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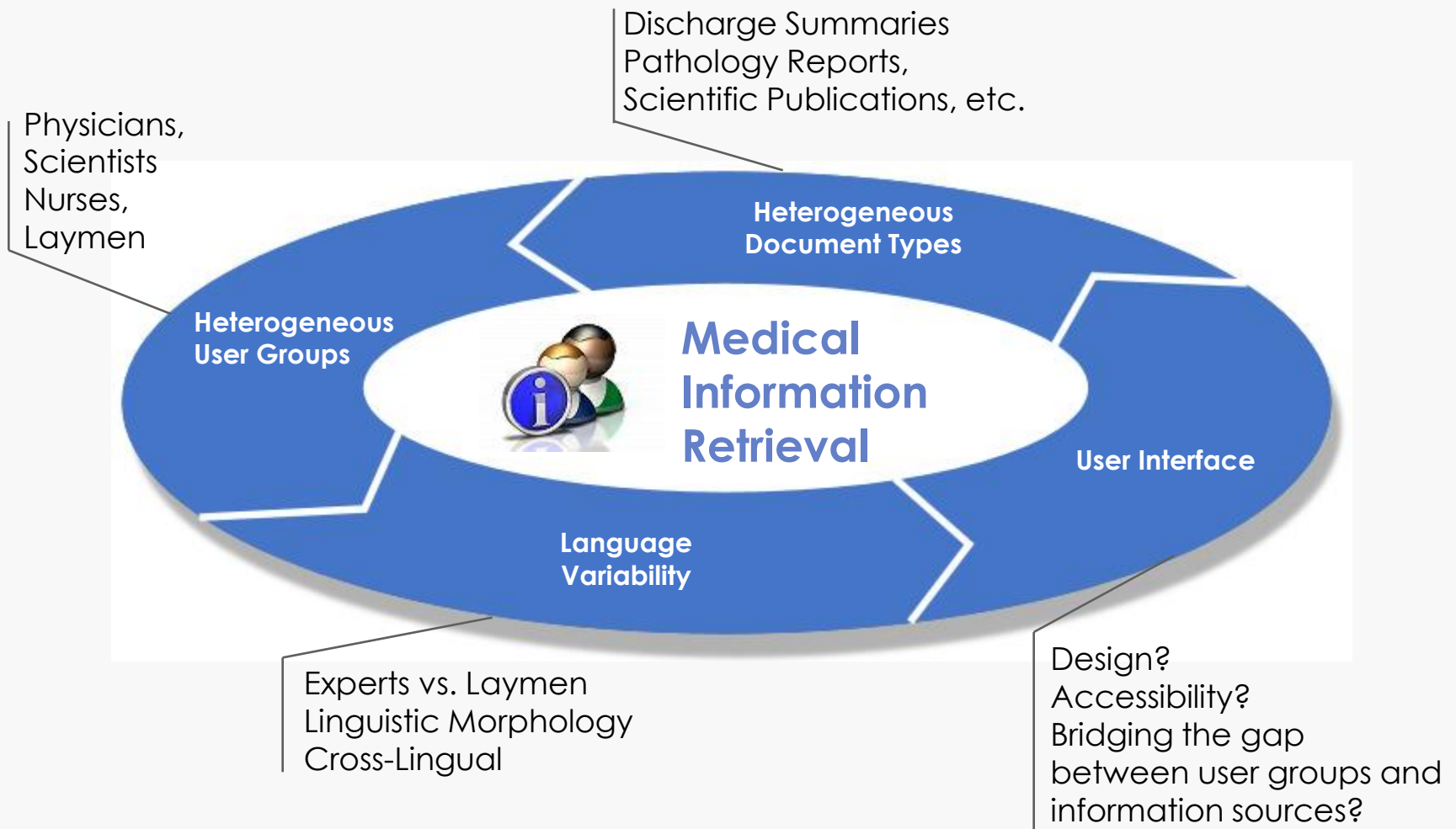
Large-Scale Evaluation of a Medical Cross-Language Information Retrieval System

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Search for risk factor high blood pressure

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hypertension

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Linguistic phenomena adversely influence medical text retrieval !

