Short presentations



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Kateřina Veselovská
Dan Zeman
Dan Zeman: GAČR
Dan Zeman: MTM project
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Šárka Zikánová: GAČR
Šárka Zikánová: Kontakt
Zdeněk Žabokrtský

Ondřej Bojar

- main interests:
 - MT and morphologically rich languages
 - manual and automatic MT evaluation
 - ML (for NLP)
 - dormant interests: parsing, valency, ...
- duties:
 - timesheets
- projects:
 - EM+ finished in May 2005, co-funded TectoMT and PCEDT 2.0
 - 4 running, 1 under consideration, 3-4 in planning

Running: MosesCore (Bojar)

- 2012-2014, EU FP7 CSA
- MT Marathons
 - funds for 5 students to MT Marathon yearly (suggest! only 1 went this year)
 - Sept 2014 in Prague; 2015 in Trento
- WMT shared task organization
 - My main interest: how to manually evaluate MT (maybe a discussion on pilot studies late tonight)
- Moses development
 - not our main duty but we (e.g. Aleš Tamchyna or Matouš Macháček) still participate

Running: GAČR Bojar

- 2010-2012, post-doctoral
- original goal: tight integration of phrase-based and deep-syntactic MT
- tangible outcomes in 2012:
 - experiments in targetting rich morphology
 - factored phrase-based models
 - towards automatic detailed error analysis
 - hopefully a chapter in a handbook (with Lori Levin)

Running: GAČR Zeman

- 2011-2013, "regular" GAČR
- original goal: Czech in MT (with English, German, Spanish)
- my 2012 co-contribution:
 - hopefully experimenting with HyTERs for Czech
 - a technique to manually create thousands of correct reference translations
 - automatic detailed error analysis
 - hopefully some preliminary from supervising a Bc. thesis on German language modelling

Running: AMALACH (Hajič)

- 2012-2015, ministry of culture
- ÚFAL's task: MT of speech and short phrases for cross-lingual search in MALACH data
- my 2012 contribution:
 - nothing yet
 - I will be supervising Elena Manishina from Oct till Dec

Submitted: MT+CAT (Bojar)

- 2013-2015, TAČR Alfa
- With MemSource.cz
- Goal: tight integration of MT (Moses) into CAT
 - i.a. "MT auto-complete"
- Last time, the proposal was rejected for formal reasons.

Proposing: EMTEE (name will change)

- 2014-2016 EU FP7 STREP
- <u>CUNI</u>, UEDIN (P. Koehn), ISI (K. Knight), USTUTT (A. Fraser) + a company
- Foreseen goals: semantics in SMT, i.a.:
 - semantic language models (Kevin)
 - string-to-tree Moses with morph. modelling (Philipp)
 - Ondrej wants to apply Moses to t-layer
 - comparing t-layer with ISI's AMR (Ondrej)
 - verb frames and semantic roles in MT (Philipp)

Proposing: UTOPIA

- 2014-2016 EU FP7 STREP
- CUNI, <u>SHEFF (L. Specia)</u>, ZURICH (M. Fishel), ?
 UPPSALA (S. Stymne) + a company
- Usable Translations Of Practically Anything
- Foreseen goals (negotiable):
 - automatic 'tiering' of output: ok/editable/rubbish
 - automatic post-editing like Depfix
 - error flagging to speed up manual post-editing
 - overall source and/or target coherence, e.g. terminology or anaphora
- Who is interested to join or learn more?

Proposing: TAMID

- 2014-2016 EU FP7 STREP
- CUNI, ?U. Valencia/Barcelona?, <u>Pangeanic (M. Herranz)</u>,
 +some partners on semantics ???
- Truly Advanced Multilingual Information Discovery
- Foreseen goals (not quite clear to me yet):
 - some semantic parsing
 - search within semantic representation
 - MT at some point:
 - before parsing, MT of queries, pivoting or direct translations
 - my suggestion: search for keywords in other languages
 - What would be the French query for "Arab spring"?
- Who is interested to join or learn more?

Proposing: ???Post-Editing

- 2014-2016 EU FP7 STREP
- CUNI, <u>Pangeanic (M. Herranz)</u>, ?ECI (European Captioning Institute), some Canadian film/live events/chat customers
- Foreseen goals (not quite clear to me yet):
 - starting point: translators hate to post-edit
 - goal: make post-editing easier, more accepted, build community
- Who is interested to join or learn more?

Silvie Cinková

RECENTLY FINISHED and to-be-done-soon WORK

- annotated corpora
 - PCEDT, PEDT
 - PDTSE
- minor revisions of the PEDT annotations
 - with Vojtěch Diatka and Eva Fučíková
- revision of the English TR documentation for a new release

Silvie Cinková

CURRENT WORK

- lexical description of English verbs
 (with Martin Holub, Lenka Smejkalová and Vincent Kríž)
 - multiple annotation of collocation preferences of verbs, based on Corpus Pattern Analysis (P. Hanks): lexical resource "VPS-30-En"
- automatic collocation extraction (with Lenka Smejkalová)
 - PMLTQ queries that identify relevant collocate positions of verbs in analytical trees
 - combination of dependency and word-order rules

Silvie Cinková

WORK IN PREPARATION

(Large-scale analysis of multimodal data, Czech Science Foundation Centre of Excellence with the Technical University, Pilsen and MU)

- with Pavel Pecina and Martin Holub
- text-in-the-wild annotation
- similarity search in the ProfiMedia image database, based on visual similarity vs. similarity of surrounding text (captions etc.)

Ondřej Dušek

FAUST - MT output improvement (till 1/2013)

- Fixing grammar in Czech MT outputs by analyzing and generating back
- My focus is Czech deep NLG, but I work also on:
 - Formemes (morpho-syntactic function annotation)
 - Automatic functor assignment
 - English-Czech translation in TectoMT
 - Treex NLP framework

VYSTADIAL – spoken dialog systems (from 10/2012)

- Natural language generation within a spoken dialog system
- Stress on naturalness, re-usability for other languages/systems



Ondřej Dušek

Study

- Master's in math. linguistics at ÚFAL from 2010
- Starting Ph.D. study at ÚFAL now
 - Supervisor: Filip Jurčíček
 - Topic: NLG in spoken dialog systems
- Finishing master's in German philology at the Faculty of Arts

Other Interests

- Machine learning
- Valency
- Languages in general, particularly English, German, Dutch

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Background

Activity	Organization	Dates
Undergraduate	North Carolina State University	1999 - 2003
Internship	IBM	2000
Masters	George Washington University	2003 - 2006
Software Engineer	Bureau of Labor Statistics	2003 - 2006
Fulbright Fellowship	University of Iceland	2006 - 2007
Graduate Research	North Carolina State University	2008 - 2010
PhD	Charles University/ CLARA	2010



Research 2011-2012

Dependency Parsing

- Nathan Green and Zdeněk Žabokrtský, Hybrid Combination of Constituency and Dependency Trees into an Ensemble Dependency Parser. Innovative hybrid approaches to the processing of textual data, Workshop EACL, Avignon, France, pp. 19-26, 2012
- Nathan Green, Loganathan Ramasamy and Zdeněk Žabokrtský, Using an SVM Ensemble System for Improved Tamil Dependency Parsing. ACL Joint Workshop on Statistical Parsing and Semantic Processing of Morphologically Rich Languages, Jeju, Republic of Korea, 2012
- Nathan Green, Septina Dian Larasati and Zdeněk Žabokrtský, Indonesian Dependency Treebank: Annotation and Parsing. Proceedings of the 26th Pacific Asia Conference on Language, Information and Computation (PACLIC), Bali, Indonesia, 2012





Collaborative Environments

 Nathan Green, Building Parallel Corpora through Social Network Gaming. Collaborative Resource Development and Delivery, Workshop in The Eighth International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC) 2012, Istanbul, Turkey

Data Mining

- Practical Graph Mining with R (Chapman & Hall/CRC Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery Series)
 - Chapter 4: Link Analysis
 - Chapter 5: Graph-based Proximity Measures





- Clara Training Activities
 - Prague New developments in CL
- Conferences
 - ACL Jeju
 - EACL- Avignon
 - LREC Turkey
 - Paclic Bali





- Continue looking at dependency parsing and its influence on statistical machine translation
- Application of semi-supervised techniques to ensemble/hybrid dependency parsing



Eva Hajičová

- Principal investigator of the grant of Czech-US cooperation (with prof. A. Joshi, Univ. of Pennsylvania: KONTAKT ME10018) = topic: discourse analysis and annotation (end: Dec.2012) new proposal for 2013-2015
- Participant of the LINDAT (PI: Jan Hajič) and GAČR (PI: Š. Zikánová) grants
- Other responsibilities: The Prague Bulletin of Mathematical Linguistics (helped by Martin Popel and others) and "Monday" seminar (helped by Aleš Tamchyňa)

