Evolution of Data Needs in DARPA Language Programs

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Past Successes:

- Data with general characteristics
- High resolution/quality, low noise
- Formal and semi-formal (mostly text, clean speech, machine printed)
- Standard dialects
- Lots of universal data (including parallel corpora)
- Slow acquisition and creation

New Challenges:

- Data with operational characteristics
- Low resolution/quality, high noise and degradation
- Informal genre and multiple modes (text, speech, handwriting)
- Multiple dialects
- A smaller amount of data but of a more targeted nature
- Fast acquisition and creation (crowd-sourcing)



MADCAT:

- OCR'ed data: Program generated, now moving to real-world data
- Low noise in program-generated, extremely noisy real-world data.
- Large volumes

RATS:

- Clean speech transmitted through extremely noisy channels, not by mixing noise and signal
- Real-world data extremely noisy: 0-10db SNR
- Large volumes

GALE/BOLT:

- Initially formal and semi-formal (newswire, fora, news, talk shows)
- Lots of annotation with PropBank representations
- Moving to informal, dialectal, noisy data (emails, msgs, conversations)
- Dependency parsing, alignment, semantic roles

DEFT:

- Highly informal text and conversations
- Requirement for deep language understanding with richer annotations: entities, events, relationships, marking of implicit information.
- Training size small, volume high in real-world environment



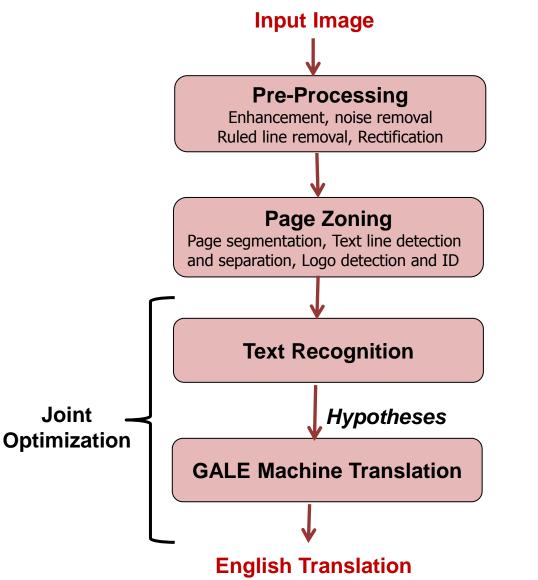
Enable English Speaking Warfighters to Absorb & Analyze All Incoming Information in a Timely Manner

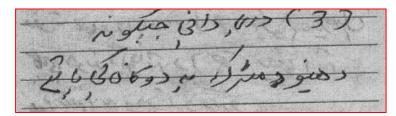
- Media: Hardcopy documents (machine-printed, hand-written)
- Language: Arabic
- Genres: Newspapers, magazines, letters/notes, ledgers

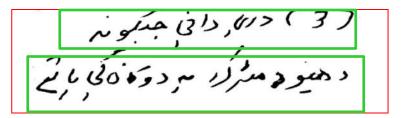


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MADCAT Program Collection:

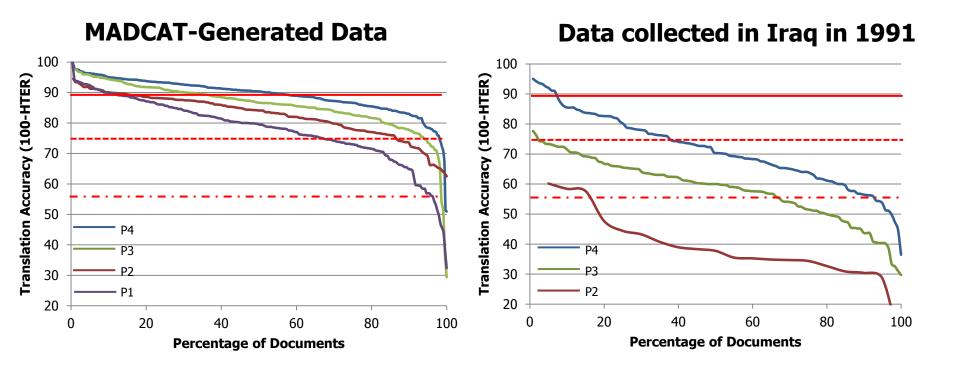
- GALE Arabic text handwritten by ~350 authors
- Exhibits real-world variations in writing style, speed, and material
- Pages with and without rule lines
- High resolution, low noise
- 42K pages made available through Phase 3
 - No planned collections in P4 and P5

Anfal Collection:

- 18K pages of real-world documents collected in Iraq in 1991
- Poor scanning, low (unknown) resolution, varying degree of noise from low to severely degraded
- Mostly mixed type with significant variations in amount of handwritten (HW) vs. machine-print (MP) content
- Multiple genres (memos, letters, forms, tables)

MADCAT Evaluation Results

DARPA







غى 7 يونبو/شبينغوا/ دبحرت مصادر امنية فسطينية وشمود عيان ان احد نشطاد حركة فتاع قتل صباح اليوم الفعيس واصبيه تسعة مواطنين احرين في تجديد الاشترباكات بين عناص من ختع وحماس في حي سل السلطان خي صرينة رفع جنوب قطاع غرة. وتالك المصادر ال هؤاد وائل و مبي (27 عاما) من سَنْطار مَرَىٰةَ فَتْعَ قَنْلُ وَأَصْبِ نسعة مواطنين بينهم نلانة المغال، في نجديد للد نشتباكات العسلمة بين عناص من فنح وحماس في منطقة نل المسلطان في وفح جنوب الفطائح منشبوة الى ان انتبن من جلوب سيس ع مسبرة المارية. المصابين في حالة خطرة للغارية. وقال شهود عيان أن انسنباكات عديفة و قعت بین حرکنی ختع و حماس منز سامات الصباح موکدة أنها ماز الت مستمرة متى الذن. وأخاد للموديان أن مسلمي المركنين المنتشروا في تشوارع الامي.

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انسيد مدير أمة المتم سيدي: حسب إدام كم القص (برزم) الملعور سيد عود) ومتع معه الموصوع و مانين سيدي عهود ما أمرتم به ما رسل لكم رميالة سنخصية مع أحدة فرا (المفرزة المرع (حد وروس) رسيلاب متكم الحواب ونيتغل أما مركم مصده مص رسا لته طيلشكرا. المفرام للة :

[السيد الممتر مديرة من عا منطق والسليا فية المناصل: يدا الجمعيس ١٩-٥- ١٩٧٧ مع حدد الدس لة ؛ فدم قلم خيات الحارة يرجع متولما و في (سير عمود) من أحال جربة له تدله) النابعة لذا حية ما وت منذ ٦ أسهر حملت اسلام مع مجاعة كال سربو کمی وعلیٰ عاتق مسسفولیا ت ومیعویٰ المباحة () حرمصیل المقرالعا)) وخطاط باغي في حركزى و7 مدم مسبط وتسلم هذا العرض ٢٢ مل نعد المداوله والما لحلام وسال المواميريناً العبد عام من المهل - جاعد البا رزائي العميل حرة ، خرى - مع ، فعد معلود تا الى باعد و عدوا منيط حد جا منه سه تدمان ! يران ويحدوثهم مدا مثال لمكا لأكوك ميشة عنور شيخ مجمع من أعلل (سندل) وبا قواد لل منطقتنا ومن قبل ننا م السويما اللمبل معيه عملاد حدددتها مناذتها عاجل عسكرعه بركدا بالتنويب وأغروا ولتا سهددسسطا واباهان اللزق والدعود إلكا فدينة حا نبعوهم حدًنا ستخسطاً عنى الأز وحضٍّ لى ؟ نامهم من مسلاد الأمامن وأطرُّد الدارى والما يتشمع ملرة الثانية تخديد وملود مه ما حالية) وعد ننس من حقلاد الخدين والعملاد والتقريد على أغر تمطرة مندوس إن أكوت عندة منلصا عماية مبلادي ولحي ديديا ته تح مقد 6العرم ما يتركون مركى إحتقالا موجود اكمزم الثامة الدحلير اعذام الهجشالغركما الل بشرائم بتبارة المتائدا كمالدة هدحسن التكر والرغتم صداح حسبه وهما اللأن مصالبنية معفقوا ٢٠ وكا للذية ٢ لدوا منهب كردا ت مبودنا وسقعة العاق، ما، البين بليكاند تمكن إحاوة المسبلام وللطنا بنية اله الملاتم الجبيسية بالترجف كروسيتا ن المحلف ومعادية سطاح علمت وأنهم من حل وطريق الخطأوم سلمت شفيه ال دوسلطات العسير بيقاط مناصقتنا حيثة أ-دت الإمصال بما مسيا وتلكم بالتناوز فيادة خ (عرععدف معجدد مدش كالمريم معدن) من هذا الأثناء إسلم منفى عل ثقة ويدخل وعلل معتلم حيد عد مساحون من ولايت الخطا الدي ساية ومتادليدة مصاعدة أشعبد فرجيع دلادتات أززاكون جندع محلقة مصدكمه منا يرس تخدمينه للإدخا الجبيبية و: تمسم : لا اسلك مدة ٦ خدم طريمًا إكارته واكون طاطرة لجيع ، واحكم . حدم ، ممكم ، به ننس معد نفين الوقت والمكان من قيلكم . وإذًا تم معت ساً يقي بنه الله به على حب يكم معصلة الدولة ويقدر السنسطاع ، حداد مكم غركات مدمعلومات عن كالاكركوكي فرعل عسكري . اب- سيدي إذا تا مرون عل وليما مرمع المخرسية ما يعلى عل النقاط التالية -

