

# Translating Ontologies in Real-World Settings with ESSOT

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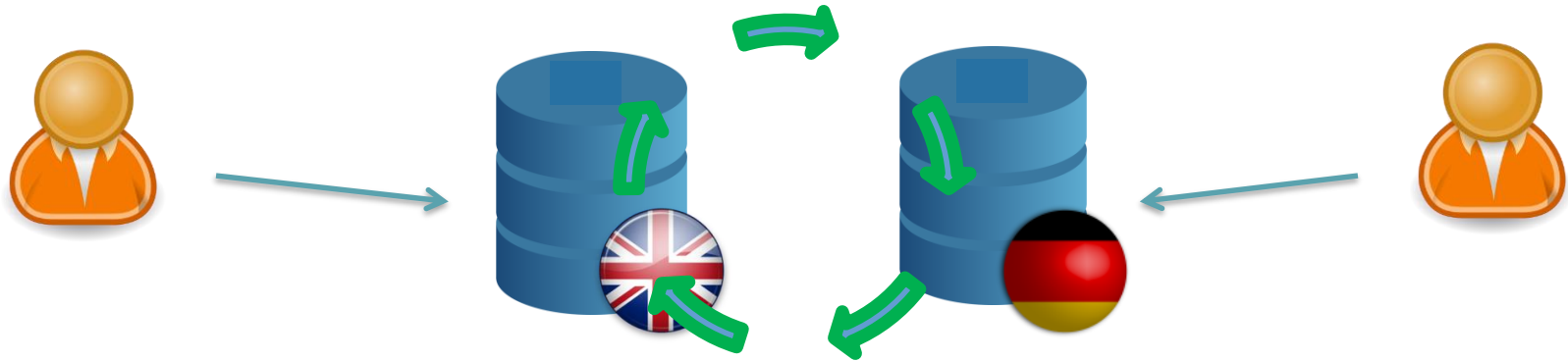
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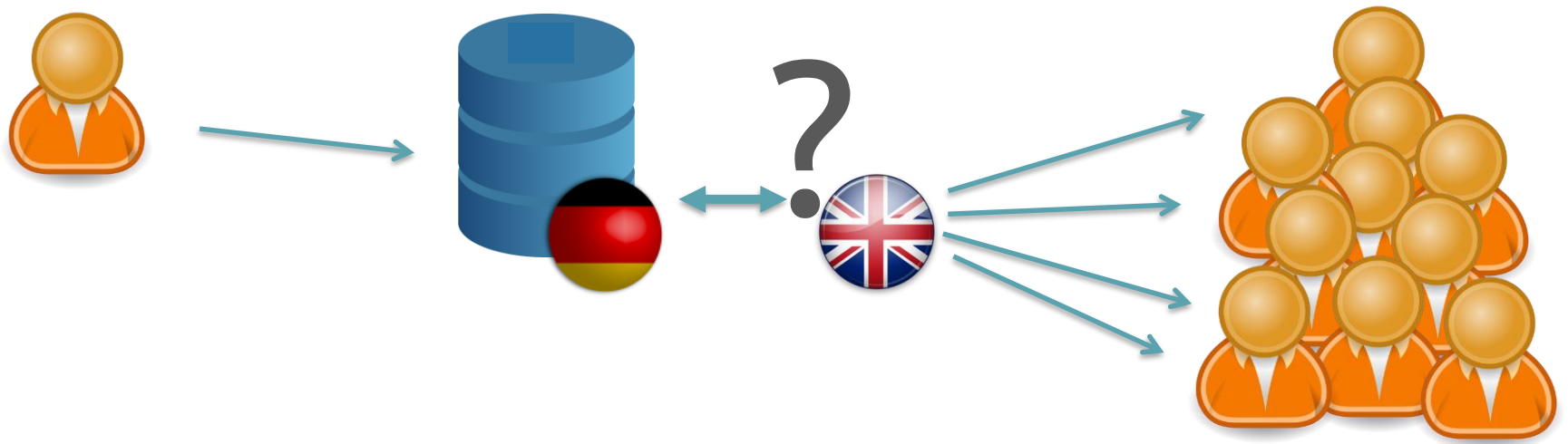
Real-world scenarios in which ESSOT has been validated

# Motivation 1 – Breaking language barriers



- ❑ Ontologies created by people do not know other languages than their mother tongue
- ❑ Collaborative work and alignment in a multi-lingual scenario.
  - end-user applications