- Organizational responsibilites:
- Workshop on Discourse: COLING 2012,
 Mumbai Deadline Sept. 30, 2012

 Dependency Linguistics (DepLing) – Prague, August 27 – 30, 2013 (related workshop: Meaning and Text Theory, August 30-31, 2013), DEADLINE April 15, 2013

- Main research interests:
- Discourse relations (incl. topic-focus articulation – PhD: Magdalena Rysová), coreference relations, annotation of discourse relations – PhD: Lucie Poláková-Mladová, sentiment analysis – PhD: Kateřina Veselovská)
- (Linguistic aspects of) **Dependency** syntax

Barbora Vidová Hladká

Research

- INTLIB
 - A joint TAČR project of Sysnet Ltd and MFF UK (KSI, ÚFAL)
 - Document processing (mainly searching) NLP+LinkedData
 - Legislative documents
- GAČR Šárka Zikánová
 - "Koreference, diskurs a aktuální členění v kontrastivním pohledu"
 - Salience assignment
- An exercise book of Czech morphology and syntax STYX
 - Čapek: a new component
- Lgame: games with a purpose
 - iOS implementation

Teaching

 Introduction to Machine Learning (in Computational Linguistics) with Martin Holub (in other words, Machine learning #1, for #2 and #3 see Zdeněk Žabokrtský)

Student supervision

Vincent Kríž: a PhD student from Fall 2012

Pavlína Jínová

- Ph.D. student of Czech language at Faculty of Arts
- teaching at Faculty of Arts
- since 2009 discourse annotation project at UFAL (lead by prof. Hajičová, Lucie Poláková and Šárka Zikánová)
- > discourse annotation = marking discourse relations (e.g. conjunction, reason-result) expressed between text spans containing finite verbs and signaled by surface-present connective (e.g. and, because, therefore)

Two parts of discourse annotation:

- manual part: all inter-sentential relations and those discourse intra-sentential relations whose tectogrammatical representation do not convey discourse semantics accurately (e.g. functor ADVS divided into more specific types, clausal APPS semantically classified)
- automatic part: all intra-sentential relations which correspond exactly to their tectogrammatical counterparts
- manual annotation finished in January 2012, checking procedures finished in June (7705 relations)
- automatic annotation run in July, checking procedures finished this week (10 482 relations)

data will be published (hopefully) in November 2012

Filip Jurčíček

- Main activities in the last year
 - Teaching:
 - STATISTICAL DIALOGUE SYSTEMS
 - Master theses
 - Proposal: 2012 FRVS teaching grant
 - Introduction into Bayesian techniques in machine learning
 - Project: VYSTADIAL

Teaching – a new course

- STATISTICAL DIALOGUE SYSTEMS
 - Summer semester 2012
 - Lectures 2 hours per week
 - 6 students
 - 4 students finished the course

- The course will be updated in 2013
 - Lectures and practicals 2 + 1 hours per week
 - Using internally developed SDS

Master theses

- David Marecek
 - Bayesian inference for belief tracking is SDS
- Jan Hajic Jr.
 - Discriminative models for belief tracking in SDS

2012 FRVS teaching grant

- Invited two post-doc from Machine Learning Group at Cambridge University
- To give 8 lectures on
 - Approximate Inference: sampling methods, variational Bayes and expectation propagation.
 - Non-parametric Bayesian Methods: Gaussian processes and Dirichlet processes.
 - Bayesian Sparsity: spike and slab priors, dependency in sparsity enforcing priors, group sparsity.
 - Bayesian Latent Variable Methods: probabilistic matrix factorizations,
 - Bayesian mixtures of Gaussians.
- + 6 practicals

Filip Jurčíček

- New project: VYSTADIAL
 - Development of statistical methods for spoken dialogue systems
 - 1.4.2012 31.12.2016

- Funding for 4 PhD students
 - 3 students are already hired (as of 17.9.2012)
 - the last student will be (hopefully) hired the next year

Students

- New students:
 - Ondrej Dusek an UFAL student
 - you probably know him
 - will work on natural language generation
 - Matej Korvas a formal Bc. UFAL student
 - Erasmus Mundus student Saarbrucken and Melbourne
 - will work on spoken language understanding
 - Lukas Zilka a FIT Brno student
 - spent 6 months at Open University at Milton Keynes, UK
 - will work on dialogue state representation for complex dialogue domains

Building UFAL dialogue system #1

ASR

- HTK + OpenJulius ASR decoder
- training scripts finished and the decoder is already integrated
- collecting ENG and CZ telephone data
- English:
 - still using UCAM data 40 hours of audio
 - getting approximately the same WER as in CAM
 - collecting my own EN data using MTURK

• Czech:

- so far collected 8 hours of transcribed speech
- available 20 hours of un-transcribed speech (CZSwitchboard, Repeat after me)
- WER is promising ;-)

VAD

implemented using GMM model trained on force-aligned speech

Building UFAL dialogue system #2

SLU

- implemented using dialogue act clasifiers
- now only working on 1-best hypotheses
- awaiting modification for decoding from N-best lists and confusion networks
- DM a baseline DM is not implemented yet
- NLG
 - Ondrej Dusek started on Czech NLG
- TTS
 - English using free Festival/Flite
 - Czech using ZCU/Speechtech voice Iva

Test domains

- TownInfo
 - giving tourist information about a specific city, e.g. bars, hotels, restaurants
- Prague Airport
 - giving information about flight arrivals and departures
- Planned participation in
 - Dialog State Tracking Challenge
 - Jan March 2013

Kettnerová Václava

Grants

Delving deeper: Lexicographic description of syntax and semantic properties of Czech verbs (M. Lopatková)

Computational Linguistics: Explicit description of language and annotated data focused on Czech (J. Panevová)

Research interest

- •valency of verbs, diatheses, alternations (thesis on lexical-semantic conversions in Czech the similar relations btw. syntactic structures *The farmes loaded hay onto the truck The farmers loaded the truck with hay* and their representation in the valency lexicon VALLEX) defended in June 2012), lexical-semantic representation, semantic classification of verbs
- Now: **light verbs:** btw. nouns and verbs; their lexicographic representation and detection
- In future: derivational relations of verbs with respect to changes in valency

Veronika Kolářová

- Mgr.: FF UK (Czech & Serbian / Croatian; 1998)
- Ph.D.: UFAL MFF UK (Valency of nouns; 2006)

Participation in two GAČR projects:

- Systematic, economical and corpus-based description of valency properties of Czech deverbal nouns (theory and practice)
 - post-doctoral project, 2012-2014
 - principal investigator
- Computational Linguistics: Explicit description of language and annotated data focused on Czech P406/10/0875
 - standard project, headed by prof. Panevová; 2010-2013
 - team member
- Main topics of interest:
 - valency of Czech deverbal nouns
 - support verb constructions

Systematic, economical and corpus-based description of valency properties of Czech deverbal nouns (theory and practice)

GA ČR P406/12/P190

- Post-doctoral project
- Principal investigator: Veronika Kolářová
- 2012-2014
- Total financial support (3 years): 1 499 000 CZK

The goals of the project

Theory:

- To complete the description of adnominal counterparts of adverbal objects expressed by <u>prepositionless cases</u>
 - In past (dissertation): Dative, Accusative
 - dodávky zákazníkům 'delivery-NOM.PL customer-DAT.PL'
 - varování řidičům / řidičů 'warning-NOM.SG driver-DAT.PL / driver-GEN.PL'
 - Now: Genitive, Instrumental
 - jeho dotek puku 'he-POSS.SG touch-NOM.SG puck-GEN.SG'
 - nákaza chřipkou 'infection-NOM.SG flu-INS.SG'
- To specify unique valency properties of some semantically compact groups of nouns
 - nouns of saying, nouns of giving, nouns denoting mental state or dispositions

Practice:

- To incorporate knowledge about nominal valency into
 - the treatment of dictionary entries (PDT-VALLEX)
 - the guidelines for annotation of PDT (not annotation as such)

Current work I.

- Specific shifts in surface forms of participants and their consequences for the meaning of the noun and for the treatment in the lexicon
 - Does the specific shift imply the change of the meaning of the noun?
 - e.g. typical shift ACC → GEN vs. specific shift ACC → PS
 - *lov velryb*.PAT *rybáři*.ACT 'hunt-NOM.SG whale-GEN.PL fisherman-INS.PL'
 - lov na velryby.PAT *rybáři.ACT
 'hunt-NOM.SG on whale-ACC.PL fisherman-INS.PL'
 - občasný lov na velryby.PAT
 - 'occasional-NOM.SG hunt-NOM.SG on whale-ACC.PL'
 - Treatment in the lexicon
 - lov₁ 'hunt' : ACT(2,poss,7) PAT(2,poss)
 - lov₂ 'hunt' : ACT(2,poss) PAT(na 'on'+4)
 - SLE conference (Stockholm, August 2012)

Current work II.