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Gold Standard

Gaza, June 7, Xinhua:

- Palestinian security sources and eyewitnesses said that a Fatah activist was killed this morning, Thursday, and nine other citizens were wounded in renewed clashes between elements of Fatah and Hamas in the Tal al-Sultan neighborhood, in the southern Gaza Strip city of Rafah.
- The sources said that Fatah activist Fuad Wa'il Wahbi (27 years old) was killed and nine citizens, including three children, were wounded in renewed armed clashes between elements of Fatah and Hamas in the Tal al-Sultan area in Rafah in the southern part of the Strip. They noted that two of the wounded are in extremely serious condition.
- Eyewitnesses said that fierce clashes have taken place between Fatah and Hamas movements since the morning hours, and they confirmed that it is still continuing.
- Eyewitnesses said gunmen of the two movements were deployed in the neighborhood streets.

Machine Translation

GAZA, June 7 (Xinhua).

- Palestinian security sources and eyewitnesses reported that the activists of Fatah movement, was killed today, Thursday morning and other nine citizens were injured in renewed clashes between Fatah and Hamas elements in Tel El-Sultan district in Rafah city, south of Gaza Strip. The sources said that Fouad Wael (27 years old) from the Fatah Movement activists killed and nine citizens were injured, including three children, in armed clashes renewed between members of Fatah and Hamas in Tel El-Sultan area in Rafah, south of Gaza Strip, pointing out that two of the injured are in a serious condition.
- Eyewitnesses said that violent clashes took place between the Fatah and Hamas movements since the early morning hours, confirming that it is still continuous till now.
- Eyewitnesses reported that the Muslims of the two movements were deployed in the streets of the district.

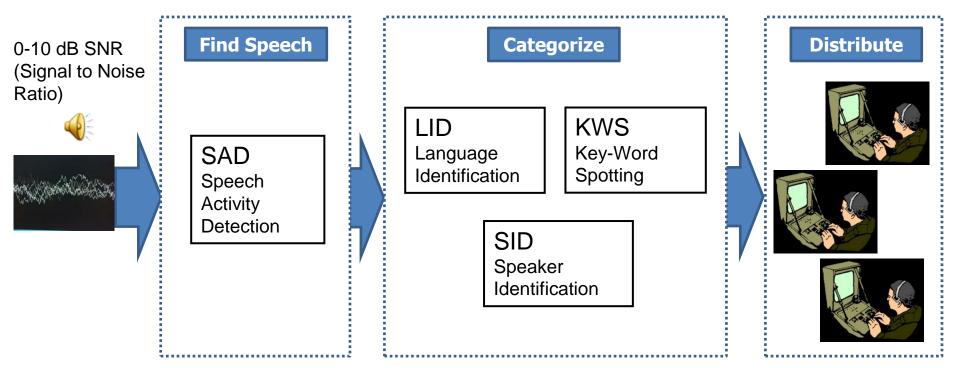


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Accuracy= 62%



Create technologies for exploitation of potentially foreign speech-containing signals received over extremely noisy and/or highly distorted communication channels



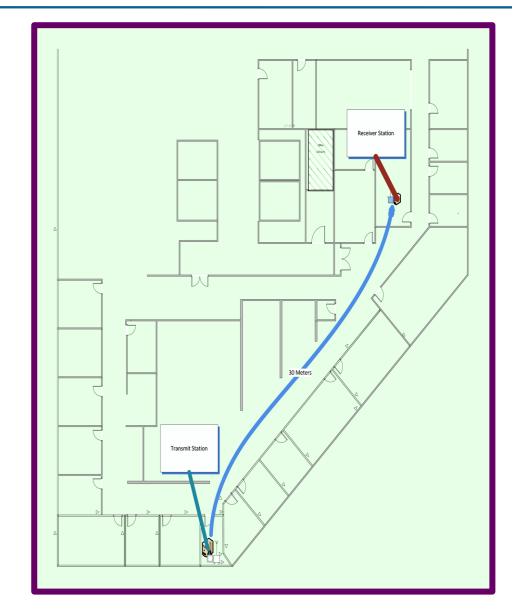
Improve Capability to Find and Make use of Foreign Language Speech Signals