# Motivation 2 – Knowledge Dissemination



- ❑ Artefacts are created in specific languages due to policy constraints



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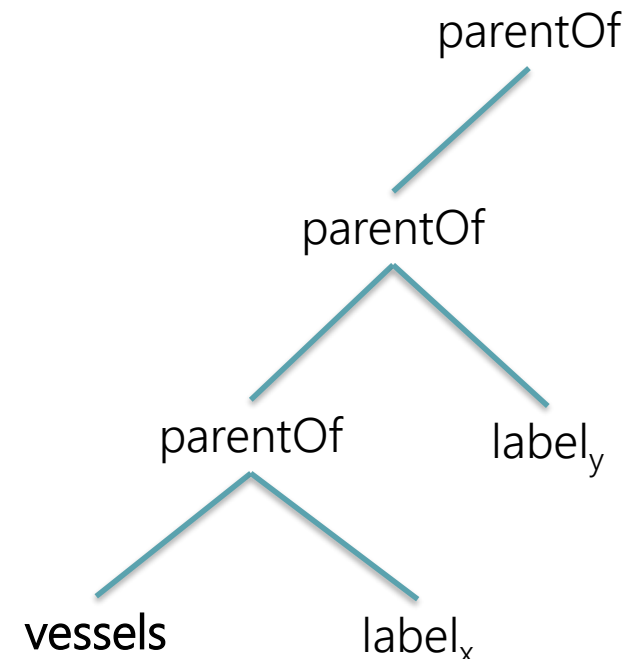
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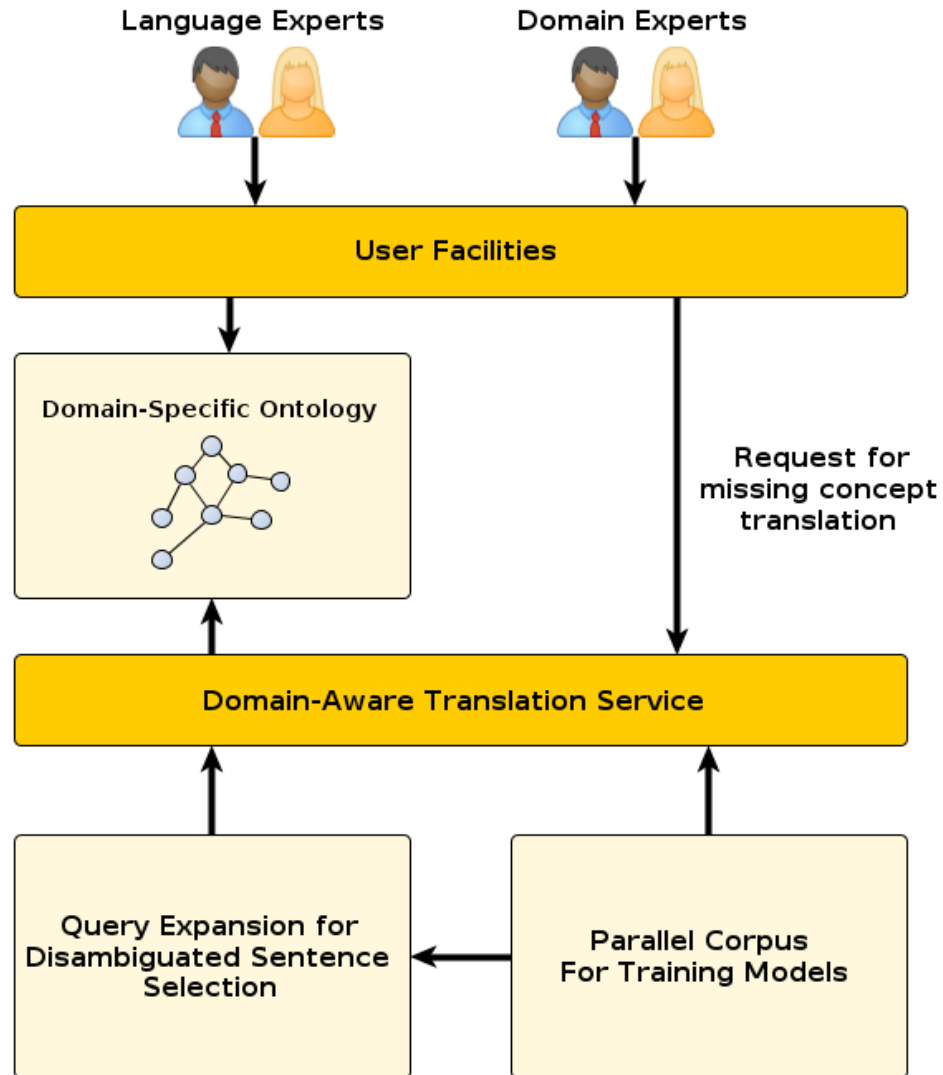
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## ONTOLOGY



# ESSOT Architecture

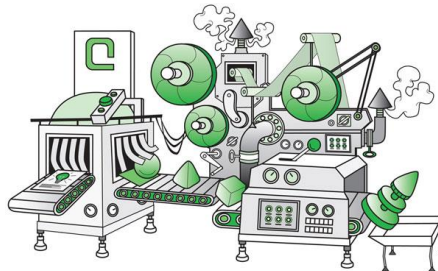


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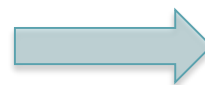
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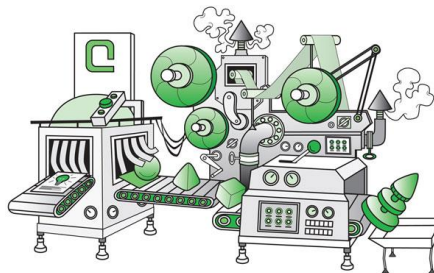
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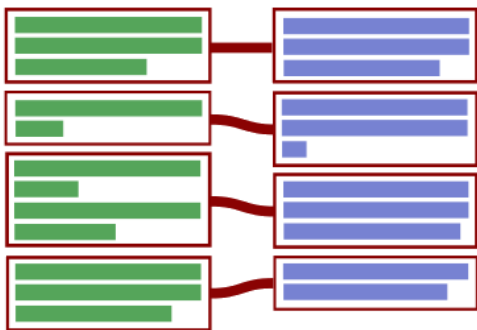
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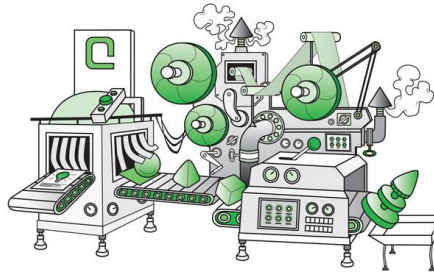
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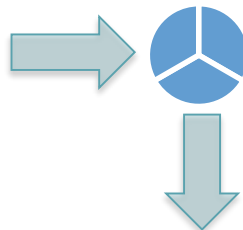
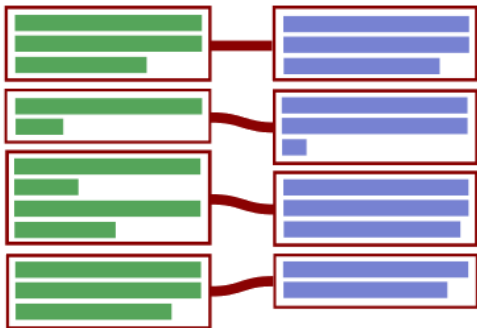
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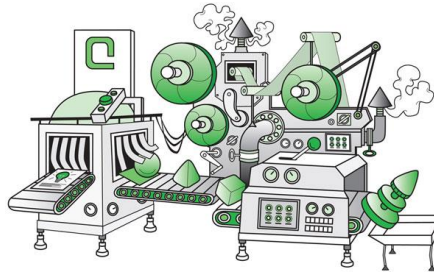
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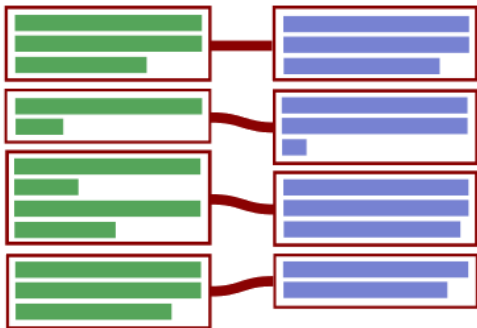
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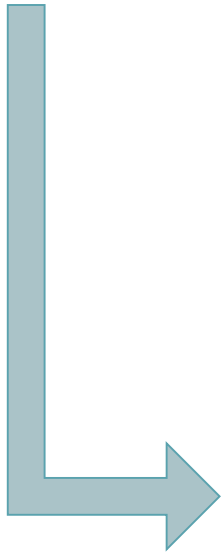


