

# Language technologies for Education: recent results by the MLLP group

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• Research group at the Univ. Politècnica de València (Spain)

#### • Research areas:

- Machine Learning and Applications
- Natural Language Processing
- Educational Technologies and Big Data
- Recent research projects:
  - transLectures: Transcription and translation of video lectures
  - EMMA: European Multiple MOOC Aggregator
  - Active Interaction for Speech Transcription and Translation

## transLectures (Nov 2011 – Oct 2014)

**Main goal:** to develop innovative, cost-effective (quasi-automatic) solutions to produce accurate subtitles for educational videos

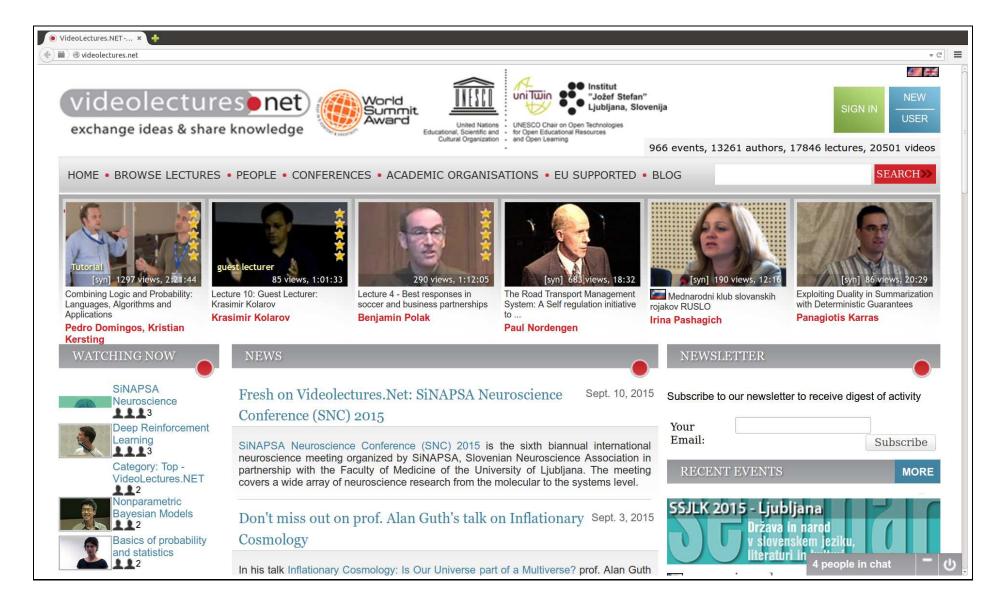
## Two pilots:

- *VideoLectures.NET:* En, SI  $En \rightarrow \{De,SI,Fr,Es\}$   $SI \rightarrow En$
- *poliMedia:* Es, Ca Es $\leftrightarrow$ En Ca $\leftrightarrow$ {Es,En}

### Three scientific and technological objectives:

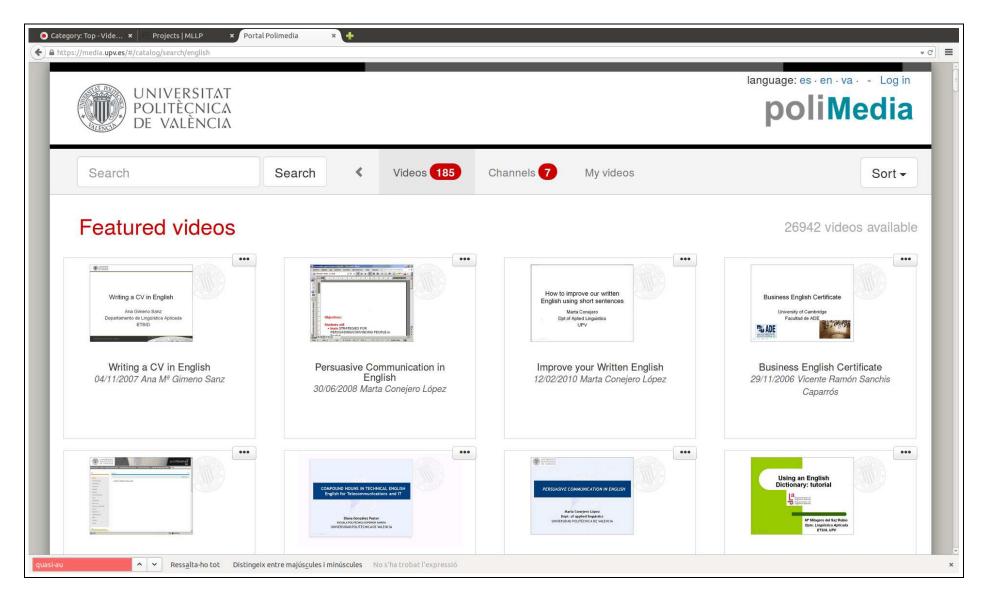
- *Massive adaptation* to improve subtitling quality
- Intelligent interaction to improve subtitling quality
- Integration into Opencast to enable real-life evaluation

