



# Mining parallel corpora for multilingual machine translation system

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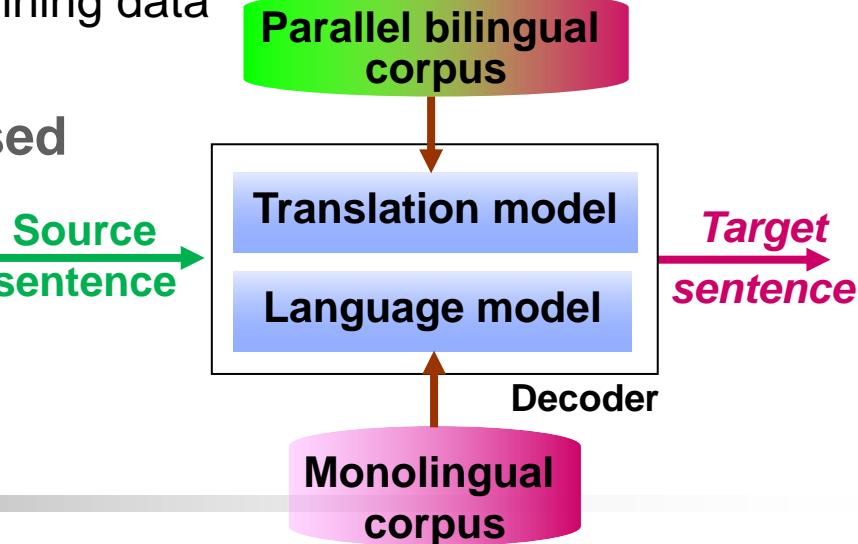


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# Machine Translation Technology

- Rules based (expert method)
  - ◆ lexicons, morphological
  - ◆ syntactic, semantic
- Example-based
- Statistical
  - ◆ Adapted with a lot of language pairs
  - ◆ Extract statistical information from learning databases
  - ◆ Depends: quantity & quality of training data
- Hybrid = Statistical + Rules based
- For common language pairs:
  - ◆ EN - FR      ◆ EN - JA
  - ◆ EN - CH      ◆ etc.



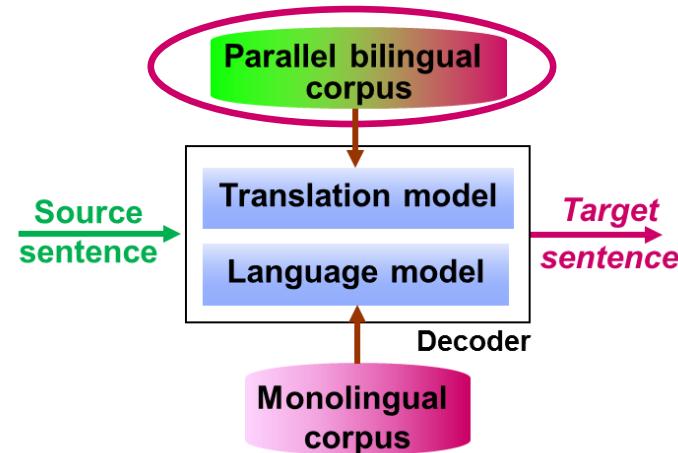
# MT for ASEAN languages

- For **ASEAN (under-resourced) languages**
  - ◆ **DO NOT HAVE** any large parallel corpus for **ASEAN language pairs**
  - ◆ **FEW** available parallel corpus **even with common languages** & **LIMITTED** in some domains:
    - ★ BTEC (tourist): **NOT OPEN** for community
    - ★ OPENSUBTITLES (film subtitle): **SHORT** sentence, **DIALOG** format
    - ★ TATOEBA (human translation): starting in **TECHNICAL** domain



# Objectives

- Methodology of retrieving a **large parallel bilingual text corpus**
  - ◆ Firstly for ASEAN language pairs
  - ◆ Extracting parallel corpus from comparable corpora: Website, wiki, digital documents, etc.
  - ◆ Extendable for any under-resourced language pairs
- Building a **machine translation system for ASEAN languages** in using the statistical approach.



# Our recent researches

## Extracting parallel corpus

- Collect parallel text from **multilingual websites**
- Hypotheses:
  - ◆ (One) multilingual website(s) of an under-resourced language
  - ◆ None of available parallel data
  - ◆ No supplementation data: lexical, morphological, dict. info.