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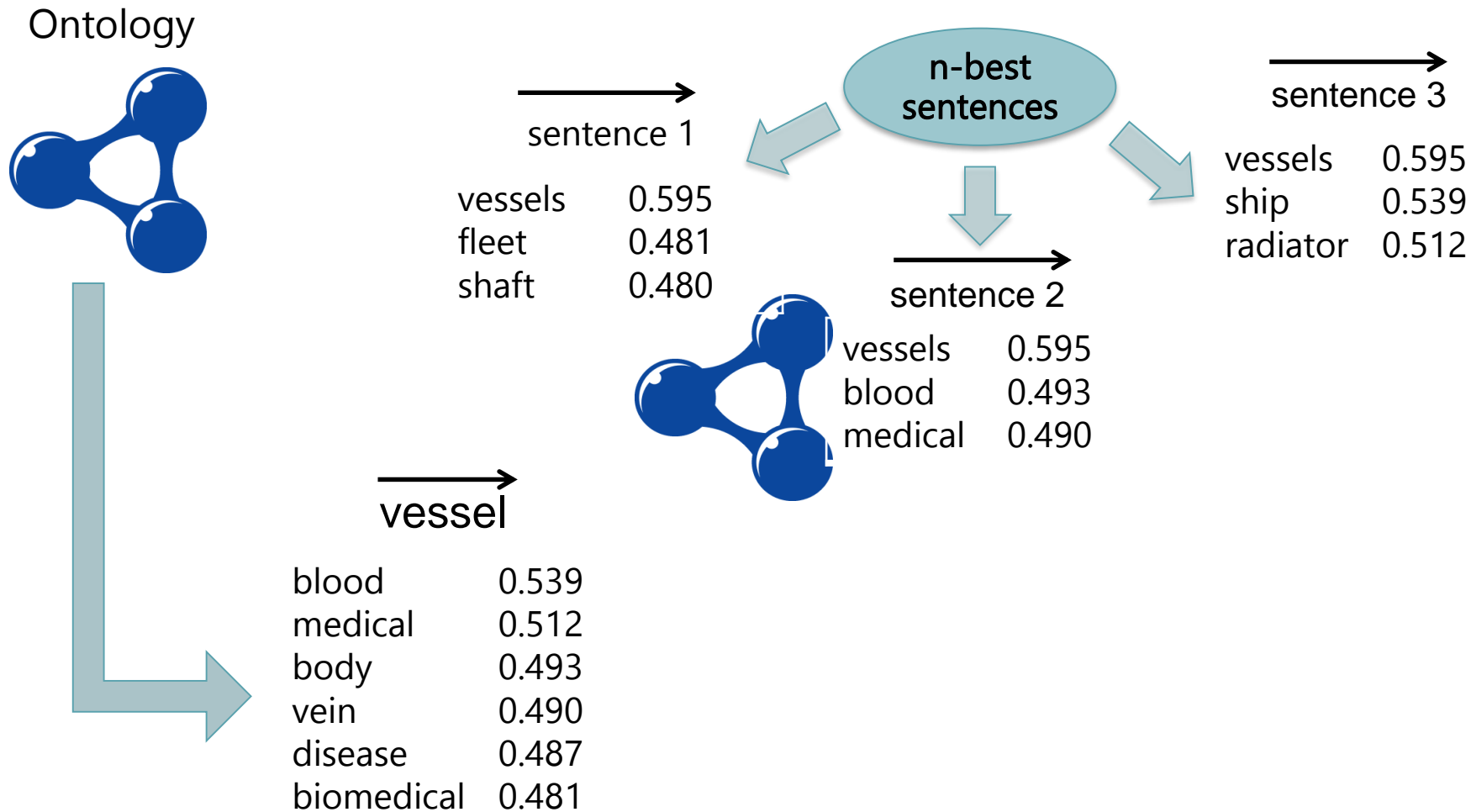
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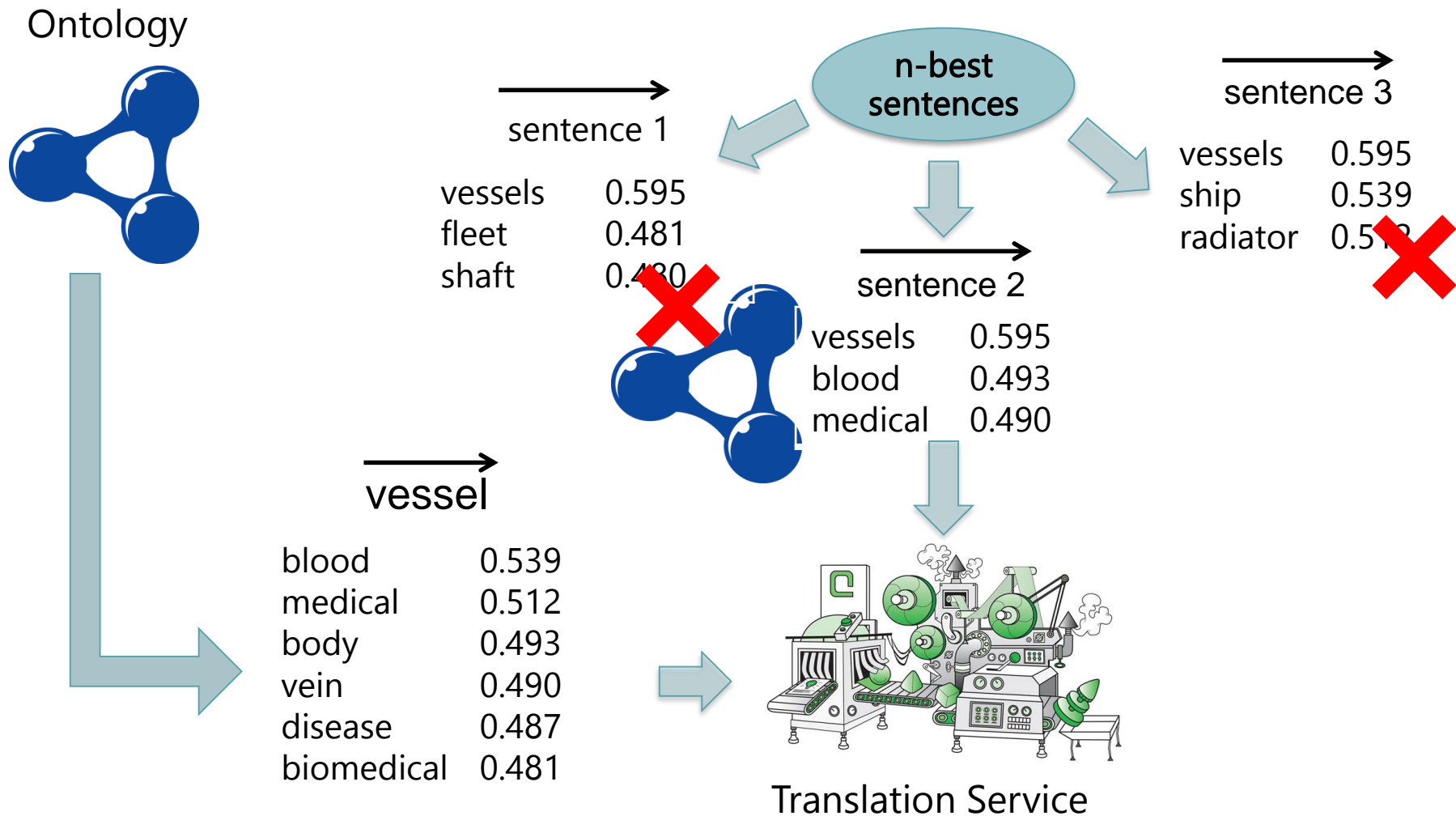