- Issues of valency of nouns derived from verbs with a participant expressed by prepositionless Genitive
 - Adnominal counterparts of adverbal prepositionless Genitive
 - Also some nouns derived from verbs by non-productive means keep Gen_{Adnom} (← Gen_{Adverb})
 - odvaha spolupráce 'courage-NOM.SG cooperation-GEN.SG'
 - dotyk míče / s míčem 'touch-NOM.SG ball-GEN.SG / with ball-INS.SG'
 - Conference "Čeština v pohledu synchronním a diachronním" (Prague, June 2011)
 - Nominal constructions with two participants expressed by prepositionless Genitive
 - <u>domáhání se</u> Ireny Riškové.ACT svých peněz.PAT
 - 'claiming-NOM.SG REFL Irena-GEN.SG Rišková-GEN.SG she-REFL.POSS.GEN.PL money-GEN.PL_TANT'
 - Conference "Grammar and Corpora" (Prague, November 2012)
 - Possessive adjective or pronoun as the correlate of Gen_{Adnom} corresponding to Gen_{Adverb}
 - dotknutí se nervu.PAT / jeho.PAT dotknutí se
 - 'touching-NOM.SG REFL nerve-GEN.SG / it-POSS.SG touching-NOM.SG REFL'
 - Conference "Word and form in the structure and communication" (Bratislava, December 2012)

Septina Dian Larasati

Indonesian

Undergraduate Degree : University of Indonesia, 2003-2007.

Master Degree : Free University of Bozen-Bolzano and

Charles University in Prague, 2008-2010.

Erasmus Mundus Language and Communication Technologies

PhD Study : Charles University in Prague, 2010 - Present.

(Statistical Machine Translation id-en)

Currently under the CLARA grant (August 2011-April 2013) CLARA host partner:



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Work Package:

Project 6C - Translation Tools and

Resources for under-resource languages

Google Summer of Code (GSoC) 2012 Mentor: Apertium id-ms Raymond Hendy Susanto National University of Singapore

Linguistic Resources:

- MorphInd: Indonesian Morphological Analyzer

- IDENTIC: Indonesian-English Parallel Corpus

Publications:

2011

 Septina Dian Larasati, Vladislav Kuboň, and Daniel Zeman: Indonesian Morphology Tool (MorphInd): Towards an Indonesian Corpus. SFCM 2011. August 2011. Zurich, Switzerland. Springer CCIS proceedings of the Workshop on Systems and Frameworks for Computational Morphology.

2012

- Septina Dian Larasati: IDENTIC Corpus: Morphologically Enriched Indonesian English Parallel Corpus (Poster Session). LREC 2012. May 2012. Istanbul, Turkey.
- Nathan Green, Septina Dian Larasati, and Zdeněk Žabokrtský: Indonesian Dependency Treebank: Annotation and Parsing. PACLIC 26. November 2012. Bali, Indonesia.
- Septina Dian Larasati: Handling Indonesian Clitics: A Dataset Comparison for an Indonesian-English Statistical Machine Translation System (Poster Session). PACLIC 26. November 2012. Bali, Indonesia.
- Septina Dian Larasati: Improving Word Alignment by Exploiting Adapted Word Similarity.
 MONOMT Workshop (AMTA 2012), November 2012. San Diego, US.

Thank you

Find more about me @ http://ufal.mff.cuni.cz/~larasati/

Markéta Lopatková

Research interests / research projects:

- Valency lexicon of Czech verbs VALLEX
 esp. with Václava Kettnerová (past Zdeněk Žabokrtský)
 diatheses and alternations
 enriching the lexicon with semantic information
 GAČR (2012-2015): Delving Deeper: Lexicographic Description
 of Syntactic and Semantic Properties of Czech Verbs
 (1.2 full contract)
- Modeling of stratificational dependency-based syntax based on the analysis by reduction and restarting automata esp. with Martin Plátek (KTIML – Department of Theoretical Computer Science and Mathematical Logic)

GAČR: NoSCoM: Non-Standard Computational Models and Their Applications in Complexity, Linguistics, and Learning, 2010-2014 (bonuses)

Markéta Lopatková (2)

"Teaching projects":

- EM LCT (Language and Communication Technologies) together with Vladislav Kuboň
 3 students for 2012-13
 - new phase: 2013-2018?
 selected for funding
- CLARA (Common Language Resources and their Applications)
 Marie Curie Action, 2009-13
- involved in a preparation of BSc. "General Computer Science" in English (from 2013/14)

Markéta Lopatková (3)

Teaching:

- Mathematical analysis
 winter + summer term, a practical course, BSc.
- Prague Dependency Treebank with Honza Štěpánek
- Mathematical Methods in Linguistics???

Supervising:

4 PhD students, 3 Master students

Others:

- Grant Agency of Charles University committee for computer science (oborová rada)
- editorial board: Slovo a slovesnost, Korpus Gramatika Axiologie
- coordinator of Erasmus exchange Bolzano, Malta, Utrecht,
 Groningen

Delving Deeper: Lexicographic Description of Syntactic and Semantic Properties of Czech Verbs

- GA P406/12/0557, duration 2012-2015
- budget: 7.137 mil. CZK
- partners:
 - ÚFAL:
 Markéta Lopatková, Vendula Kettnerová, Eda Bejček, Anša Vernerová
 - (1.2 contract)
 Institute of Slavonic Languages, Academy of Science of the Czech Republic: Karolína Skwarska (0.7 full contract)

Delving Deeper: Lexicographic Description of Syntactic and Semantic Properties of Czech Verbs

- changes in valency structure of verbs, their representation in a lexicon
 - theoretical research; design of a formal model for lexicographic description
 - grammaticalized alternations: diatheses and reciprocity
 - lexicalized alternations: theoretical and practical aspects
 - comparative aspects of diatheses
 - application in an electronic language resource
- mapping lexical resources:
 - enhancing Czech valency lexicon with semantic classes and semantic roles; based on FrameNet
 - strengthening lexical resources with corpus evidence (VALEVAL)

NoSCoM: Non-Standard Computational Models and Their Applications in Complexity, Linguistics, and Learning

- GA P202/10/1333, duration 2010-2014
- Institute of Computer Science, Academy of Science of the Czech Republic: Jiří Šíma, Jiří Wiedermann, Petr Savický, Stanislav Žák, Robert Kessl
- MFF UK:
 Martin Plátek, Markéta Lopatková, Fero Mráz, Iveta Mrázová, Peter Černo
- topics:
 - 1. Unconventional Computational Models
 - 2. Neural Networks
 - 3. Specialized Unbounded Automata and Grammars
 - modeling of stratificational dependency-based syntax
 - based on the analysis by reduction and restarting automata
 - recently, focus on free word-order:
 (non-)projectivity of a sentence and a number of word order shifts
 - model of a lexicon
 - 4. Branching Programs

Central Funding

- PROVOZ (teaching money)
 - ca 1.7 mil. CZK salaries (3.7 full contracts)
 - 540 th. CZK other costs
- PRVOUK (research money)
 - ca 3.1 mil. salaries (5.8 full contracts)
 - 500 th. CZK other costs
- Specific Research (?)
 - 130 th, CZK other costs

David Mareček

- Grants:
 - FAUST Feedback Analysis for User adaptive Statistical Translation
- My research topic:
 - Unsupervised Dependency Parsing
- Other:
 - Treex, word-alignment, tecto-alignment, parsing, ...
- Teaching:
 - Selected problems in Machine Learning (with ZŽ)
- Supervision:
 - Master student Rudolf Rosa

Feedback Analysis for User adaptive Statistical Translation

- FP7 European Union project
- February 2010 -- January 2013
- Project partners:
 - University of Cambridge
 - Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya
 - Charles University in Prague
 - Language Weaver
 - Softissimo
- Our team:
 - Jan Hajič, David Mareček, Ondřej Dušek, Rudolf Rosa

Feedback Analysis for User adaptive Statistical Translation

3 Goals:

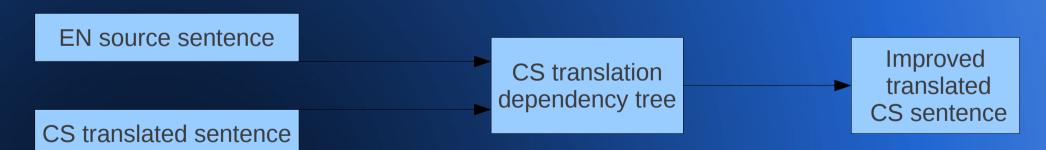
- To provide our experimental MT systems online and let other users to use it and to provide feedback (labs.reverso.net)
- To develop mechanisms for incorporating user feedback into the commercial MT engines and provide real-time adaptation to the feedback (reverso.net)
- To integrate natural language generation into MT to improve translation fluency and reduce negative feedback from users