The image shows two parallel news articles from the Vietnamese news website Vietnam+. A large pink star-shaped graphic with the word "comparable" in its center points to the two articles, which are side-by-side. Both articles feature a photograph of two men in suits shaking hands. The left article is titled "Le PM Nguyen Tan Dung reçoit le ministre laotien" and the right article is titled "Thủ tướng Nguyễn Tấn Dũng tiếp Bộ trưởng Bộ Tài chính Lào Phouphet Khamphounvong". The text in both articles discusses the visit of the Lao Minister of Finance to Vietnam and the strengthening of bilateral relations between the two countries.

**Left Article (French):**

Le Premier ministre Nguyen Tan Dung a reçu une délégation du ministère laotien, dirigée par son ministre Phouphet Khamphounvong, en visite au Vietnam.  
Il a estimé que cette visite de travail contribue considérablement au renforcement des relations d'amitié traditionnelle, de solidarité spéciale et de coopération intégrale Vietnam-Laos.  
Le chef du gouvernement vietnamien a souligné que les relations spéciales Vietnam-Laos étaient un bien inestimable des deux Partis, des deux Etats et des deux peuples. C'est pourquoi le Vietnam conjuguera ses efforts avec le peuple laotien frère pour continuer d'approfondir les liens bilatéraux.

**Right Article (Vietnamese):**

Chiều 12/12, tại Trụ sở Chính phủ, Thủ tướng Nguyễn Tấn Dũng đã tiếp đoàn đại biểu Bộ Tài chính Lào do Bộ trưởng Phouphet Khamphounvong dẫn đầu đang thăm làm việc tại Việt Nam.  
Đánh giá cao chuyến thăm Việt Nam của đoàn Bộ Tài chính Lào cũng như kết quả hội đàm và thỏa thuận giữa Bộ Tài chính của hai nước, Thủ tướng Nguyễn Tấn Dũng cho rằng, đây là đóng góp quan trọng và thiết thực trong việc tăng cường quan hệ hữu nghị truyền thống, đoàn kết đặc biệt và hợp tác toàn diện Việt-Lào.

**Bottom Article (French):**

Le ministre laotien Phouphet Khamphounvong a hautement apprécié l'aide des experts vietnamiens dans le développement du secteur laotien des Finances ces derniers temps, et souhaité que les cadres financiers des deux pays continuient de valoriser les traditions de coopération et d'amitié.

