

# Multilingual Semantic Networks for Data-driven Interlingua Seq2Seq Systems

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**Framework** (Multilingual) NMT

**Approach** Interlinguality

**Resources** Multilingual Knowledge Graphs

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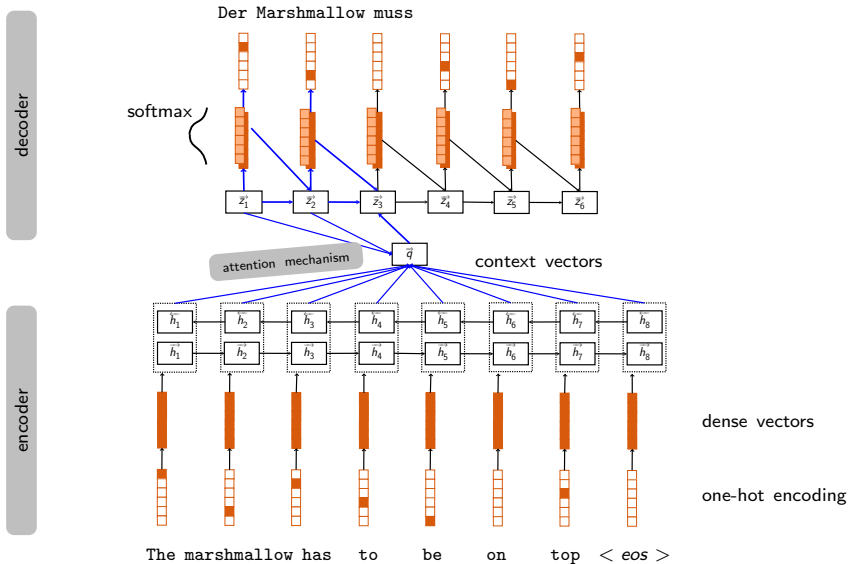
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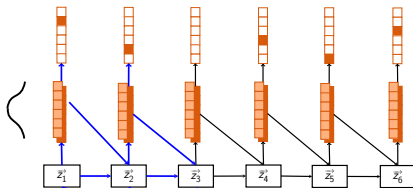


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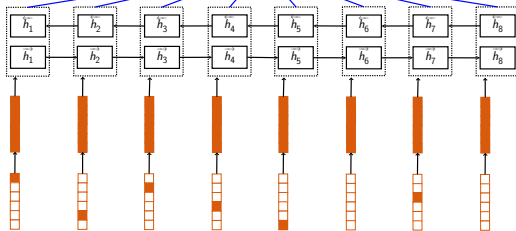
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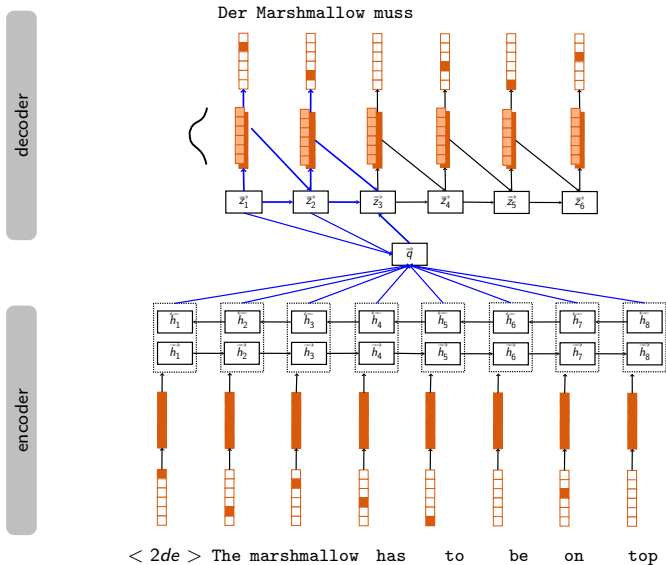


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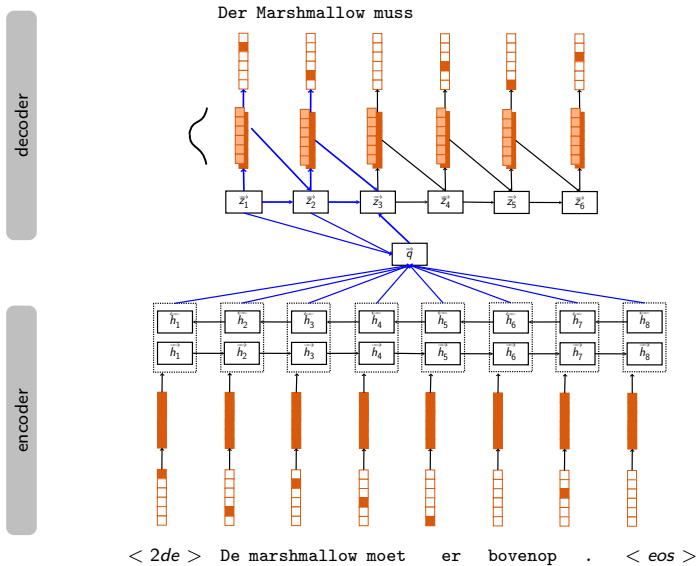
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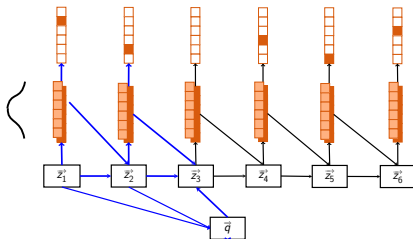