Feedback Analysis for User adaptive Statistical Translation

- Two our systems are running on labs.reverso.net:
 - TectoMT (Popel et al.) EN->CZ
 - Moses (Bojar et al.) EN->CZ, CZ->EN
- Problem:
 - nobody uses it => we have almost no feedback from users
- Plan:
 - to ask at least UFAL people to use it and to provide some feedback
 - The annotations are planned on October-November
- DEMO

Feedback Analysis for User adaptive Statistical Translation

- DEPFIX system (developed by Rudolf Rosa)
 - automatic correction of phrase-based MT Czech outputs
 - correcting agreement (Subj-Pred, Adj-Noun, Prep-Noun)
 - WMT 2012 winner (Google + Depfix > Google)



tagging & parsing using also word-alignment and features from EN

apply morphological agreement rules and regenerate changed words



Annotation of Discourse

Prof. Hajičová, Šárka Zikánová, Lucie Poláková, Pavlína Jínová, and others

- annotation tool (an extension of TrEd), data management, measurement of the inter-annotator agreement
- data mining, data corrections
- (semi-)automatic annotation of the intra-sentential relations
- publication of the data

Annotation of PDT 3.0

Prof. Panevová, Magda Ševčíková, and others

- sentence modality (titles, coordinated clauses instead of coordinations)
- grammatemes (factmod, tense, diatgram)
- in PDT 2.x svn

Annotation of Anaphora

Anja Nedoluzhko, and others

- annotation tool (an extension of TrEd), data management, measurement of the inter-annotator agreement
- published in December last year (over PDT 2.0)
- to be published along with discourse (over PDT 2.5)
- annotation of 1st and 2nd person

Public Service

- purchase and management of software (but not SW from Microsoft)
- purchase and management of data published by LDC
- assistant management of Amoeba (database of employees at ÚFAL)

Anja Nedoluzhko

coreference annotation at ÚFAL

- PDT 2.5 = ready data (web, CD 2011, to be oublished together with discourse in 2012)
- PEDT annotating nominal coreference (without bridging) – 5 annotators
- PDT 2.5 for 1. and 2. person
- PCEDT for 1. and 2. person

Anja Nedoluzhko

- Collaboration with the discourse team
- comparing coreference annotation results in dofferent languages
- anaphora resolution competition in Russian
- With Jarka regular word-formative patterns in Czech and Russian, planned to be detailed from the linguistic and technical point of view

Anja Nedoluzhko

Variability of languages in time and space / Variabilita jazyků v čase a prostoru

Magda Ševčíková, Šárka Zikánová, Anja Nedoluzhko – starting in October 2012

- Languages of the world, possible classification (e.g. language families, number of speakers)
- Overview of phonemic inventories and writing systems, problems of transliteration and transcription
- Linguistic typology: using phonological, morphological and syntactical aspects and their combination (Skalička's typology)
- Language universals: absolute, statistical and implicational universals
- Influence of diachronic language processes on the language variability
- The relation between spoken and written forms of a language
- Speakers' attitudes to language variants

Michal Novák

- Research and work:
 - CzEng 1.0
 - Automatic coreference annotation
 - Segmentation of the CzEng data into shorter chunks of texts to retain as much coherence as possible (eventually rejected for release) - with Ondra Bojar and Zdeněk Žabokrtský
 - TectoMT
 - WMT12 competition
 - Improved translation models trained on the CzEng 1.0 data
 - with Zdeněk Žabokrtský, Martin Popel, Martin Majliš, Ondra Dušek and David Mareček

Michal Novák (2)

- Research and work:
 - Identification of the type of "it"
 - Anaphoric / non-anaphoric / pleonastic
 - Combination of statistical system NADA (Bergsma and Yarowsky, 2011) with manually designed rules
 - Accuracy improvement 3.5%
 - with Nguy Giang Linh and Katka Veselovská
 - Context-based lexical translation models
 - Improve the lexical choice (e.g. "bank") using the information from the context – wider than just surrounding words (surface, in the syntactic tree)
 - For TectoMT
 - Work in progress

Michal Novák (3)

- Research and work:
 - Cached models in MT
 - Use the cache of previously translated words (phrases) to suggest the lexical choice of the word being translated
 - For Moses
 - With Liane Guillou, Nicola Bertoldi, Robert Grabowski, Sorin Slavescu and Jose de Souza
 - Work in pause
 - Treex development
 - Framework for anaphora resolution (or other binary relations)
 - Compact maxent translation models
 - Step by step building a framework for ML

Jarmila Panevová

Malá Skála – září 2012

 GA ČR P406/2010/0875 "Computational Linguistics: Explicit description of language and annotated data focused on Czech" (2010–2013)

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Mikulová
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Nedolužko 0,2
Rysová M.
           0,4
Smejkalová 0,5
Ševčíková
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GA ČR P406/2010/0875

2012:

Annotation of newly introduced grammatemes:

- pair/group meaning with selected nouns introduced in PDT
 2.5 (Ševčíková, Smejkalová)
- verbal grammatemes (rezultative1 vs. pasivum (*Panevová*, *Mírovský*), rezultative21, rezultative22 also in PDTSC (*Hlaváčová*, *Panevová*)
 factmod, sentmod Ševčíková, *Mírovský*
- Continuation of tectogrammatical annotating of PDTSL (Mikulová)
- PCEDT published (Cinková)

Publications and presentations

Workshop on the grant project – April 12th, 2012 with a programme:

- Silvie Cinková, Semantic categories in Pattern Dictionary of English Verbs. An experience with manual annotation.
- Eduard Bejček, A play with phrasemes a pleasure for the mental capacity. Multiword expressions in PDT.
- Jan Štěpánek, On further improvement of PDT 2.0 a 2.5 data.
- o Jiří Mírovský, On annotation of intersentential relations in PDT.
- Jarmila Panevová, A new schema of verbal grammatemes and its reflection in the resultative meaning.
- Magda Ševčíková, Annotation of pair/group meaning in the PDT data. A revision of modal meanings: the grammateme
- of sentence modality.

Publications

- J. Panevová, M. Mikulová: Problém elipsy: Co s ním a kam s ním? Prace filologiczne 60, 2011, Warszawa: Wydzial polonistyki Universitetu Warszawskiego, 225-232.
- J. Panevová: On the Syntax and Semantics of Czech Infinitival Constructions: A Case Study. In: Slovo i jazyk. Sbornik statej k vosmidesjatiletiju akademika Ju. D. Apresjana. Moskva: Jazyki slavjanskich kul'tur, 2011, 541 – 551.
- M. Ševčíková, J. Panevová, L. Smejkalová: Specificity of the Number of Nouns in Czech and its Annotation in Prague Dependency Treebank, *Prague Bulletin of Mathematical Linguistics* 96, 2011, 27 – 47.

Publications - continuation

- J. Panevová: O rezultativnosti (zejména) v češtině. In: Gramatika i leksika u slovenskim jezicima. Novi Sad, Beograd: Matica Srbska, Institut za srpski jezik. 2011, 165 – 176.
- P. Karlík, J. Panevová: Dva pohledy na vývoj českého poválečného syntaktického myšlení. Korpus – Gramatika – Axiologie 5, 2012, 34 – 53.
- J. Panevová, M. Mikulová: Assimmetrii mezhdu glubinnym i poverchnostnym predstavlenijam predlozhenija (na primere dvuch tipov obstojateľstv v cheshskom jazyke).
 (In press for Festchrift fuer I. A. Meľchuk).

Publications - continuation

- J. Panevová: Světová slavistika utrpěla citelné ztráty. Slovo a slovesnost 73, č. 1, 2012, 74-76.
- J. Panevová: A Contribution of Valency to the Analysis of Language. 45th Annual Meeting of Societas Linguistica Europea, Workshop: Noun Valency. Stockholm 29th August – 2nd 66September, 2012.

Pavel Pecina

- assistant professor since Jan 2012
- previously: post-doc researcher at Dublin City University, Ireland
- projects:
 - Khresmoi Medical information analysis and retrieval. EU FP7-ICT Collaborative Project, 2010-2014
 - **CEMDI** Center for Large-Scale Multi-modal Data Interpretation, GACR Excellence in Basic Research, 2012-2018
- research interests
 - statistical machine translation, domain adaptation
 - cross-language information retrieval, image retrieval, speech retrieval
 - other NLP tasks (spelling correction, multiword expressions, etc.)
- teaching:
 - New (Master/PhD) course on Information Retrieval starting in October

CEMDI: Center for Large Scale Multimodal Data Interpretation

Funding: Czech Science Foundation (GAČR), Excellence in Basic Research

Code: P103/12/G084

Budget: 14 Million CZK

Duration: 7 Years, Jan 2012 - Dec 2019

Consortium: 4 Institutions

- 1. ČVUT: Czech Technical University, Prague, Prof. Jiří Matas
- 2. MU: Masaryk University, Brno, Prof. Pavel Zezula
- 3. ZČU: University of West Bohemia, Pilsen, Prof. Josef Psutka
- 4: UK: Charles University in Prague, Pavel Pecina

People:

- Silvie Cinková, Martin Holub, Pavel Pecina
- Lenka Smejkalová, Anna Vernerová, Ema Krejčová



Projects goals

The project aims at exploiting large collections of unlabeled multi-modal data, mainly video footage, to further state-of-the-art in video, audio and natural language understanding, interpretation, annotation and retrieval by combining unsupervised and semi-supervised learning.

