## Project Adaptation Over Several Days

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MateCat is the result of a 3-year research project led by a consortium composed:

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- Translated srl (Italy)
- Université du Maine (LIUM) (France)
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## Goals

- make the MT system more specific to the project
- make the MT system fully integrated with the human translation workflow
- minimize the MT output errors throughout the duration of the project
- reduce as much as possible human intervention

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- if a significant out-of-domain data is added to the training corpus, translation quality can drop [Wang et al., 2014]
  - more data —> better model, no longer valid when dealing with specific domains

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  - purpose of this study —> show that corrections performed by translators over one day of work are an important and a valuable resource to improve the MT system for the next day

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ITalli	segments	tokens(en)	tokens(fr)
Nc7	183K	4.65M	5.68M
EP7	2M	55.7M	61.8M
Giga	10.8M	291.8M	353.4M
Un2000	12.9M	361.9M	421.7M
Dgtna	728K	18.6M	20.6M
JRC acquis	2.7M	64.2M	70.3M
TM	150K	2.8M	3.2M
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Kde	207K	1.9M	2.2M

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