# transLectures: VideoLectures.NET



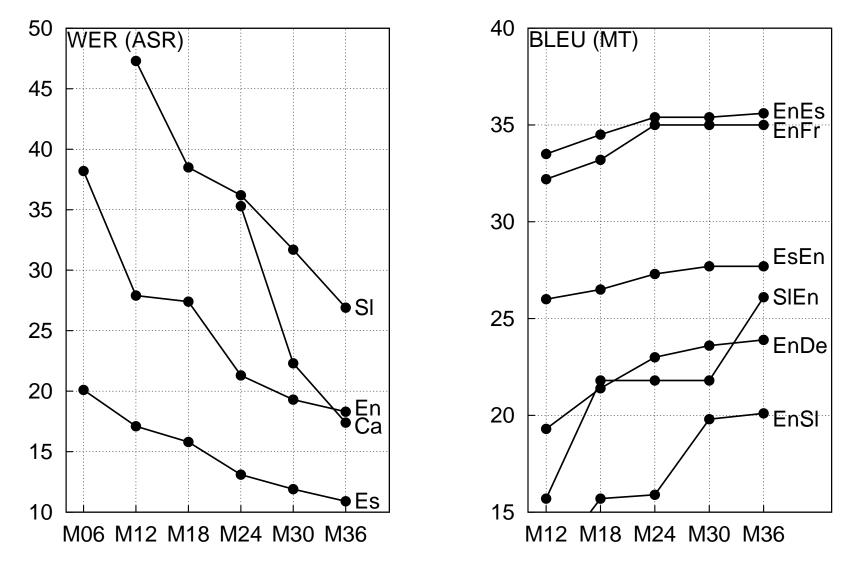
>20000 videos (45 min. on avg.): 85% English, 13% Slovenian, ...

# transLectures: poliMedia



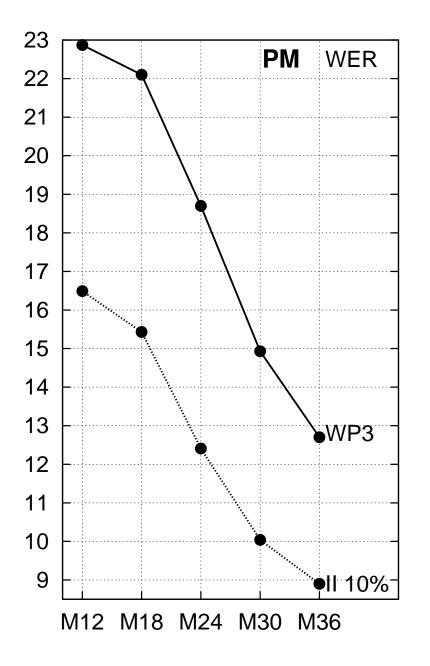
### 27000 videos (2-10 min.): 88% Spanish, 3% Catalan, ...

## transLectures: Massive adaptation



- Key advances: neural networks and "extra" resources (slides)
- ASR: all error rates below 30 % (SI: 26.9 %, others below 20 %)
- SMT: all BLEU scores above 20 (En $\rightarrow$ SI: 20.1, mostly above 25)