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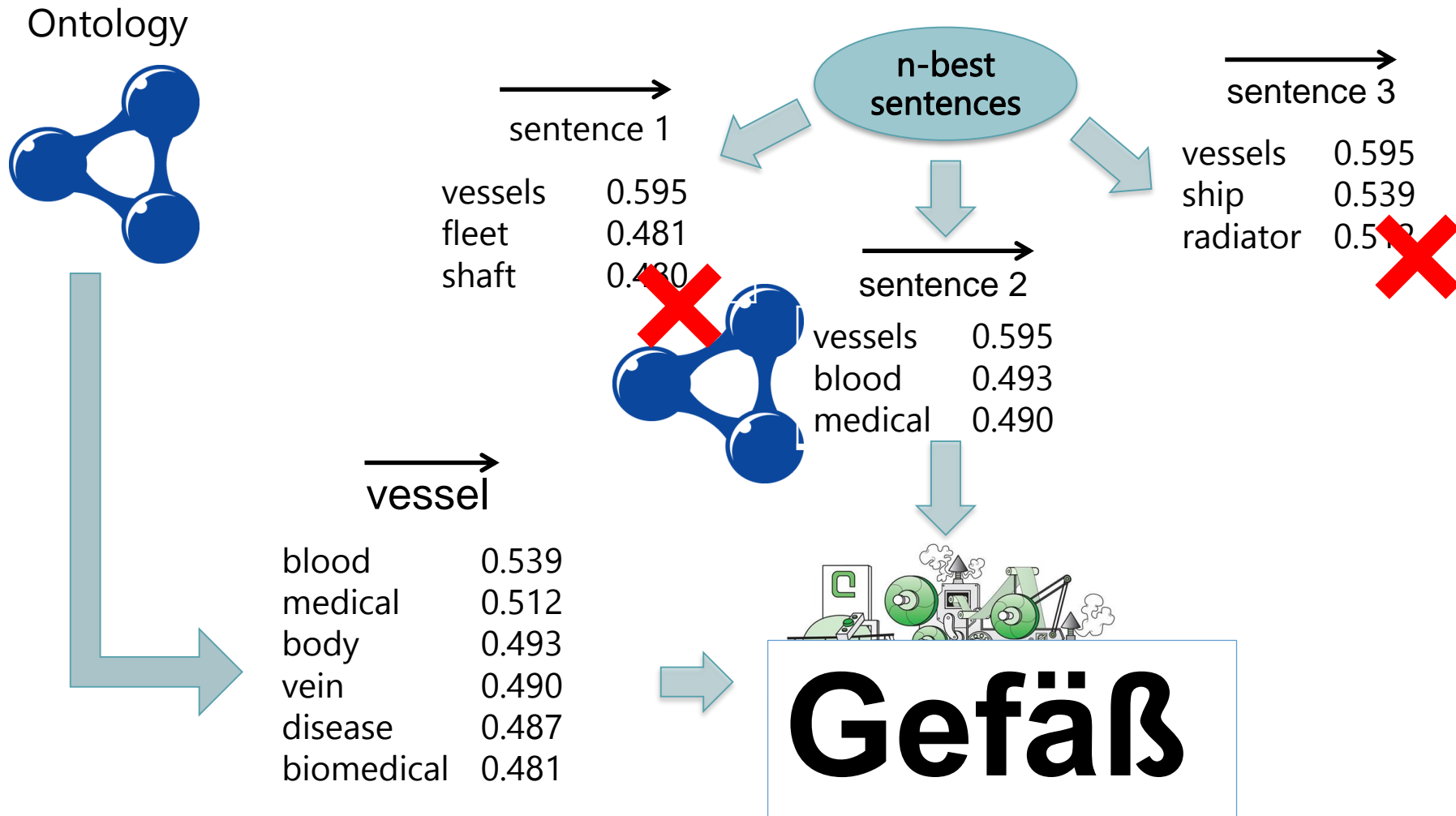
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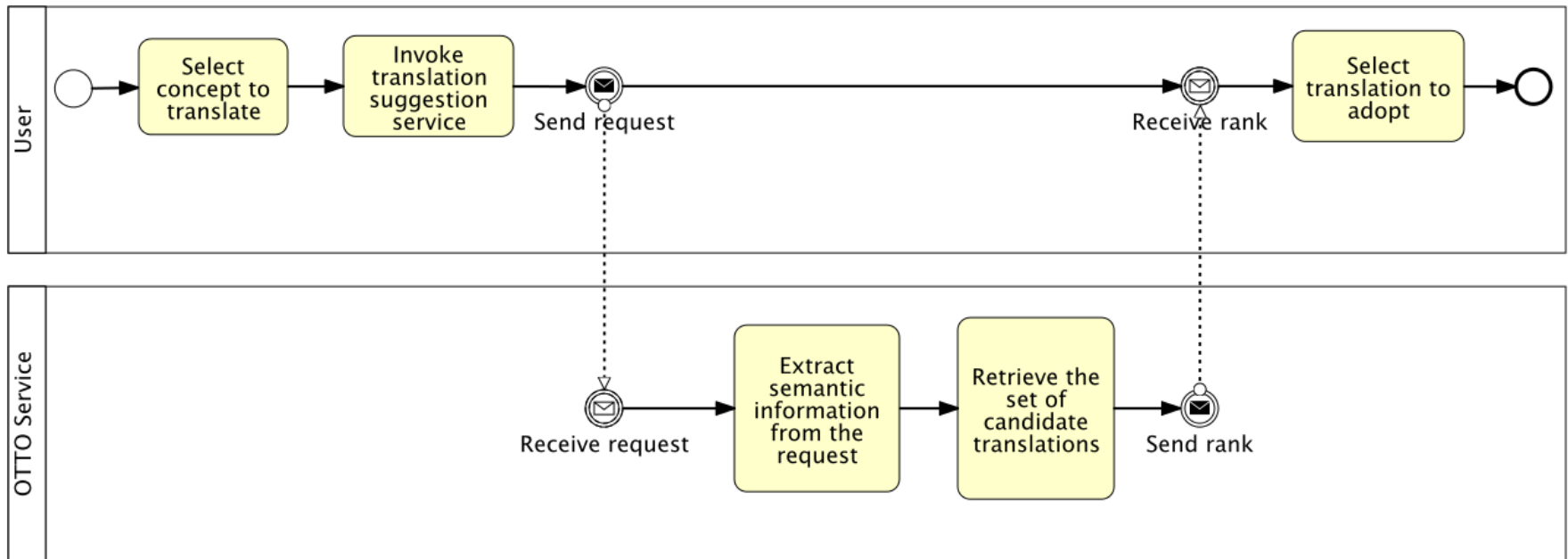