Experteese

- ČVUT: image (video, pictures) processing (text in the wild)
- ZČU: speech processing (spoken archives, subtitling)
- MU: information retrieval, similarity search (images, text)
- UK: natural language processing, machine translation



Tasks: Reading text in the wild

Given an (arbitrary) picture with some text, what is the correct word order/text reading?





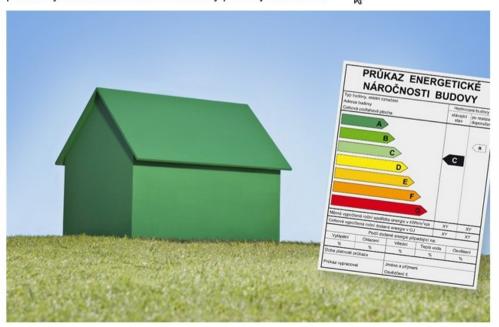
Tasks: Recommendation of illustrative images

Given a large collection of (annotated) photographs and a text of an article, what are the best illustrative pictures?

Domy budou muset mít energetické štítky, i přes Klausovo veto

19. září 2012 11:38

Majitele domů čeká nová povinnost. Budou muset zajistit, aby se na domech objevily štítky informující o jejich energetické náročnosti. Zákon prošel přes veto prezidenta Václava Klause, který ho označil za jeden z nejškodlivějších a nejzbytečnějších, protože podle něj bude znamenat další náklady pro majitele domů.



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Žena v noci vstávala do práce, v pracovně našťa zloděje

18. září 2012 14:17

Zloděje v pracovně nachytala po svém nočním probuzení osmapadesátiletá žena ve Zlíně. Lupič do bytu vnikl oknem otevřeným na ventilaci, z místa stihl uprchnout. Policie po neznámém mladém muži pátrá.



Lupič v noci překvapil ženu, při útěku vyskočil ze třímetrové výšky. (ilustrační snímek) | foto: Profimedia.cz

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- We are looking for prospective students interested in these and other related topics
- Possible colaboration with ČVUT, ZČU, MUNI
- Contact: pecina@ufal.mff.cuni.cz



Khresmoi: Multilingual and multimodal access to biomedical information (Jan Hajič)

Funding: EU FP7, Collaborative project, 14 Million EUR, 4 Years

Consortium: 12 Institutions

University of Applied Sciences of Western Switzerland; Atos Spain, Madrid, Spain; Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic; Dublin City University, Ireland; University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany; Evaluations and Language resources Distribution Agency, Paris, France; Health on the Net, Geneva, Switzerland; Vienna University of Technology, Austria; Medical University of Vienna, Austria, Ontotext, Sofia, Bulgaria; The University of Sheffield GATE team, UK; Society of Physicians in Vienna, Austria.

CUNI people:

Jan Hajič, Jarka Hlaváčová, Zdeňka Urešová, Jakub Bystroň, Pavel Pecina

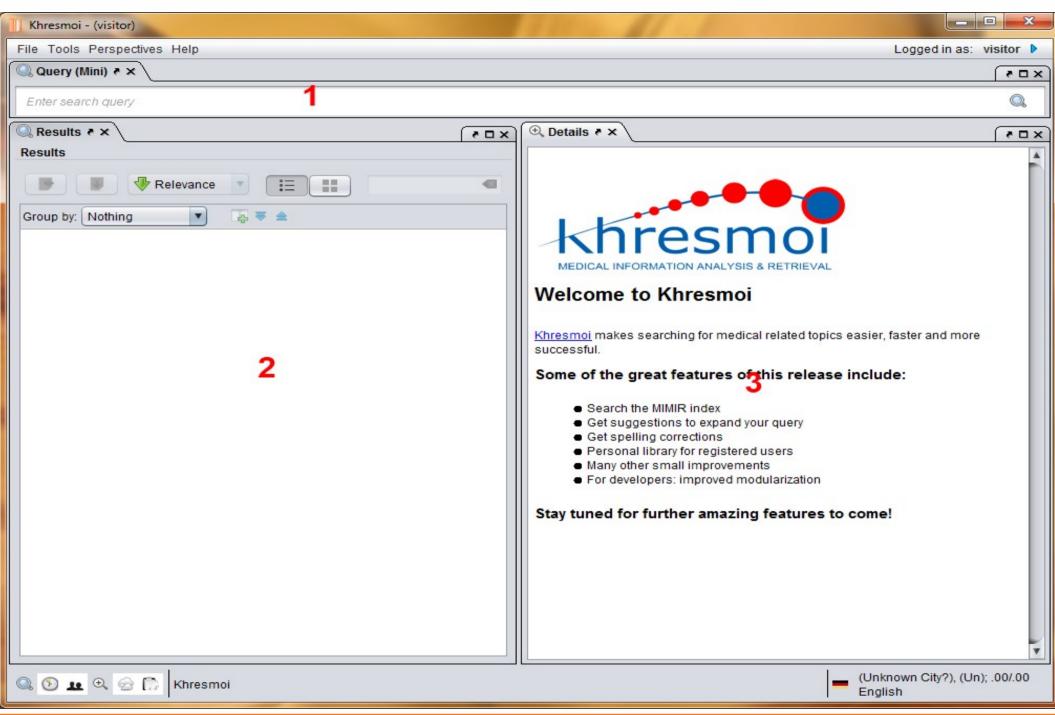


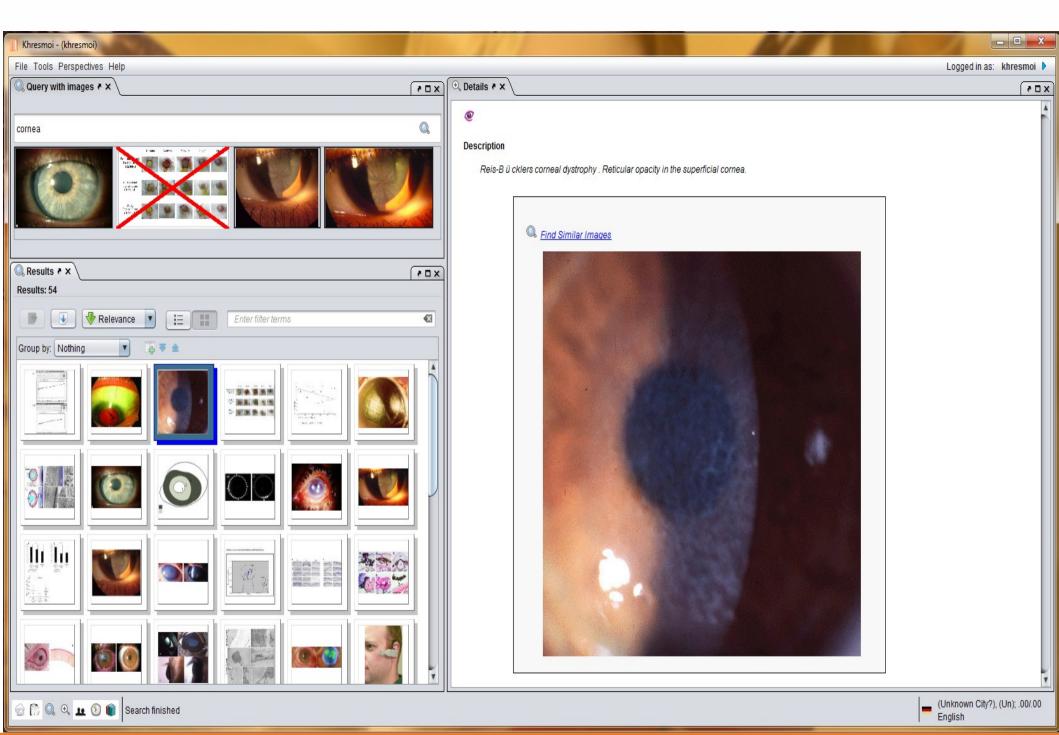
Projects goals

- Information extraction from unstructured or semi-structured biomedical texts and images
- Linking the extracted information to information in knowledge bases
- Automated estimation of the level of trust
- Automated analysis and indexing for medical images in 2D (X-Rays),
 3D (MRI, CT), and 4D (MRI with a time component)
- Adaptive user interfaces to assist in formulating queries and display search results via ergonomic and interactive visualizations
- Support of cross-language search, including multi-lingual queries, and returning machine-translated summaries