- **Inflection:** leukocyte vs. leukocyte^s, appendix vs. appendix^{es}
- **Derivation:** leukocyte^e, vs. leukocyt^{ic}
- **Composition:** leuk | em | ia, para | sympath | ectomy
Magen | schleim | haut | entzünd | ung
- **Acronyms:** AIDS, SARS, OECD
- **Orthographic Variants:**
 - Kolonkarzinom, Colonicarcinom,
 - Esophagus, Oesophagus,
- **Synonyms:**
 - High blood pressure – Hypertension,
 - Prophylaxis – Prevention



Subword-based, multilingual semantic indexer for document retrieval

Subwords are atomic, conceptual or linguistic units:

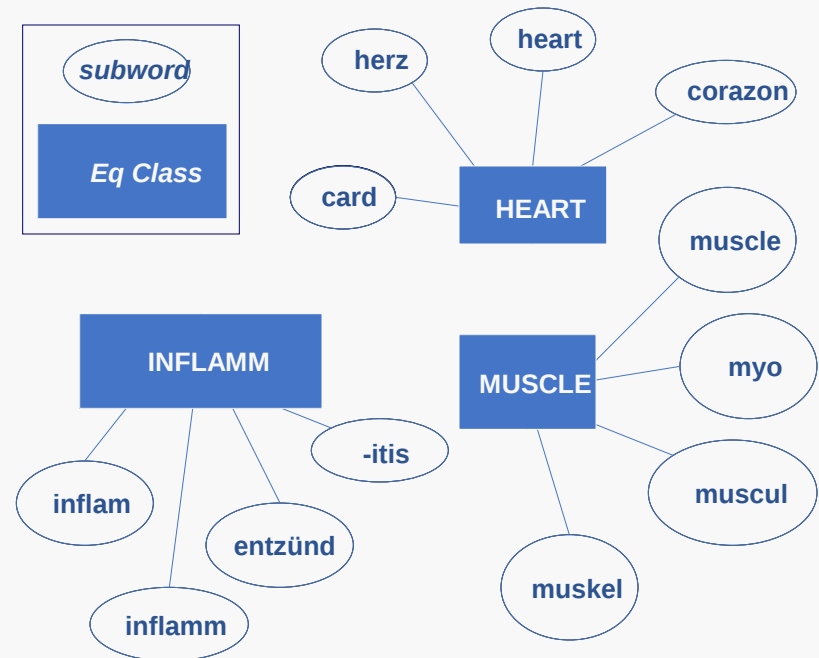
- Stems: *stomach, gastr, diaphys*
- Prefixes: *anti-, bi-, hyper-*
- Suffixes: *-ary, -ion, -itis*
- Infixes: *-o-, -s-*

Equivalence classes contain synonymous subwords and their translations:

- #derma = { **derm**, **cutis**, **skin**, **haut**, **kutis**, **pele**, **cutis**, **piel**, ... }
- #inflamm = { **inflamm**, **-itic**, **-itis**, **-phlog**, **entzuend**, **-itis**, **-itisch**, **inflam**, **flog**, **inflam**, **flog**, ... }



- Thesaurus:
~21.000 equivalence classes (MIDs)
- Lexicon entries:
 - English: ~23.000
 - German: ~24.000
 - Portuguese: ~15.000
 - Spanish : ~11.000
 - French: ~ 8.000
 - Swedish: ~10.000



Segmentation:

Myo | kard | itis

Herz | muskel | entzünd | ung

Inflamm | ation of the heart muscle

Indexation:

#muscle #heart #inflamm

#heart #muscle #inflamm

#inflamm #heart #muscle



Original Document	Orthographic Normalization	Morphological Segmentation	Semantic Normalization
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- Maximum likelihood estimator
- Co-occurrence information from large heterogeneous corpora
- **#patient** should be preferred over **#patience**, since „Patient“ is unambiguous in German and also co-occurs with **#heart**

The American **Heart** Association recommends aspirin use for any **patient** who had a heart attack.

In Deutschland leben 120.000 erwachsene **Patienten** mit angeborenen **Herz**fehlern.