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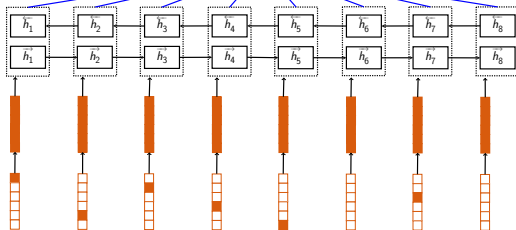
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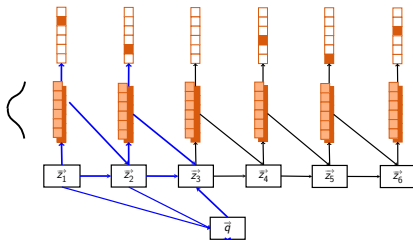
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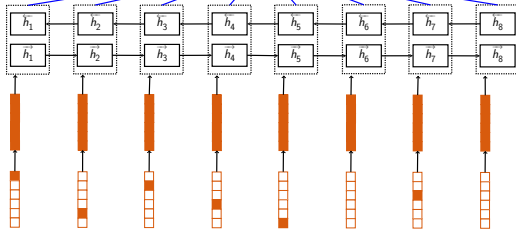
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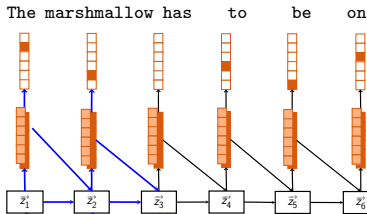
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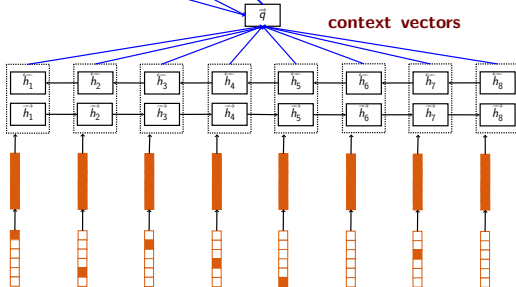
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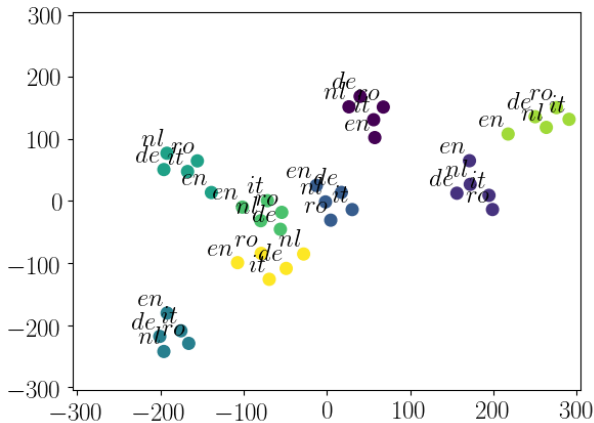


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## *Interlingual Semantic Space*



ML-NMT  $\{de, en, nl, it, ro\} \rightarrow \{de, en, nl, it, ro\}$  with TED talks

- Help to cluster by semantics  
Improve general translation
- Reduce UNKs with help of other languages  
Help translation of under-resourced languages
- Translation from unseen languages  
Beyond-zero-shot translation
- (semi-)Abstract representation for sentences  
Data-driven “Interlingual” translation

# Approach

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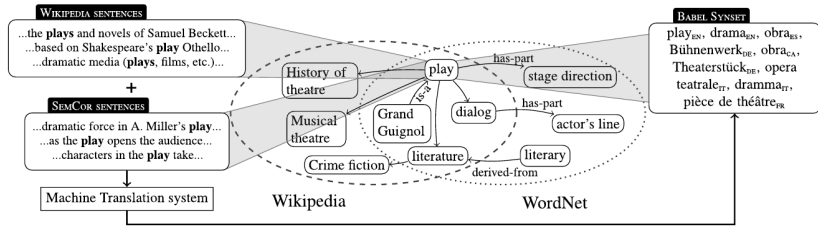
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## Multilingual Semantic Network: BabelNet