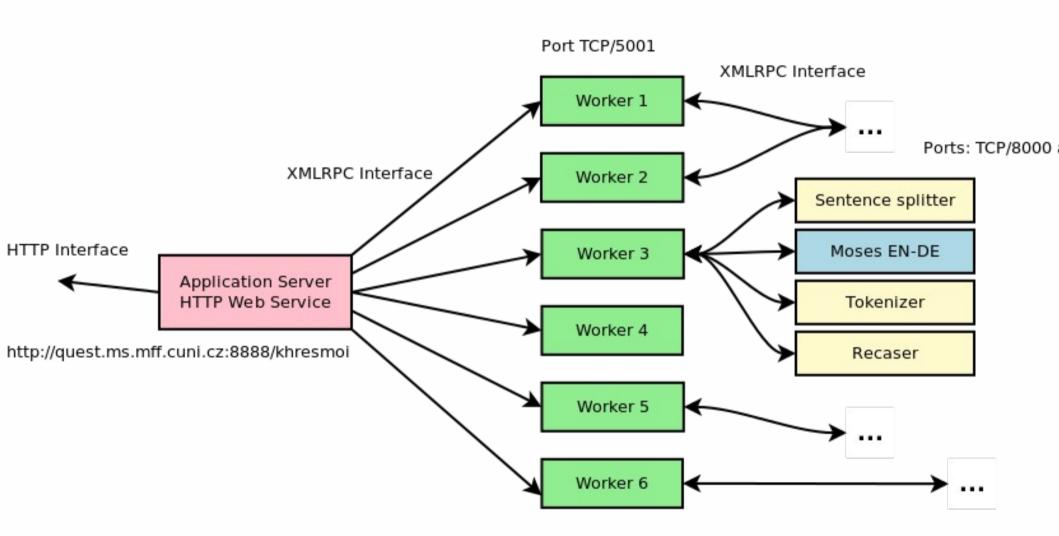
UFAL tasks

- Support of cross-language search, including multi-lingual queries, and returning machine-translated summaries
- Statistical Machine Translation adapted to the medical domain
- Languages: English, Czech, French, German
- Translation of non-English search queries to English
- Translation of English summaries to other languages
- Translation realized as a (distributed) webservice running on a computer cluster





Translation Webservice Architecture



Nino Peterek

Projects

- Tools for on-line speech corpora creation and exploration with Petra Galuščáková and Oldřich Krůza (web services development for LINDAT).
- Speech corpora collection (ROMI, AMALACH).

Teaching

- Fundamentals of speech recognition and generation NPFL038 (2/1).
- Natural computing for learning and optimisation NPFL107 (2/1).

Lucie Poláková (Mladová)

Current project:

Annotation of discourse structure on PDT (Czech texts, based on tectogrammatics)

- Together with: Eva Hajičová, Šárka Zikánová, Jirka Mírovský, Pavlína Jínová
- Cooperation with UPenn and prof. Aravind Joshi's team
- Grant support: till 2011 3-year GAUK (Mladová), 3-year GAČR (Hajičová), recently: GAČR (Zikánová, "Interplays" till 2015), KONTAKT (Hajičová, till 2012)

Recent about the project:

PENN: May 2012, Discourse Workshop in Penn (reply to our Prague workshop a year ago)

POTSDAM: November 2012, Invitation to Jena MULDICO workshop on Multilingual databases and corpora of connectives (reply to invitation of prof. Stede to Monday seminar in December 2011)

COST: New huge project on multilingual corpora with linked connectives

PhD: Dissertation topic:

The concept of discourse-level description for the PDT

Martin Popel

- Treex framework (tutorial for CLARA 2012)
- TectoMT machine translation (CzEng 1.0 for WMT12)
- Improving HamleDT, transforming coordinations
- PBML (next deadline January 8th 2013)
- Technical reports (2012 deadline December 1st)
- Teaching
 - Modern Methods in CL "Reading group"
 - (with ZŽ in summer: Language Data Resources)
- Supervising
 - 3 bachelor students (Michal Koutný: Word prediction using language models)

Translation Tools and Resources for Under-Resourced Languages

Loganathan Ramasamy

CUNI

Sep 20, 2012

Outline

- 🚺 Work so far
 - Treebanking
 - Parallel Corpora
 - Morphological Segmentation

2 Publications

Treebanking -TamilTB

- Tamil Dependency Treebank TamilTB
 - Developed a small PDT style treebank for Tamil.
 - Annotation layers: (i) m-layer and (ii) a-layer.
 - POS tagset size: 234 unique tags
 - Number of dependency relations: 21
 - Data size: 600 sentences from news corpus.

TamilTB - Availability

- Data and documentation available at: http://ufal.mff.cuni.cz/~ramasamy/tamiltb/0.1/
- Also available for search in INESS system http://iness.uib.no/iness/treebanks



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Parallel Corpora: English-Tamil

- Freely available corpora:
 - 38K (Matt Post et. al., WMT 2012)
- Corpus collection through web sources

Corpus	Size (sentences)	Words/sen (en)	Words/sen (ta)
News	121369	26.5	19.6
Cinema	39544	15.3	10.2
Bible	30871	25.4	13.4
Total	191784	24	16.7

- Challenges:
 - Parallel corpora (news and cinema) can be noisy due to automatic alignment.
 - Transliteration errors.
- The data will be released soon.



Unsupervised Morphological Segmentation

- Uses Bayesian approach (Gibbs sampling).
- Focuses on agglutinative languages (Tamil and Telugu).
- Datasets available: 1500 words (Tamil) and 998 words (Telugu).

2012: Publications & Talks

- Loganathan Ramasamy, Zdenek Zabokrtsky and Sowmya Vajjala. The study of effect of length in morphological segmentation of agglutinative languages. ACL Workshop on Multilingual Modeling, July 2012.
- Nathan Green, Loganathan Ramasamy and Zdenek Zabokrtsky. Using an SVM Ensemble System for improved Tamil dependency parsing. ACL Joint Workshop on Statistical Parsing and Semantic Processing of Morphologically Rich Languages, July 2012.
- Loganathan Ramasamy and Zdenek Zabokrtsky. Prague Dependency Style Treebank for Tamil. LREC, May 2012.
- Oaniel Zeman, David Marecek, Martin Popel, Loganathan Ramasamy, Jan stepanek, Zdenek Zabokrtsky and Jan Hajic. HamleDT: To Parse or Not to Parse?. LREC, May 2012.



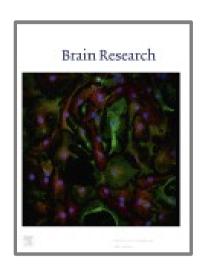
2011: Publications & Talks

- Loganathan Ramasamy and Zdenek Zabokrtsky, Tamil dependency parsing: results using rule based and corpus based approaches, CICLing 2011.
- 2 Loganathan Ramasamy, TamilTB: An Effort Towards Building a Dependency Treebank for Tamil, WDS 2011.
- **TamilTB: An Effort Towards Building a Dependency Treebank** for Tamil, *Talk in UFAL's Monday Seminar*, May 16, 2011.

Jana Straková

graduate student ("Natural language and the human brain")

March – August 2012: maternity leave





August 2012:

Kim, A. & Strakova, J. (2012). Concurrent effects of lexical status and letter-rotation during early stages of visual word recognition: evidence from ERPs. Brain Research. 1468, 52-62.

... coming back from September (25% from LINDAT-CLARIN)

Pavel Straňák

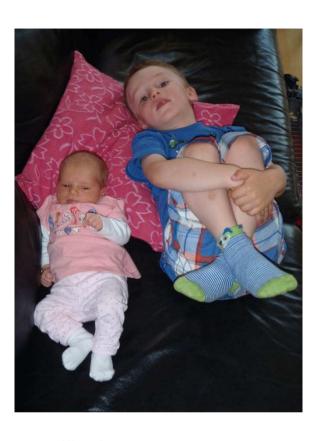
- Lexical semantics: multiword expressions, named entities
 - —. MWE in PDT 2.5
- —.Teaching "intro to NLP and data" for humanities' students
- 三.Weakness for slightly exotic languages
- 四.LINDAT Centre
- 五.European Projects Clarin and EUDAT

Magda Ševčíková

- April to October 2012 on maternity leave
- involved in projects
 - GA ČR P406/12/P175 "Selected derivational relations for automatic processing of Czech"
 - post-doc project, 2012–2014
 - principal investigator
 - GA ČR P406/2010/0875 "Computational Linguistics: Explicit description of language and annotated data focused on Czech"
 - project led by Jarmila Panevová, 2010–2013
 - team member

teaching

- course on academic writing, with Marie Mikulová / Veronika Kolářová
 - "Professional language and style", for master students, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics
 - 2004/2005-present
- new courses, Autumn 2012
 - on selected syntactic theories ("New directions in linguistics"), for master students of English philology, Faculty of Philosophy and Arts
 - "Variability of languages in time and space", with Anja Nedoluzhko and Šárka Zikánová, for PhD students, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics