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# Translation Request Pipeline



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Translation in the language:

**English**

Concept name

agricultural method

Concept description

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Entity translation

Entity name: agricultural method

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Entity description: Practices used to enhance crop and livestock health and prevent weed, pest or disease problems without the use of chemical substances.

Translation: Practices used to enhance crop and livestock health and prevent weed, pest or disease problems without the use of chemical substances.

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Save

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Translation: agricultu

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Entity description: Practices without

Translation: Practi

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List all Concepts

Number of concepts in the Domain Model: 62

Select language: English

Select language: Italiano

Concept	Description	Concept translation	Description translations
Activity	A type of action performed by an agent in general sense.	attività	
agricultural method	Practices used to enhance crop and livestock health and prevent weed, pest or disease problems without the use of chemical substances.	agrario metodo	le pratiche vegetali e animali usati per promuovere la salute e la prevenzione delle malattie, parassiti e infestanti problemi senza l'uso di sostanze chimiche.
europaean agricultural method	Agricultural techniques used in Europe.	metodo agricolo europeo	le tecniche agricole utilizzate in europa.
animal origin processed product	Any product of animal origin canned, cooked, frozen, concentrated, pickled or otherwise prepared to assure its preservation in transport, distribution and storage, but does not include the final cooking or preparation of a food product for use as a meal or part of a meal such as may be done by restaurants, catering companies or similar establishments where	animale sorgente processed prodotto	

# ESSOT: The OTTO Translation Service

Upload the ontology to be translated:

No file chosen

or provide the internet address to it:

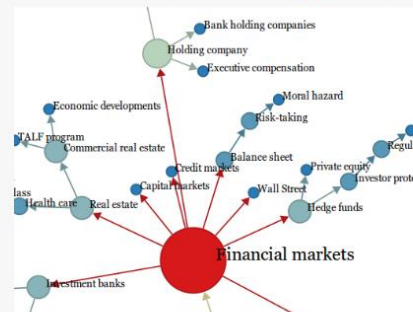
E-mail (optional):

The extraction and translation of an ontology may take several minutes (or hours). The provided optional email will be used to inform the user of the start and end of the translation process, as well the web address where the data will be stored. After the translation process, the provided email will be deleted from the system.

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<http://nlp.insight-centre.org/>

The OTTO Translation System was developed to enhance English monolingual ontologies in RDF (n-triples) or Owl with multilingual lexical knowledge. Currently, OTTO translates from English into German, Spanish, Italian, Irish, Slovenian and Czech.

Example of an RDF representation in the financial domain (see [rdf/n-triples file](#)).



RDF file was generated by Saffron.

<http://server1.nlp.insight-centre.org/otto>

# Example

## Input

```
{
  {
    "label2translate": "vessels",
    "concept_context":
      [
        "blood",
        "medical",
        "disease",
        "biomedical",
      ],
    "translate2": "de"
  }
}
```

## Output

```
{
  "possible_translations":
  {
    "blutgefäßen": -15.8438,
    "gefäßen": -2.4100,
    "halsgefäße": -2.6682
    ....
  },
  "time": "24 wallclock secs",
  "source_label": "vessels",
  "best": "gefäßen"
}
```

[http://server1.nlp.insight-centre.org/otto/rest\\_service.html](http://server1.nlp.insight-centre.org/otto/rest_service.html)

# Evaluation Procedure

## □ Qualitative evaluation:

We collected subjective judgments from the language experts involved in the evaluation of the tool on general usability of the components and to provide feedback for future improvements.

- **Research Questions 1:** Does the proposed system provide an effective support, in terms of the quality of suggested translations, to the management of multilingual ontologies?
- **Research Questions 2:** Do the MoKi functionalities provide an effective support to the collaborative management of a multilingual ontology?

## □ Quantitative Evaluation:

We collected objective measures concerning the effectiveness of the translations suggested by the embedded machine translation service.

- 3 metrics: BLEU, METEOR, TER
- 3 language pairs: EN $\leftrightarrow$ DE, EN $\leftrightarrow$ IT, EN $\leftrightarrow$ ES
- 6 ontologies:
  - Organic.Lingua, Presto
  - TheSoz, Geoskill, DOAP, STW