#america **#heart** **#associat** **#advice**
#aspirin **#utilis** **{#patient,**
#patience} **#heart** **#attack.**

#german **#life** **120.000** **#adult**
#patient **#heredit** **#heart** **#failure.**



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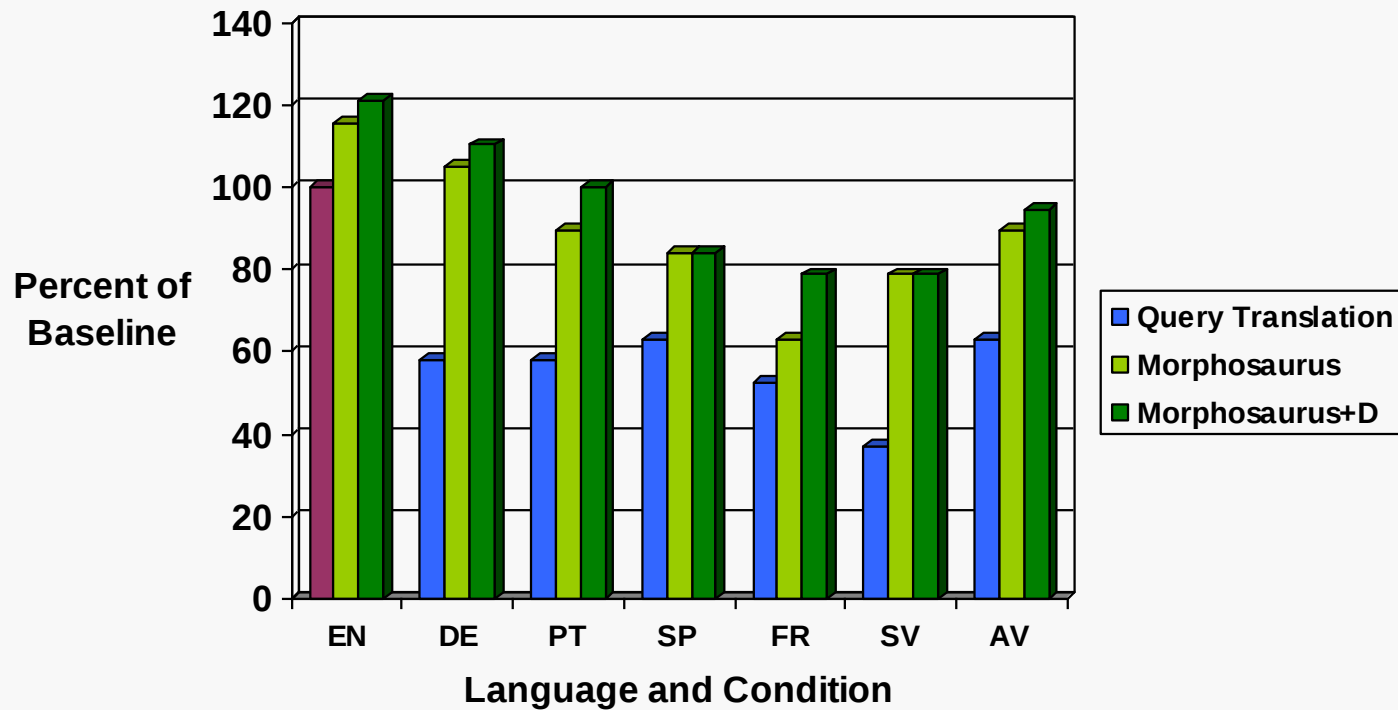
- Gold standards: OHSUMED, ImageCLEFMed
- OHSUMED-Corpus (Hersh et al., 1994)
 - Subset of MEDLINE
 - ~233,000 English documents
 - 106 English user queries
- ImageCLEFMed Corpus (Clough et al., 2005)
 - Multilingual Image Retrieval Task 2006
 - ~41.000 Medical Images and captions
 - 30 queries
- Query-document pairs have been manually judged for relevance
- Non-English queries obtained by translation to German, Portuguese, Spanish and Swedish by domain experts
- Search Engine: Lucene
 - <http://lucene.apache.org/>