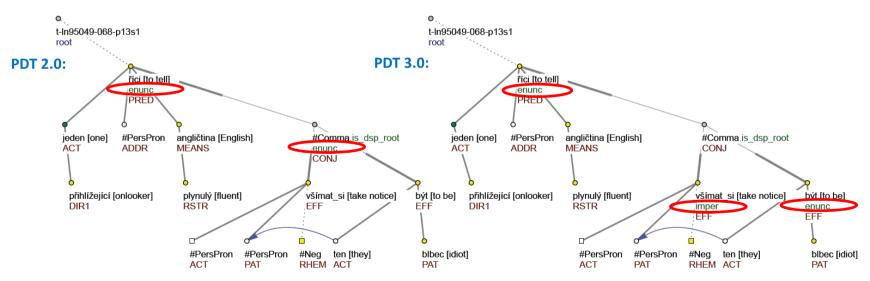


Current work:

- on the topics of the post-doc project:
 - deadjectival derivates in Czech, currently focusing on so-called predicatives
 - e.g. ráno bylo deštivo `in the morning it was rainy'
 - existence of counterparts with the suffix -e (ráno vypadalo deštivě `the morning looked rainy'), problem of the part-of-speech categorization of the predicatives, syntactic functions of the predicatives and their counterparts etc.
 - conference paper on predicatives (just being) published in the proceedings of the conference
 Čeština v pohledu synchronním a diachronním
 - two papers accepted for linguistic conferences in Prague and Bratislava (November and December 2012)
- on the revision and refinement of the tectogrammatical annotation:
 - (i) pair/group meaning of Czech nouns (with Jarmila Panevová and Lenka Smejkalová)
 - assigned to the PDT data in 2010/2011, published as a part of PDT 2.5
 - manual annotation of the pair/group meaning within the PDTSC data in 2011/2012
 - (ii) verbal mood (with Jiří Mírovský)
 - the grammateme verbmod (used in the PDT 2.0 data) was replaced by the new grammateme factmod, the grammateme tense had to be changed in many cases as well
 - to be published as a part of PDT 3.0

(iii) sentence modality (with Jiří Mírovský)

- in the PDT 2.0 data: sentence modality (assertive, imperative, interrogative etc.) specified
 - for the root node of each sentence (of each tree), i.e. a sentence consisting of several coordinated clauses was assigned a single sentence modality,
 - for the root node of a direct speech subtree,
 - for the root node of a parenthesis subtree
- revised proposal: sentence modality specified for each clause in coordination structures, and (in addition to direct speech and parentheses) for the root node of title structures
- to be published as a part of PDT 3.0
- conference paper with Jiří Mírovský ("Sentence Modality Assignment in the Prague
 Dependency Treebank") at the 15th International Conference on Text, Speech and Dialogue
 (TSD 2012) in Brno, September 2012



"Nevšímejte si jich, jsou to blbci," řekl mi plynulou angličtinou jeden z přihlížejících. ("Do not take notice of them, they are idiots," told me one of the onlookers in fluent English.)

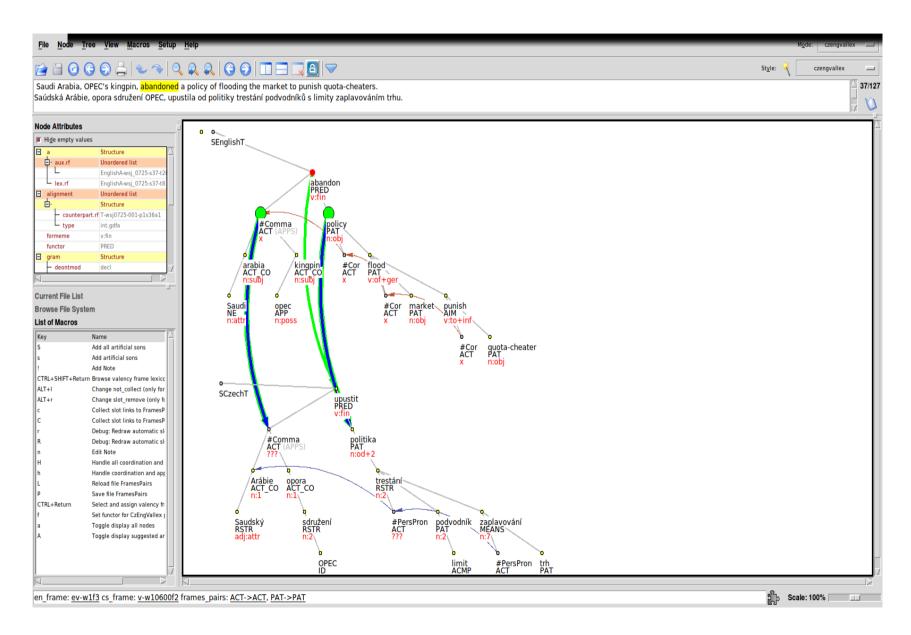
GA ČR P406/12/P175 Selected derivational relations for automatic processing of Czech

- principal investigator: Magda Ševčíková
- post-doc project
- 2012–2014
- budget: app. CZK 500k for each year
- description of selected word-formation relations in Czech, namely of the relations between adjectives and their derivates
 - main goal: (i) to contribute to the theoretical research on word-formation, using corpus data, and (ii) to revise and broaden the lexical-semantic annotation of PDT
 - some partial tasks of the project:
 - to classify deadjectival derivates as syntactic derivates or lexical derivates (according to Kuryłowicz and Dokulil)
 - syntactic derivates have the same meaning as their base adjectives but differ in syntactic functions
 - lexical derivates differ from the base adjectives in meaning
 - to reflect this classification within the tectogrammatical annotation of Czech data
 - syntactic derivates can be represented by the t-lemma of the base adjective
 - to build a database of deadjectival derivates

Jana Šindlerová

- CZENGVALLEX
 - Currently with Eva Fučíková and Zdeňka Urešová
 - Interlinking of PDT-Vallex and Engvallex on the basis of parallel tecto-trees annotation
 - New version of TrEd extension ready, new course of data annotation just beginning
 - Expected full data release: 12/2013
 - Funded by LINDAT-CLARIN

Jana Šindlerová



Jana Šindlerová

- SENTIMENT ANALYSIS of Czech data
 - Currently with Katka Veselovská, Jan Hajič, jr. and Mirek Týnovský
 - Funded by GAUK 3537/2011

Jan Štěpánek

Paid by:

GAČR (75%)

Tools for Revision and Tectogrammatical Annotation of a Czech Dependency Treebank **PRVOUK (25%)**

Teaching

- Winter: NPFL092
 - NLP Technology (with Zdeněk Žabokrtský)

- Summer: NPFL075
 - Prague Dependency
 Treebank (with
 Markéta Lopatková)

Responsible for

- TrEd
 - Tree Editor
 - OS independent

- PML-TQ
 - Query Language and Engine
 - Several Servers and Clients

Ask me if

you want to know something about

- Perl
- bash
- XML
- PML (Prague Markup Language)

Aleš Tamchyna

- Ph.D. student, 1st year.
- Advisor: RNDr. Ondřej Bojar, Ph.D.

Research:

- Statistical (phrase-based) MT.
- Participated in 2012 CLSP JHU Workshop
 - Domain Adaptation in Machine Translation.
 - My part: mainly Moses hacking.
- Just defended my Master thesis: Feature Selection for Factored Phrase-Based MT.

Other:

Helping with ÚFAL Monday seminar organization.



Zdeňka Urešová

- Kreshmoi Project with Pavel Pecina, Jakub Bystroň, Jarka Hlaváčová
 - Topic: Medical Information on the Internet for general public and professionals (PI: JH)
 - User Evaluation preparation for the user test cases
 - Query translation for testing (mostly medical terms)
 - Preparation of general MT test data
- PDTSC with Jan Hajič, Jan Štěpánek, Marie Mikulová + anotators
 - Project topic: Part of the PDTSL (spoken language annotation) project (<u>C</u> is Czech)
 - Extension of the valency lexicon PDT-Vallex of Czech verbs

Postdoc Proposal (GAČR)

- A comparison of Czech and English verbal valency based on corpus material (theory and practice)
- Description of verbal valency in Czech and English
- Description of interlinking of translational verbal equivalents
- Data preparation together with Jana Vejvodová, Eva Fučíková

Intelligent library (TAČR Project) Barbora Hladká &...