**Bottom Article (Vietnamese):**

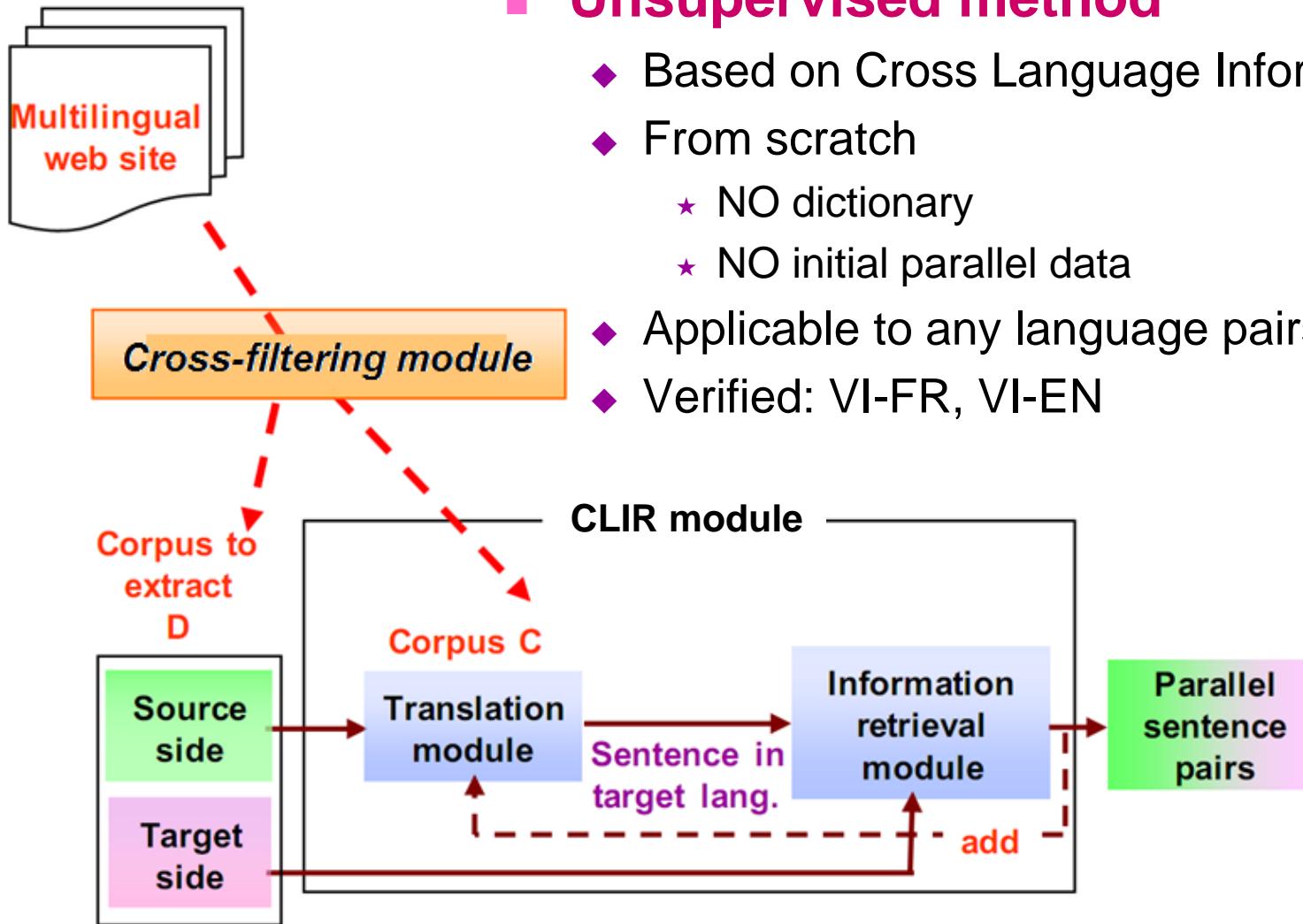
Thủ tướng Nguyễn Tấn Dũng hoan nghênh hợp tác giữa hai bộ về trao đổi học hỏi kinh nghiệm, giúp đỡ nhau trong đào tạo cán bộ, đồng thời khẳng định sự ủng hộ Bộ Tài chính hai nước Việt Nam-Lào trong triển khai các thỏa thuận hợp tác.

# Our recent researches

## Extracting parallel corpus

### ■ Unsupervised method

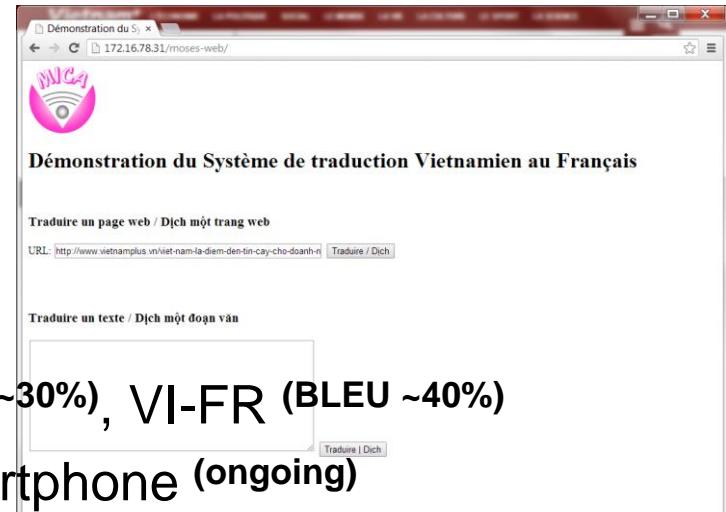
- ◆ Based on Cross Language Information Retrieval
- ◆ From scratch
  - ★ NO dictionary
  - ★ NO initial parallel data
- ◆ Applicable to any language pairs
- ◆ Verified: VI-FR, VI-EN



