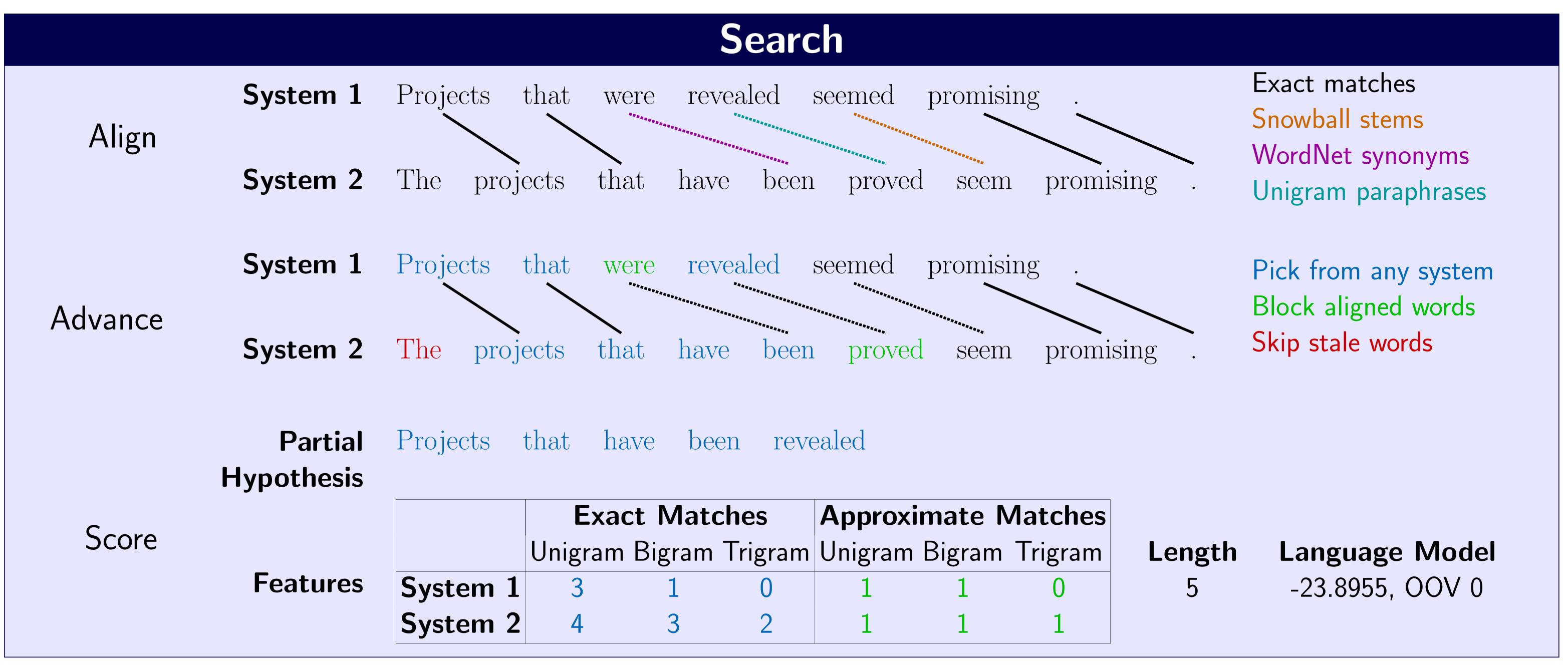
# CMU System Combination in WMT 2011



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### German Compounder

Recognize that "klar gemacht" aligns to "klargemacht". Answer: segment  $\rightarrow$  align  $\rightarrow$  combine  $\rightarrow$  compound Compounding:

- 1. Run every word through cdec's segmenter
- 2. Count each form in normal text
- 3. Rejoin if the compound is more frequent
- 4. Score using sum of squares

## Big LMs in 5 Languages

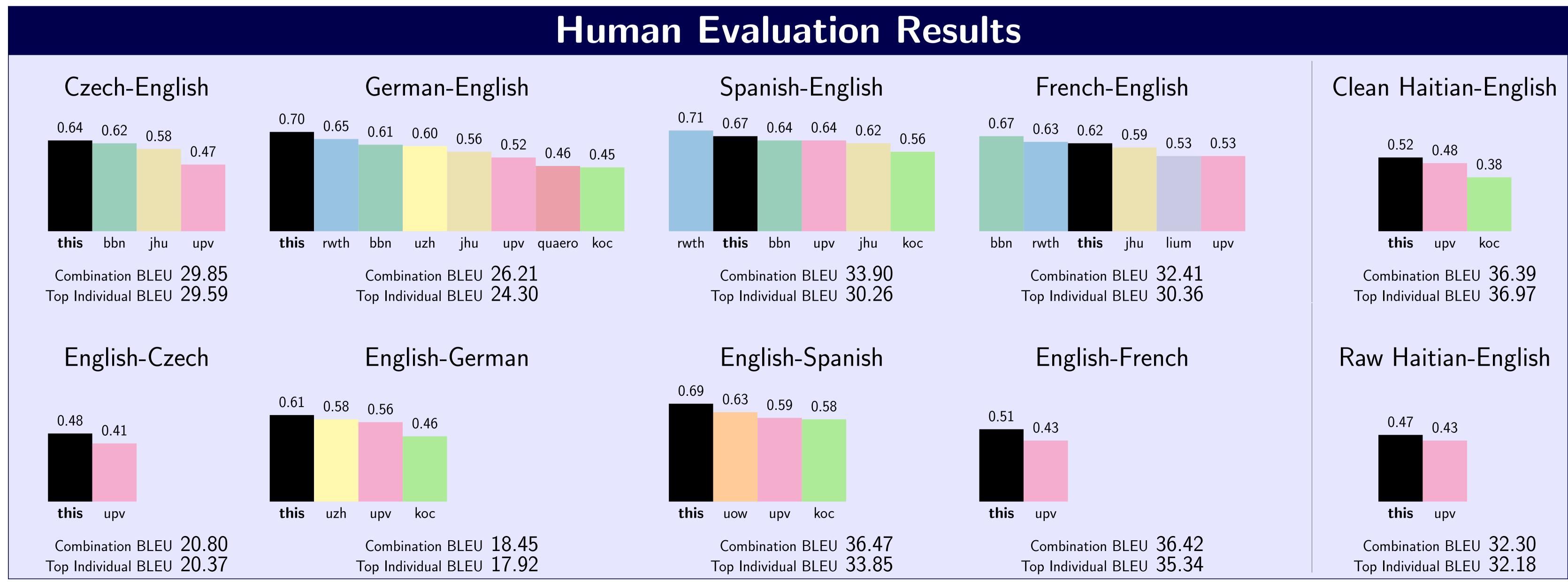
**Data:** Gigaword, News Crawl, News Commentary, UN, Europarl, Giga-FrEn, CzEng, and SMS (for ht-en)

**Building:** BigFatLM without pruning

Filtering: Union of sentence-filtered models

Inference: KenLM

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#### Discussion

Win on 8/10 tasks.

In Czech-English and German-English, online systems lead by > 1 BLEU. This work wins.

In French-English and Spanish-English, many systems scored near the top. RWTH and BBN perform better.

In **Haitian-English**, bm-i2r won by a large margin. Combination did little.

Out of English, there are fewer participants. Language-specific processing matters more.

Compared with other participants, this work does better when one system has a clear lead.