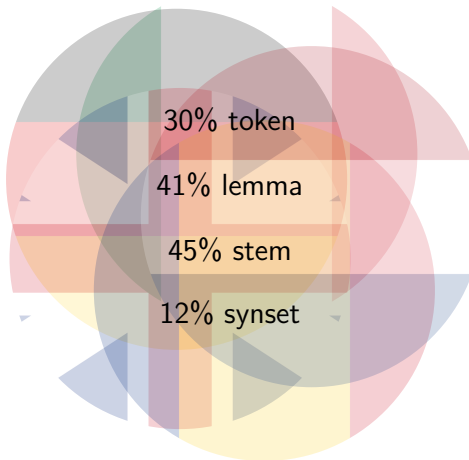


[Navigli & Ponzetto, 2012]

- 1 Synsets as cross-lingual lexicons (for 271 languages!)
- 2 Relations among synsets

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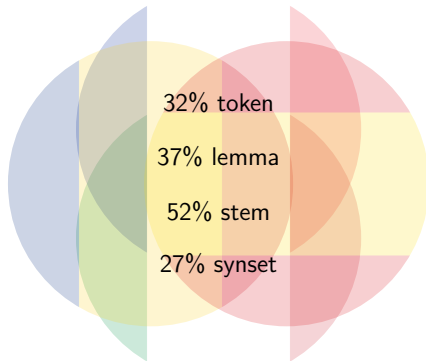
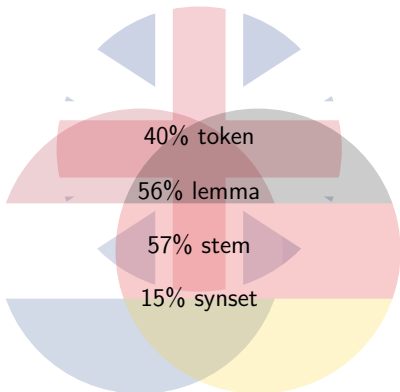
*Multilingual Corpus: en-de-nl-ro-it TED*





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*Multilingual Corpus: TED, Germanic & Latin Languages*



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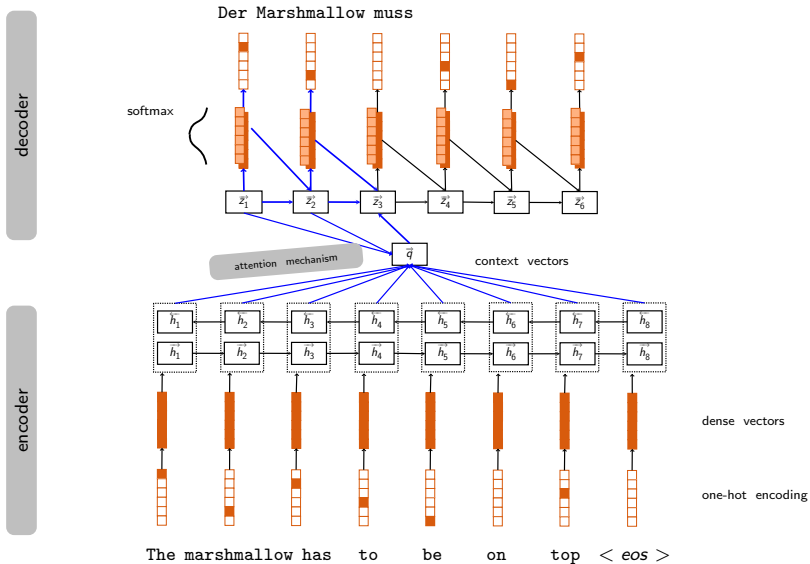
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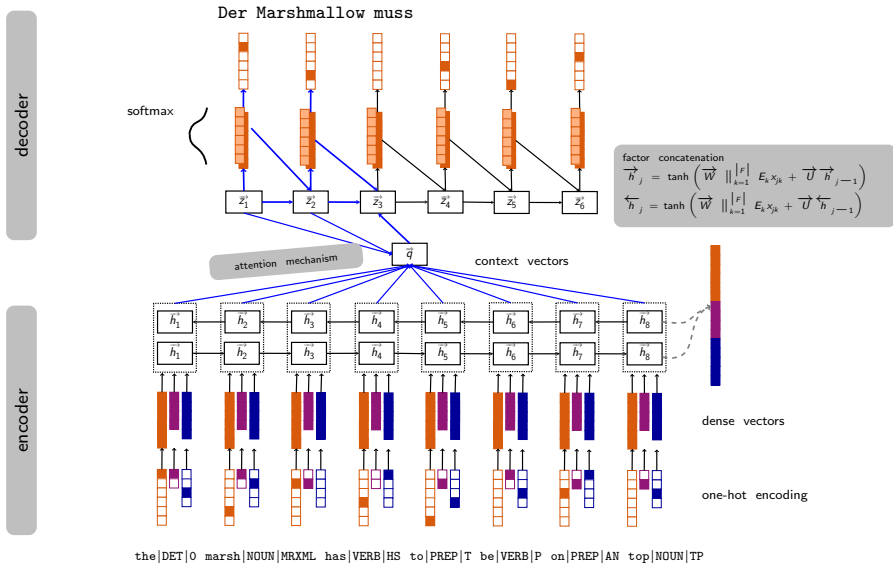
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### ■ Architecture