- RATS data consist of both program-generated data and field-collected data
- Program-generated data
 - Simulation of real conditions
 - Degradation is not achieved by a simple method of mixing noise
 - Speech is generated with degraded transmission facilities
 - Speech is generated in real-time or pre-recorded speech is retransmitted
- Field-collected data
 - The program has secured some field-collected data
 - Will be used for evaluation
 - The evaluator has a classified testing facility
 - Could also be used for training
 - All fielded systems must be field trainable



- The Comms-Link collection systems are Located in two separate rooms
- The rooms are have a line-ofsight distance of approximately 30 meters
- However, there are significant structural obstacles between the two spaces
- This increase path loss for all system transceivers, and may produce multipath interference for shorter wavelength transceivers.





RATS Channel	Intelligible		Unint	elligible
	English	Non-English	English	Non-English
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Technolo	ogy	Amount	comments
General		Massive	Un-annotated Data
	SAD	2h	1h speech, 1h noise. > 5 speakers
	Adapt to new channel	1h	Labeled, >20 sec per segment, >12 speakers
LID Develop a new language		3h	Labeled, >20 sec per segment, multiple speakers and channels
SID New Speaker Known Language and Channel Develop a new Channel		3 min.	6 samples, 30 sec. / sample
		1h	20 speakers, 6 samples, 30 sec./sample multiple channels
KWS New channel – Knowr language Develop a new language	New channel – Known language	1h	Fully transcribed
	· ·	50h	Transcribed, a variety of channels



- Genre staging
 - Email (fora) \rightarrow Messaging \rightarrow Conversations
- Language varieties
 - English, Mandarin Chinese and Egyptian Arabic
- Data volume targets
 - 2Mw source data collected per language/genre
 - 10% of all collected data set aside for evaluation
 - 800Kw (40%) translated into English
 - 200Kw (10%) Egyptian data also translated to MSA
 - 400Kw (20%) annotated for Word Alignment, TreeBanking, PropBanking, Coreference



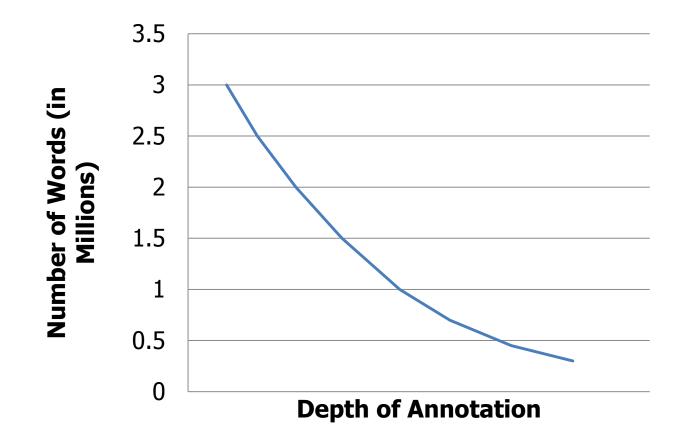
- Genre Staging
 - Narratives → Conversational speech/text→
 Foreign conversational speech/text
 - Implicit information essential
- Language varieties: yes
- Data volume targets
 - Approximately 1.2Mw of text per language/genre
 - Approximately 150 hours conversational per language
 - Annotated for Entities, Events, Relations, Coreference, and Regions of interest



- POS-Tagged Brown and BNC
- Penn Treebank (PTB)
- WordNet
- Sense Annotated SEMCOR
- Prague Dependency Treebank
- ACE Annotated Corpora
- NomBank
- TimeBank
- PropBank
- VerbNet
- LCS-Tagged Corpora
- FrameNet
- Penn Discourse Treebank (PDTB)
- Opinion-Tagged Corpora (MPQA)

- Acoustic-Phonetic Continuous Speech Corpus (TIMIT)
- OCR'ed Noisy Corpora (MADCAT)
- Field-Collected OCR'ed Data (ANFAL)
- Broadcast News
- Conversational Telephone
- Rich Transcription Corpora
- Broadcast Conversations (Talk shows)
- Dialectal Broadcast Collections
- Noisy Transcript Corpora (RATS)
- Two way communications (BOLT-B)
- Other informal Communications
 - Forums
 - Emails
 - Chat
 - Messaging







Questions?

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