- **Baseline:** monolingual text retrieval
 - (stemmed) English user queries
 - (stemmed) English texts
- **Query translation (QTR)**
 - Google translator
 - Multilingual dictionary compiled from UMLS
- **Morphosaurus Indexing (MSI)**
 - Interlingual representation of both user queries and documents
 - **MSI-D** incorporating disambiguation module

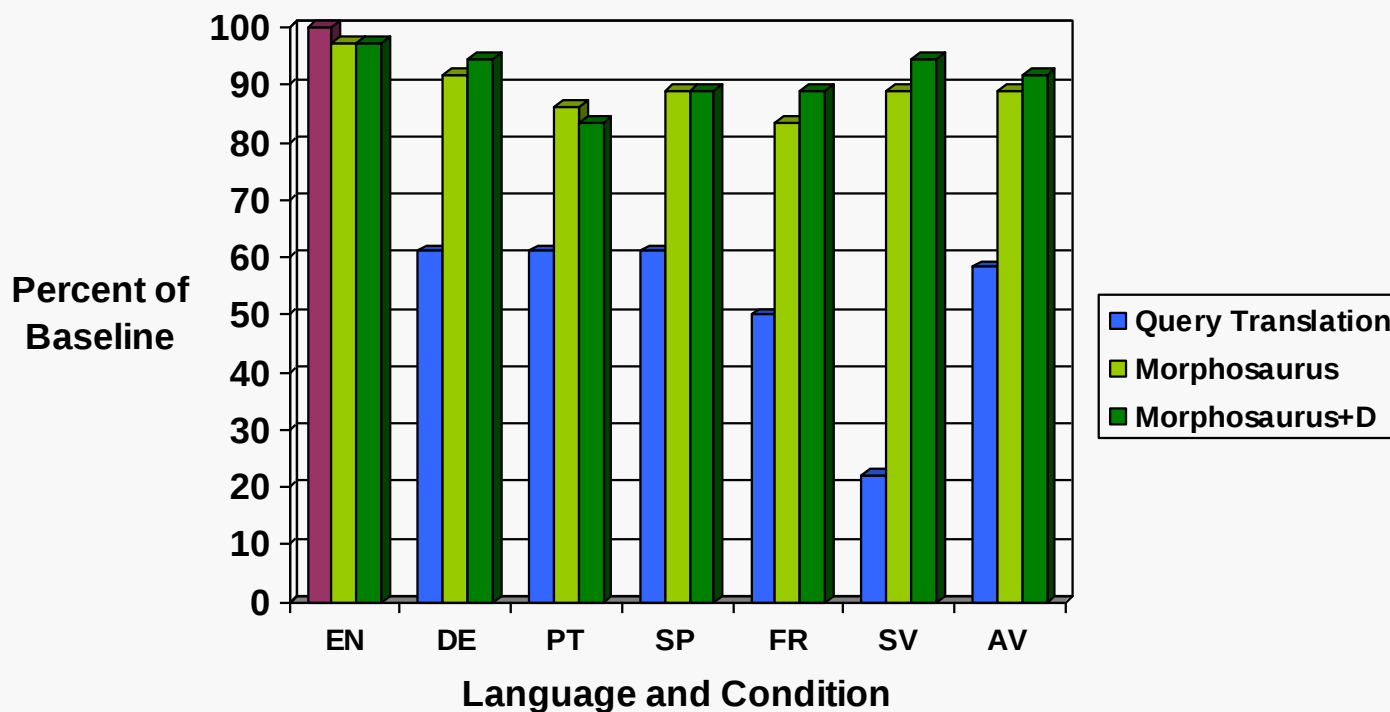


Mean Average Precision





Top 20 Average Precision





- Cross-Language Document Retrieval
 - Based on morphological and semantic normalization of both user queries and documents
 - Matching of search/document terms on a language-independent, interlingual layer
- Language-independent indexing
 - reaches more than **92%** of an English-English baseline on heterogeneous document collections, in average
 - outperforms query translation significantly
 - is independent from particular search engine architectures
- Morphosaurus incorporates six languages:
 - German, English, Portuguese, Spanish, French, Swedish
- In use in commercial systems



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