Nematus with 150k Vocab. (+2k BPE for  $w$  and  $wb$ )

Adadelta, 506D embeddings, 800 hidden units, mini-batch size 100

Robust results with 4-ensemble

# Current Results

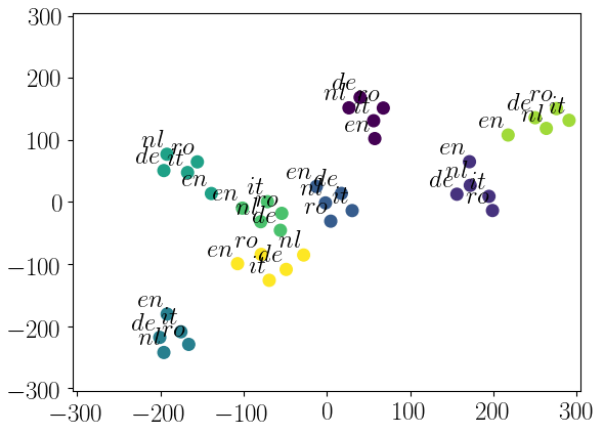
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TED ML-NMT test set 2010

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<i>ro2en</i>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>34.8</b>	19.6	<b>34.4</b>	<b>34.6</b>	25.9

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■ Too ideal corpus!

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<i>es2en</i>	3.1	6.7	<b>11.3</b>	12.0	18.4	<b>20.7</b>

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- Ambiguity issues (+ multilingual ambiguity!)
- Lot of room for improvement

# Conclusions

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- We have presented 2 ways of using **semantic information** (*synsets*) in a seq2seq architecture
- Improvements come specially in **beyond-zero-shot translation**
- The weakest detected point is the current need for **multilingual equivalence** and **multilingual WSD**
- The same methodology can be used in any **seq2seq** architecture (extension to CL-QA)

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### **Data-driven “Interlingual” Translation**

- Multilingual Word Sense Disambiguation
- Interlingual representation for non-content words

Thanks!

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BabelNet

- Multilingual encyclopedic dictionary
- Semantic network
- 271 languages
- 14 million entries



# Extra Slides

## Multilingual Corpus: TED in numbers

	West Germanic Languages			Latin Languages			
	<i>en</i>	<i>de</i>	<i>nl</i>	<i>ro</i>	<i>it</i>	<i>es</i>	<i>fr</i>
Sentences	545,270	303,668	444,287	225,980	513,693	151,631	140,717
Tokens	9,768,374	5,148,199	6,894,438	3,732,679	8,367,940	2,494,336	2,473,040
uToken	141,013	221,459	187,148	213,670	200,697	148,366	131,015
uLemma	73,048	101,003	85,846	72,535	52,525	52,052	53,088
uStem	50,128	94,126	85,560	54,227	44,691	35,307	40,504
uM3	57,630	79,029	60,534	30,576	32,828	31,840	32,234
uBN	28,445	34,022	27,720	24,375	27,172	23,567	23,856

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Language (iso code)	BabelNet				TED corpus	
	Lemmas	Synsets	Senses	Synonym/Synset	Synsets	Coverage (%)
English ( <i>en</i> )	11,769,205	6,667,855	17,265,977	2.59	28,445	27.25
French ( <i>fr</i> )	5,301,989	4,141,338	7,145,031	1.73	–	–
German ( <i>de</i> )	5,109,948	4,039,816	6,864,767	1.70	34,022	23.50
Spanish ( <i>es</i> )	5,022,610	3,722,927	6,490,447	1.74	–	–
Dutch ( <i>nl</i> )	4,416,028	3,817,696	6,456,175	1.69	27,720	26.25
Italian ( <i>it</i> )	4,087,765	3,541,031	5,423,837	1.53	27,172	29.00
Romanian ( <i>ro</i> )	3,009,318	2,697,720	3,384,256	1.25	24,375	27.25