# Our recent researches

# Extracting parallel corpus

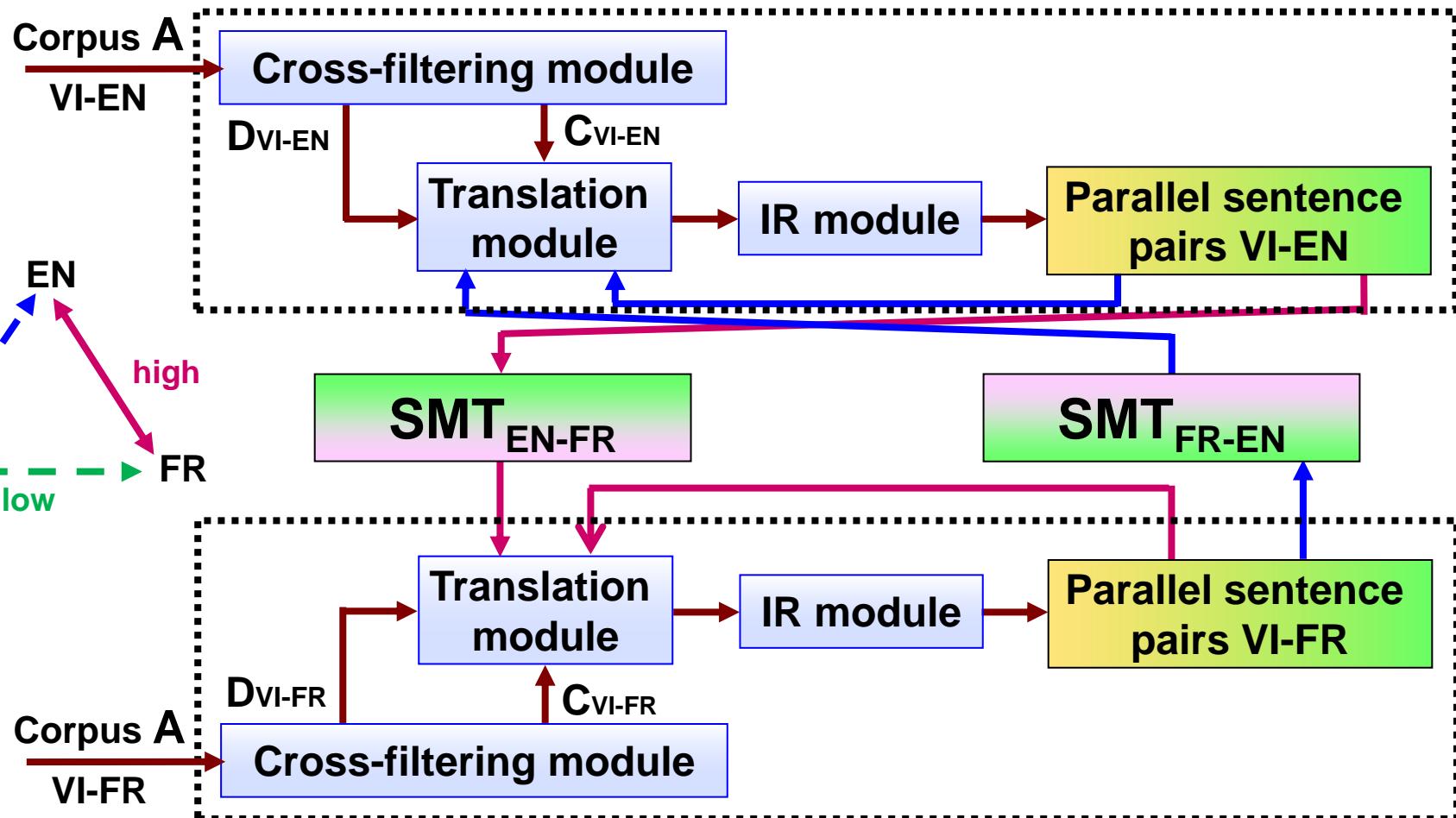
- From website VnAgency
    - ◆ 50K VI-FR parallel sentence pairs
    - ◆ 40K VI-EN parallel sentence pairs
  - Applications:
    - ◆ Webpage MT system: VI-EN (BLEU)
    - ◆ FR-VI Speech Translation on sma



# Our recent researches

## Extracting parallel corpus

- Unsupervised method with triangulation



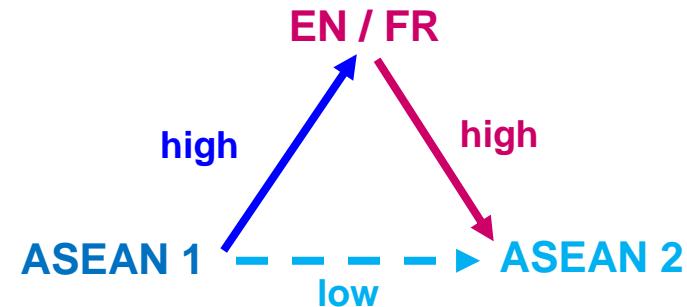
# Our recent researches

## Extracting parallel corpus

- 2014: KH-EN language pair
  - ◆ Try to apply our extracting methods
  - ◆ **Difficulties in Natural Language Processing** for KH language problems
  - ◆ Need **cooperation with Cambodia research groups**
- 2015: JA-VI language pair
  - ◆ In cooperation with Multilingual Translation lab. (NICT)
  - ◆ Use available parallel text resources:
    - ★ TED talks data: 100K pairs
    - ★ Wiki data: 76K pairs
  - ◆ Hard task due to **different language families** (**BLEU ~10%**)