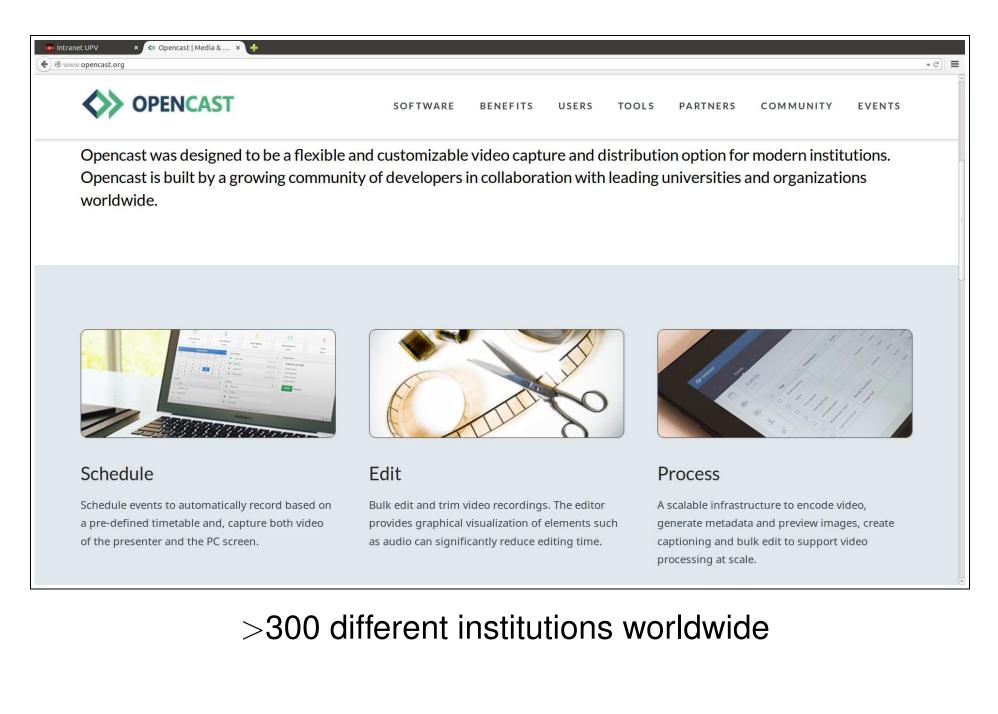
## transLectures: Intelligent interaction



### poliMedia transcription

The 10% of words recognized with minimum confidence include 30% of the actual word recognition errors

# transLectures: Integration into Opencast



# transLectures: try our tools

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Try our tools at ttp.mllp.upv.es 190 users and 1197 videos (264 hours) since May 2014

# transLectures: try our tools (cont.)

Institution	Country	Language
Univ. Politècnica de València	Spain	ES, CA, EN
Univ. Carlos III de Madrid	Spain	ES, EN
Universidade Aberta	Portugal	PT, EN
University of Naples Federico II	Italy	IT, EN
Open Universiteit Nederland	Netherlands	NL, EN
University of Leicester	UK	EN, ES

## Examples:

- Lecture recorded at poliMedia studios. [link]
- Lee Rubenstein, edX VP of Business Development: "Reinventing education", 30 June 2015, València. [link]
- Text-to-Speech demo [link]

## EMMA (Feb 2014 – Jul 2016)

## European Multiple MOOC Aggregator (EMMA)

Main goal: to provide multilingual access to European MOOCs

### Motivation:

- Most MOOCs are offered in few languages (En, Es, Fr)
- Language barrier is keeping many learners from taking MOOCs
- MOOC components: texts, images, videos, forums
- EMMA uses transLectures tools to translate videos and texts
  - Few hours of video in 7 En, Es, It, NI, Et, Pt and Fr
  - Source language is the national language of the MOOC provider
  - Target languages: En, Es and It

# EMMA: cost of manually translating MOOCs

## Texts:

- Manual translation rate is approximately 2500 words per day
- A 6-week course with 75000 words takes 1.5 PM

### Videos:

- Before translating, videos are manually transcribed (10 RTF)
- Then, transcriptions are translated (30 RTF)
- A course including 2 hours of video takes 0.5 PM

#### Solutions to lower costs:

- Crowdsourcing (e.g. TED talks)
- ASR and MT: user effort is reduced to 30% (2  $\rightarrow$  0.6 PM)

# EMMA: automatic video subtitling

- 1. Generation of *automatic transcriptions* from video
- 2. Manual review of automatic transcriptions



- 3. Generation of *automatic translations* from transcriptions
- 4. Manual review of automatic translations



# **EMMA: automatic document translation**

- Course text is ingested into the translation system
- Source and target texts are reviewed in parallel
- Preview of source and target texts also available
- Translated text is imported back into the EMMA platform

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## **EMMA: evaluations**

## Video subtitling

	Transcription	Translation	Total
Language pairs	RTF (10)	RTF (30)	RTF (40)
Spanish $\rightarrow$ English	3	7	10
English $\rightarrow$ Spanish	6	17	23

#### **Document translation**

	Translation
Language pairs	RTF
Spanish $\rightarrow$ English	7
English $\rightarrow$ Spanish	17

# EMMA: conclusions

- Multilingual access to your course boosts visibility
- The cost of manually translating your course is high (2 PM)
- Automatic translation can reduce the temporal cost to 30%
- Accuracy of automatic translation depends on several factors:
  - Languages involved
  - Availability of annotated data resources related to your course
  - Specificity of the course
- Designing a multilingual MOOC should also take into account: slides, images, application interfaces (demos), bibliography