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the former, and hence fit the reference set better. Furthermore, translated texts yield better language models for statistical machine translation than original texts.

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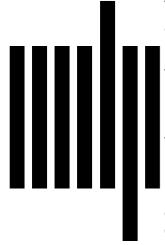
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