Analytical annotation (in preparation)

Zdeňka Urešová

GAČR POSTDOC PROJECT (PROPOSAL)

Srovnání české a anglické valence sloves na základě korpusového materiálu (teorie a praxe)

A comparison of Czech and English verbal valency based on corpus material (theory and practice)

1st February 2013 + 3 years

Goals:

- To describe the relation between Czech and English valency frames
- To build a Czech-English Valency Lexicon with explicitly linked verbal senses and their arguments/adjuncts
- A comparative description of the argument structure of translation equivalents

A Cross-linguistic Comparison of Valency Behavior of Czech and English Verbs

- Theoretical comparative studies focused on differences in Czech and English verbal valency structure
 - a description of verbal valency in both languages
 - a description of interlinking of translational verbal equivalents with drawing a follow-up comparison between the achieved results
 - based on the valency theory of the FGD and on its application to the PDT
 - a specification of relations of verbal valency frames in both languages, relating to PDT's semantic and morphosyntactic levels
- Plus <u>hands-on experience of work with corpus data</u>
 - The Czech-English valency lexicon (PDT-Vallex and EngVallex) will be interlinked at the level of verb arguments, as well as linked to the data (Prague Czech-English Dependency Treebank).

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 Ph.D. student "Enriching the Treebank Annotation with Selected Phenomena from the Field of Pragmatics"

in fact: sentiment analysis of PDT

 GAUK 3537/2011 – Sentence-Level Polarity Detection in a Computer Corpus

Current team:

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Current state:

- sentiment-annotated corpus SubLex1.0 (5000 lemmas)
- several polarity classifiers with rather satisfactory results
- implementation of SubLex to TrEd (in progress)
- annotation guidelines (in progress)

Other topics of interest

- opinion mining
- construction grammar
- tectogrammatical description of English
- parallel corpora

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- Machine translation (Moses, Joshua)
 - Preprocessing (word order transformations)
 - Eman (Ondřej's infrastructure)
- Interset: conversion of morphosyntactic tags between tagsets (both in Czech and cross-language)
 - Universal description of morphological tagsets
- Multilingual dependency parsing
 - With Martin Popel, Zdeněk, David, Loganathan...

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- Parsing
 - Nivre's Malt Parser on Czech (UAS 86.08 %)
- Teaching
 - Morphological and Syntactic Analysis
 - Disrupted: Computational NLP (but kept at ČVUT)
 - New course next summer semester: "New Language"
- "Dirty" (non-scientific) work
 - Bibliography maintenance (the "Biblio" database)
 - Address book maintenance (PBML, corpora registration...)

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- Titled Czech in the Machine Translation Era (CZECHMATE)
 - Dan Zeman
 - Ondřej Bojar
- Non-English translation (e.g. Czech-German)
- Phrase-based translation
- Named entities
- Pivot languages

Paraphrases from Moses Phrase Table (MTM project)

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Why and How

- Multiple reference translations of one text
 - Useful bat scarce
 - Could be simulated by paraphrases?
- Bilingual phrase table
 - English₁ corresponds to German₁
 - English, corresponds to German
 - English₂ paraphrases English₁

Corpora Used

- News Commentary + Europarl
- Language combinations: en/cs cs/en/de/fr/es
- Bitext sizes:
 - from 650K sentence pairs (cs-*)
 - to over 2M sentence pairs (fr-en)
- Phrase table sizes:
 - from ca 50M lines
 - to ca 120M lines

What's Done

- Have not got beyond very simple heuristics
- Simple matching:
 - en1 \rightarrow fr
 - en2 \rightarrow fr
 - => paraphrase(en1, en2)
- Plus filtering

No computation of probabilities yet

Filtering Uninteresting Stuff

- We may want to keep some of that in real application
- But it is not interesting to look at now

Thus discard paraphrase if...

Filtering Uninteresting Stuff

- No letters (just digits and/or punctuation)
- Sole difference is
 - In upper/lowercase: European Parliament ↔
 European parliament
 - In non-letters: Croatia and Turkey
 ← Croatia , and Turkey
- Substring (probably both extracted from one sentence): the Czech ← of the Czech

Substrings

- Should only consider whole words
 - Currently also discards Czech ← Czechoslovak
 - This one is not a good paraphrase but it should probably be discarded by a different technique. What about Srinivas B ↔ Srinivas Bangalore
 - Even with whole words, this will disappear :-(
 - Chavez
 ← Mr Chavez
- Extend to non-continuous substrings?
 - This could also come from one sentence:
 - Churchill said ↔ Churchill once said

Stopwords

- We currently require more difference than just punctuation
- Same with stopwords? (Not implemented yet)
- Consider this example:
 - are 40 ↔ the 40 ↔ from 40 ↔ just 40 ↔ about 40
 ↔ of EUR ↔ to EUR ↔ up to 40 ↔ and for 40 ↔ to 40 will ↔ at least 40 ↔ more than 40

Large Para Lists Are Untrustworthy

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Mr \leftrightarrow Sino \ Asia \leftrightarrow India \ drawn \ a \ China \leftrightarrow the \ PRC \leftrightarrow s
China \leftrightarrow t \ China \leftrightarrow China \ by \leftrightarrow China \ up \leftrightarrow a \ matter \leftrightarrow be
China \leftrightarrow by \ China \leftrightarrow China \ and \leftrightarrow China \ had \leftrightarrow China
may \leftrightarrow China \ not \leftrightarrow China \ now \leftrightarrow China \ off \leftrightarrow China \ the
\leftrightarrow China \ was \leftrightarrow China \ who \leftrightarrow countries \leftrightarrow for \ China \leftrightarrow not
China \leftrightarrow win \ China \leftrightarrow China \ for \leftrightarrow China \ and \leftrightarrow China \ .
FDI \leftrightarrow China \ does \leftrightarrow China \ ends \leftrightarrow China \ ever \leftrightarrow China
from \leftrightarrow China \ held \leftrightarrow China \ must \dots \ and \ many \ more!
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Results?

- Almost 6M equivalence classes (English via Spanish)
- Then intersect various lang pairs => better precision?
- E.g. intersect English paraphrases from
 - en cs en
 - en de en
 - en es en
 - en fr en

Good Output Examples

- I applaud this initiative ↔ I support this initiative ↔ I welcome this initiative
- Chen Guancheng ← Chen Guangcheng

Less Good...

- Mr Babitsky ↔ he

 (One might be tempted to add manually the EU does not know what they want)

Šárka Zikánová

Discourse

 Organizational and financial questions of projects concerning discourse and coreference (GAČR, Kontakt, new Kontakt application)

Lectures

- Variability of languages in time and space (together with Magda Ševčíková and Anja Nedoluzhko)
- Information structure and discourse analysis
- (together with prof. Hajičová)

GAČR P406/12/0658 Coreference, discourse relations and information structure in a contrastive perspective

- 2012-2015
- Šárka Zikánová, prof. Hajičová, Anja Nedoluzhko, Barbora Vidová Hladká, Kateřina Rysová, Lucie Poláková
- Cooperation with Magdaléna Rysová, Pavlína Jínová, Jiří Mírovský (prof. Panevová´s GAČR, Lindat)
- 6.9 mil. CZK

GAČR P406/12/0658 Coreference, discourse relations and information structure in a contrastive perspective

- Interplay of coreference, discourse and information structure (Czech, English, German)
 - Contextual boundness and coreferential chains
 - Textual conditions of surface ellipsis (e.g. Information structure)
 - Means indicating a break in the discourse
 - Alternative lexicalizations of discourse connectives (the reason is...)

Kontakt ME10018 Towards a computational analysis of text structure

- 2010-2012
- Prof. Hajičová, Pavlína Jínová, Jiří Mírovský, Anja Nedoluzhko, Lucie Poláková, Kateřina Rysová, Magdaléna Rysová, Šárka Zikánová
- Cooperation with the Penn Discourse Treebank (Aravind Joshi, Rashmi Prasad, Bonnie Webber)
- Travelling costs (1.7 mil. CZK)

Kontakt ME10018 Towards a computational analysis of text structure

- PDTB as a resource of inspiration for the discourse annotation in the Prague Dependency Treebank
 - Consulting the methodology, comparison of the results
 - Workshops (2011 Prague, 2012 Philadelphia)
- Application for a further Kontakt project for 2013-2015

Zdeněk Žabokrtský (1/2)

research topics

- past
 - valency (VALLEX, Valency lexicon of Czech verbs)
 - treebanking (grammatemes and coreference in PDT)
 - anaphora resolution, parsing, named entities

current

- dependency syntax in machine translation
- semi-supervised and unsupervised ML in NLP

"office"

- organizing PhD-study-related events, especially state exams and defenses
- UFAL internships

Zdeněk Žabokrtský (2/2)

- Courses taught in 2012/2013:
 - Technology for NLP (with Jan Štěpánek)
 - bash+perl+xml...
 - Language data resources (with Martin Popel)
 - corpora, treebanks, lexical databases ...
 - Selected Problems in Machine Learning (with David Mareček)
 - intro to Bayesian ML, Gibbs sampling..., for PGS
 - Exercises in Machine Learning (with Ondřej Bojar)
 - gaining experience on various ML techniques
- PhD students supervised in 2012/2013
 - Nguy Giang Linh, Martin Popel, Michal Novák, Nathan Green, Loganathan Ramasamy