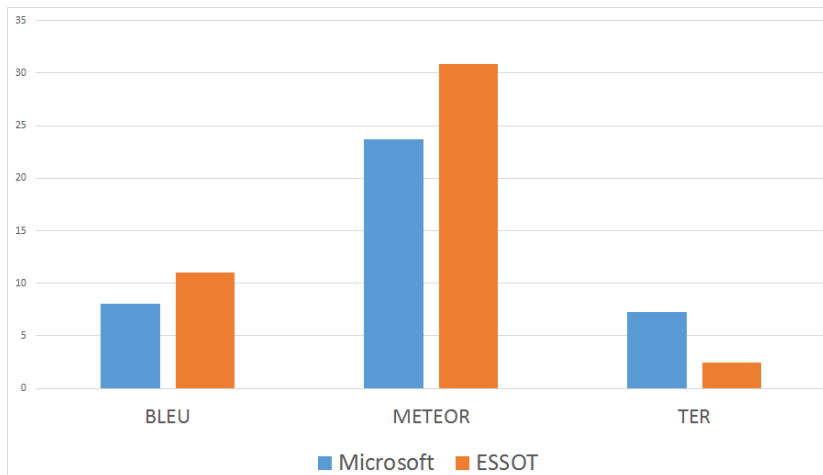


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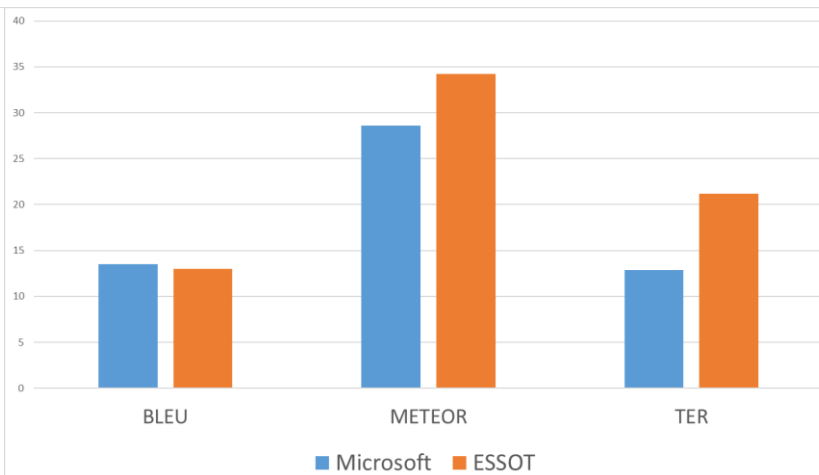
- ❑ Language Experts view
  - Pros: Easy to use for managing translations (9)
  - Cons: Usable interface for showing concept translations (3)
  
- ❑ Approval and Discussion
  - Pros: Pending approvals give a clear situation about concept status (4)
  - Cons: Discussion masks are not very useful and the approval process might be improved (8)
  
- ❑ Quick Translation feature
  - Pros: Best facility for translating concepts (8)
  - Cons: Improvable interface design (3)

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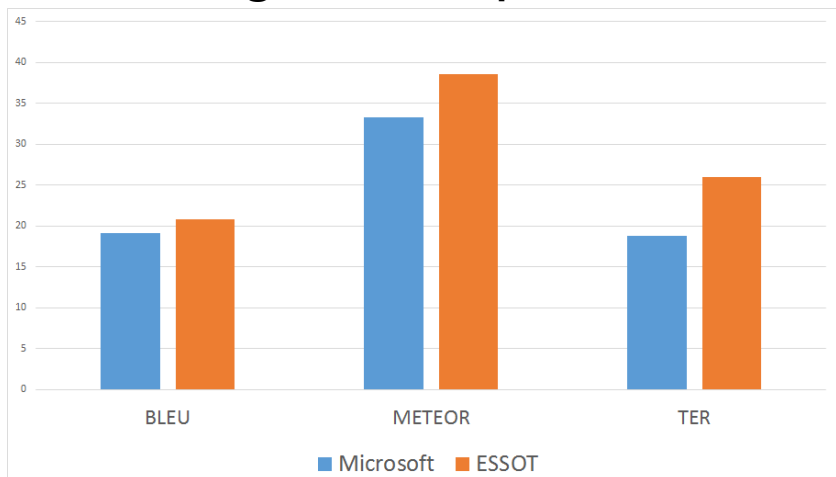
## English $\leftrightarrow$ German



## English $\leftrightarrow$ Italian



## English $\leftrightarrow$ Spanish



- General robustness of the approach
- EN $\leftrightarrow$ DE: wrong translations needed many editing operations
- Computational time to improve
  - avg. 4.1 seconds per request

# Conclusions

- ❑ ESSOT integrates the OTTO domain-adaptable semantic translation service and the MoKi collaborative knowledge management tool in an effective pipeline for multilingual ontology management.
- ❑ ESSOT provides helpful suggestions for performing ontology translation (RQ1) and the provided interfaces are usable and useful for supporting the language experts in the translation activity (RQ2)
- ❑ The translation quantitative evaluation shows significant improvements over the Microsoft Translation system
- ❑ Future work:
  - to extend this strategy to other problems (e.g. ontology enrichment);
  - improve the approval management task;
  - improve the service efficiency.

**SEE YOU LATER AT THE DEMO SESSION !!!!!**



It's time for questions...

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# Translation Examples

Ontology Label	Microsoft	OTTO	Gold standard
driver	Treiber	Fahrer	Fahrer
stroke	Strich	Schlaganfall	Schlaganfall
demonstration	Vorführung	Demonstration	Demonstration
race	Rennen	Rasse	Rasse
fine	feine	Geldbuße	Geldbuße
bonapartism	Bonapartismus	bonapartism	Bonapartismus
shamanism	Schamanismus	shamanism	Schamanismus

# ESSOT Training Data

Corpus Name	Domain	→ German	→ Italian	→ Spanish
JRC-Acquis	legislative	✓		✓
DGT	legislative		✓	✓
ECB*	financial	✓	✓	✓
EMEA*	medical	✓	✓	✓
Europarl	proceedings of the EP	✓	✓	✓
Gnome*	information technology		✓	✓
KDE*	information technology	✓	✓	✓
OpenOffice*	information technology.	✓		
PHP*	information technology	✓		
OpenSubtitles13*	translated movie subtitles	✓	✓	✓
TED	talk transcriptions		✓	✓
MultiUn	United Nation Documents	✓		
Wikipedia Titles	terminology expressions		✓	✓
Number of parallel sentences:		10,222,259	23,441,275	37,583,385

# The Organic.Lingua and Presto Scenarios

- ❑ The Organic.Lingua project:  
multilingual services for discovery, retrieval, exploitation and extension of content related to Organic Agriculture and AgroEcology, particularly:
  - find resources in languages different from the ones in which the query has been formulated;
  - manage meta-data information for resources in different languages;
  - contribute to evolving content, e.g. providing services for content generation.
  
- ❑ The PRESTO project:  
the creation of a system for the customization of serious games scenarios based on virtual reality. Ontologies are used for:
  - manage interoperability between different 3D libraries;
  - support developers in developing behaviors of virtual agents.

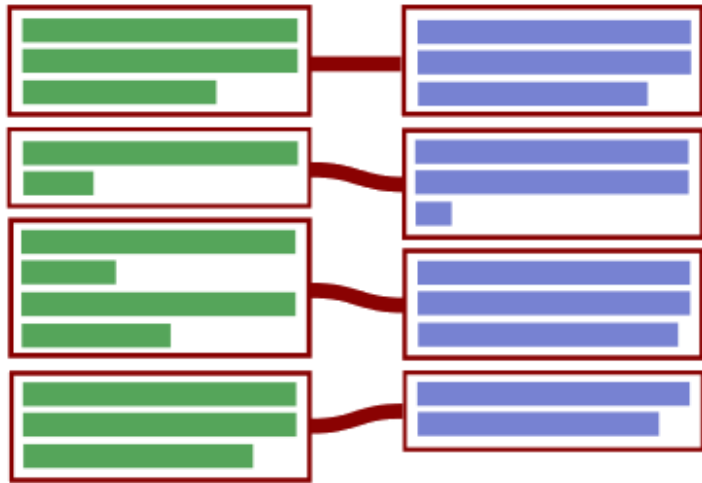
# Construction of the Translation Model

- ❑ Word2Vec for building semantic vectors of words
  - Wikipedia pages used as a single huge textual file for building word vectors.
- ❑ Parallel corpora used for building a generic SMT model
  - Moses Toolkit has been used.
- ❑ Word vectors generated by W2V are used for filtering parallel sentences by detecting the ones that are more relevant.
- ❑ When a translation is requested:
  - the context of the concept is extracted from the ontology, packed and sent to the service;
  - vectors associated with each label are aggregated in order to generate a unique vector describing the full concept context; the same is done for the sentences containing the label to translate;
  - The aggregated vector is compared with the vectors of the relevant sentences;
  - Closest sentence is chosen for extracting the concept translation.