# Call for collaborations

- **Methodology of extracting parallel corpus:**
  - ◆ Multi-levels of extraction (sentence, phrase, fragment)
  - ◆ Independent language pairs: ASEAN, JA, EN, FR, etc.
  - ◆ From different resources: Website, Wiki, etc.
  - ◆ Multilingual extraction methods:
    - ★ **Unsupervised**: ASEAN - common language (EN/FR) pairs
    - ★ **Unsupervised with triangulation**: ASEAN languages pairs
- **Research on MT for different family language pairs**
- **Exchange researchers on MT**
- **Train students on MT**



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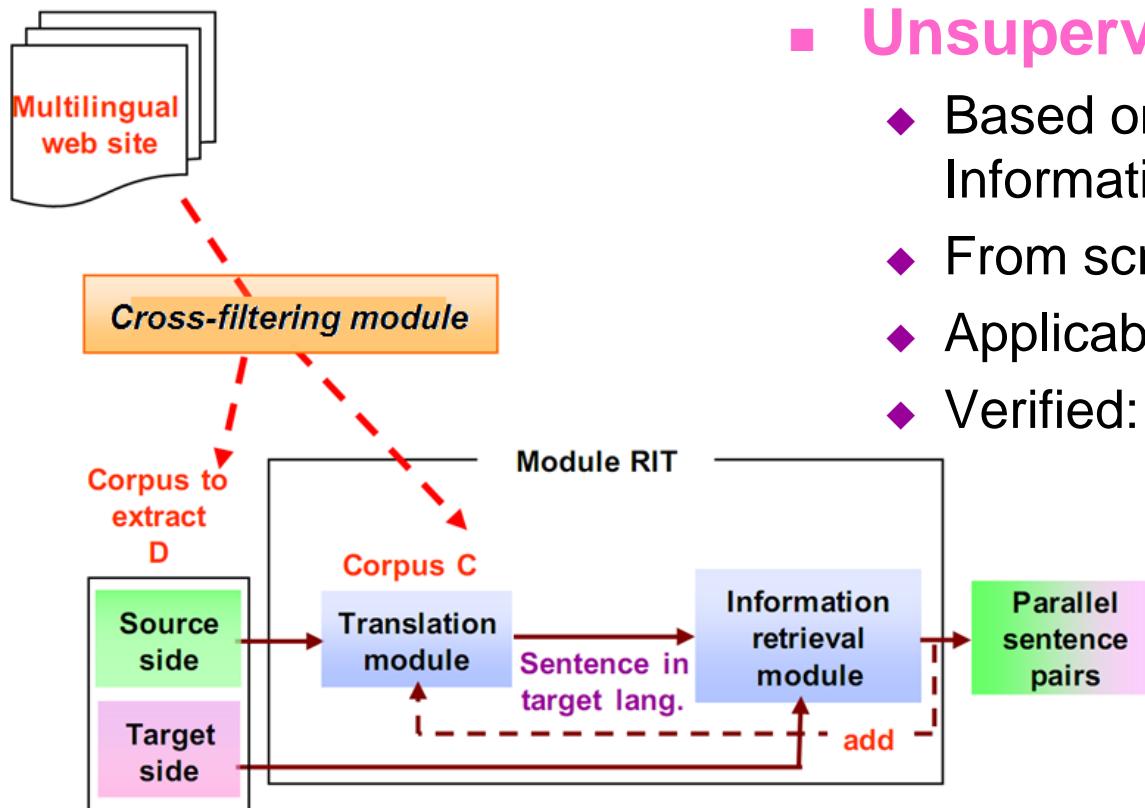
# **Thank for your attention !**

# Our recent researches

## Extracting parallel corpus

### Fast collection method

- Lexical information, heuristic rules
- Dictionary
- Depend on language pairs



### Unsupervised method

- Based on Cross Language Information Retrieval
- From scratch
- Applicable to any language pairs
- Verified: VN-FR, VN-EN