledge our gratitude. As you can tell by the size and quality of the audience, we have brought together an imposing collection of scholars from the fields of linguistics, mathematics, logic, computer design, information retrieval, and--fortunately for this Symposium--representatives of various governmental agencies who are vitally concerned with the MT advances which are so necessary for the United States. It is particularly interesting and significant to hear programmers talk about syntax and polysemia, and for linguists to speak of buffer, subroutine and debugging.

We are on the frontier of a very exciting interdisciplinary endeavor, and we will see a very steady acceleration in MT efforts in this country. While the past 10 years have gone rather slowly for MT, I predict that the next 10 years will yield significant results in all linguistic data processing.