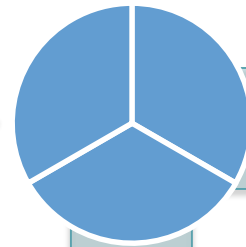
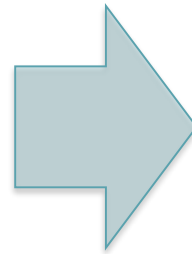
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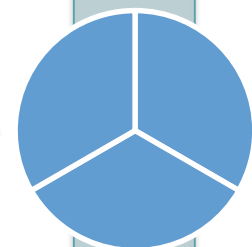
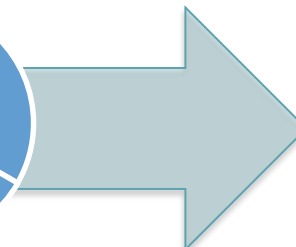


Probabilistic Model

$$\arg \max_f p(f|e)p(e)$$



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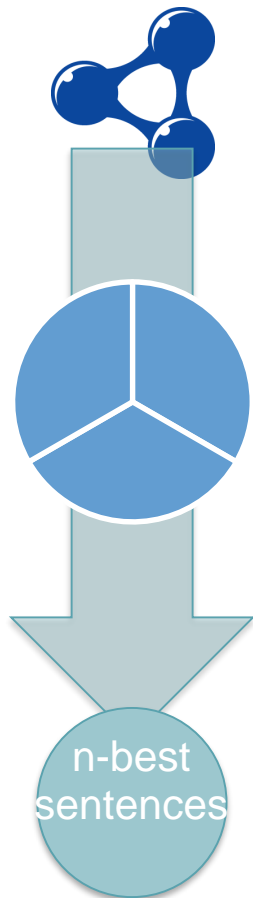
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# Problem Space of Ontology Translation within SMT

	Out-of-Vocabulary (OOV) Problem	Out-of-Domain Translation
Source text:	acroscopic	vessels
Reference translation: (gold standard)	akroskopisch	Gefäße
Target transl. (generic):	acroscopic	Schiffe <sup>(1)</sup>
Target transl. (specific):	acroscopic	Gefäße (1) Google Translate

# Domain-specific data selection from available resources



## Ontology to be translated

labels:

- *Administrative Act*
- *Insurance*
- *Equity*

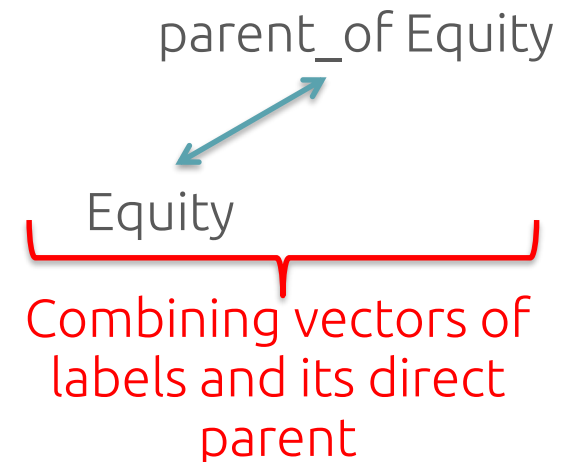
## Parallel Resources

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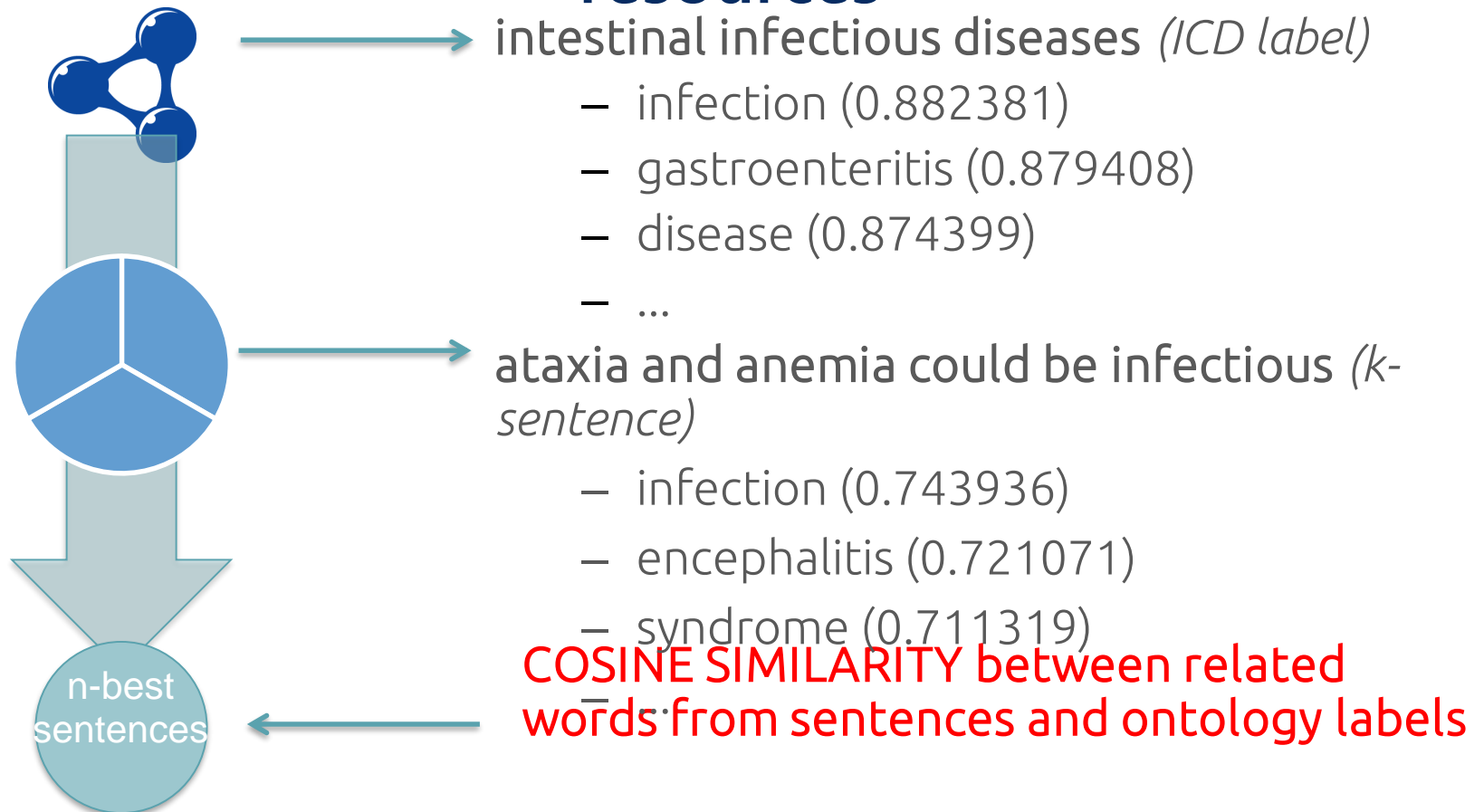
- *sentence1*
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## Word2Vec

- two-layer neural network, trained on large amount of text (Wikipedia)
- produces a distributed representation of words



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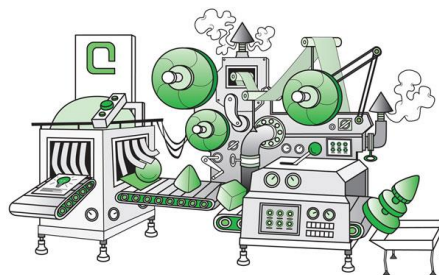


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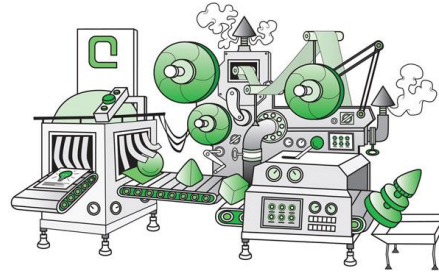


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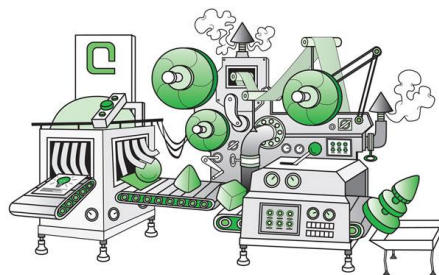


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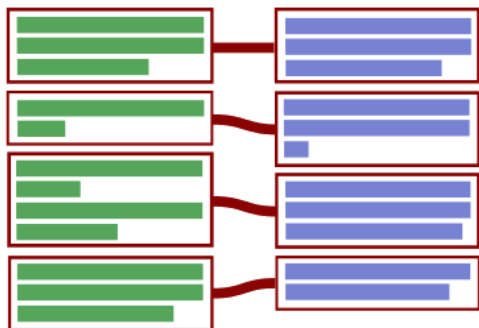
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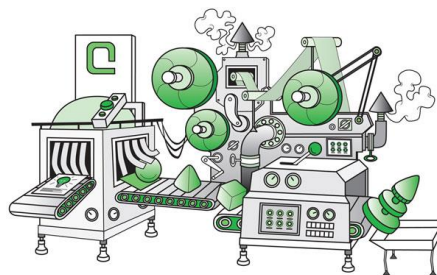
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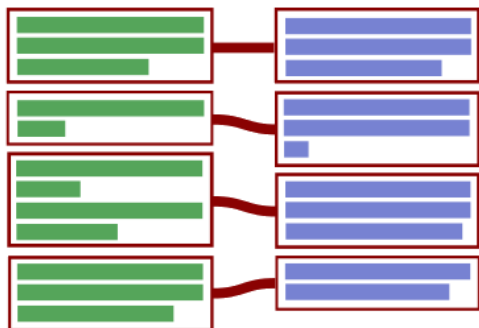


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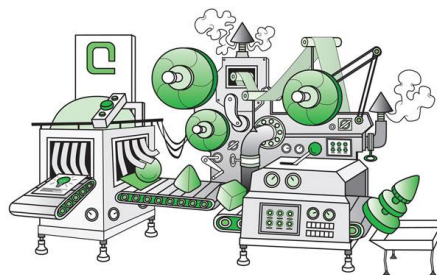


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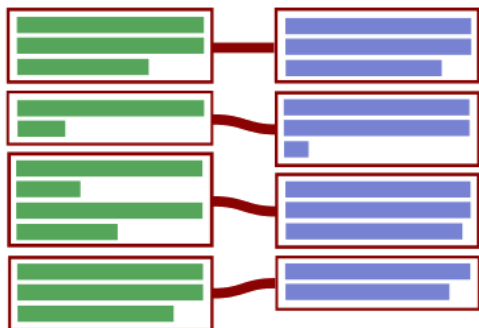
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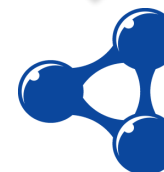
Multi-dimensional Matrix

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sank	0.48096	0.5415	...
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Parallel Corpora

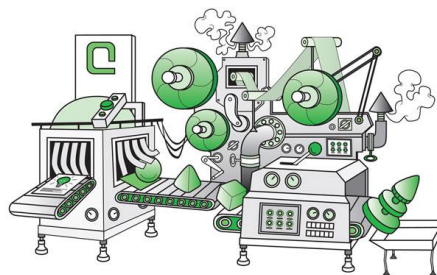


Generic Translation Model



n-best sentences

# Online Domain Adaptation



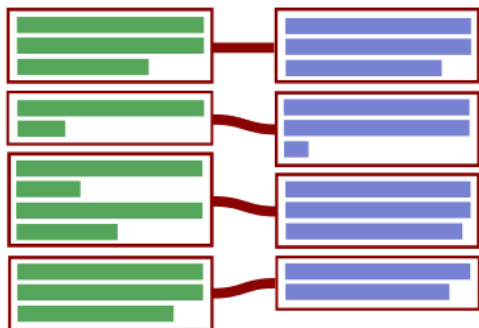
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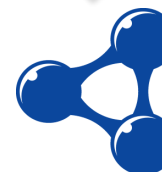
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n-best sentences

# Domain-specific data selection from available resources

... serious inflammation of the **vessels** ...  
... **vessels** inflammation which may result in very rare ...  
... arteries or of the blood **vessels** supplying the brain ...  
... puncture of non-compressible **vessels** within the last month  
...

Statistical  
Machine  
Translation  
System

