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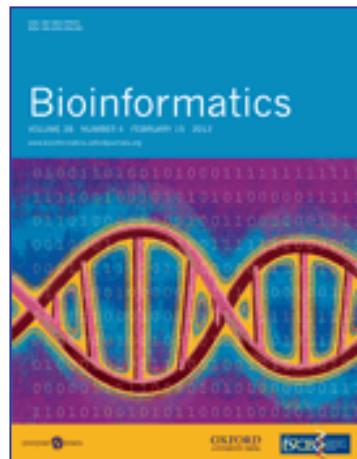
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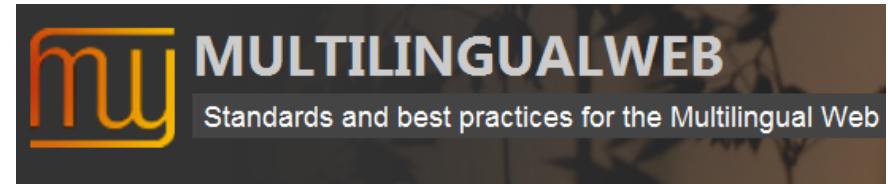
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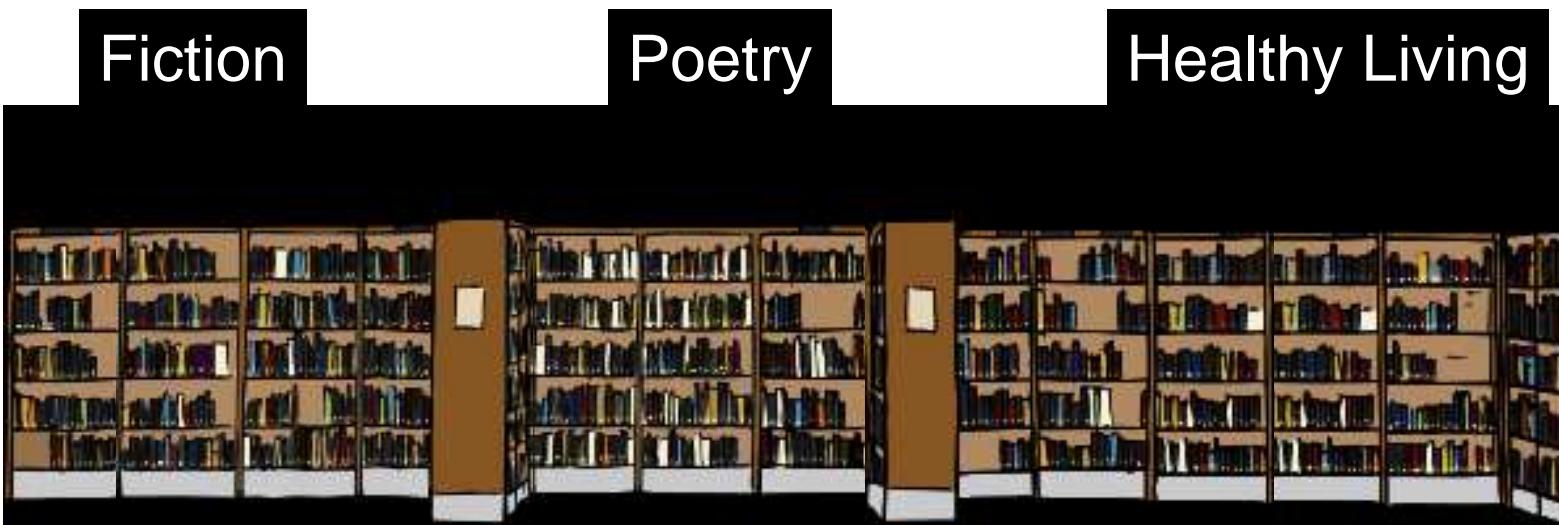
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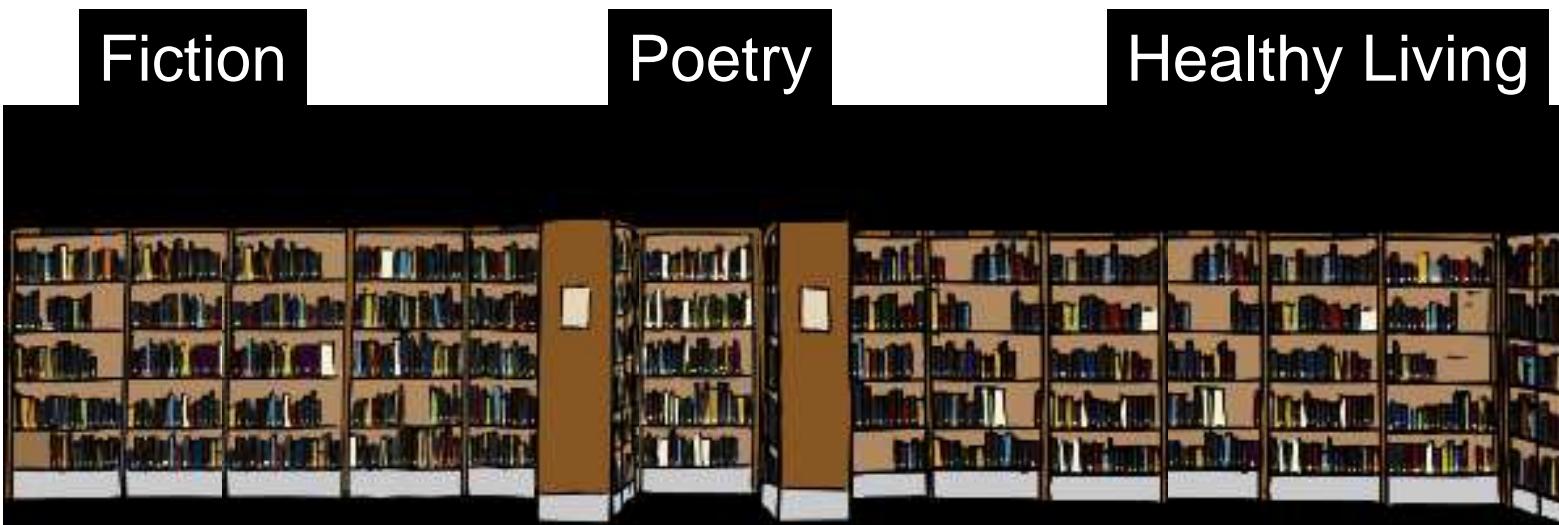
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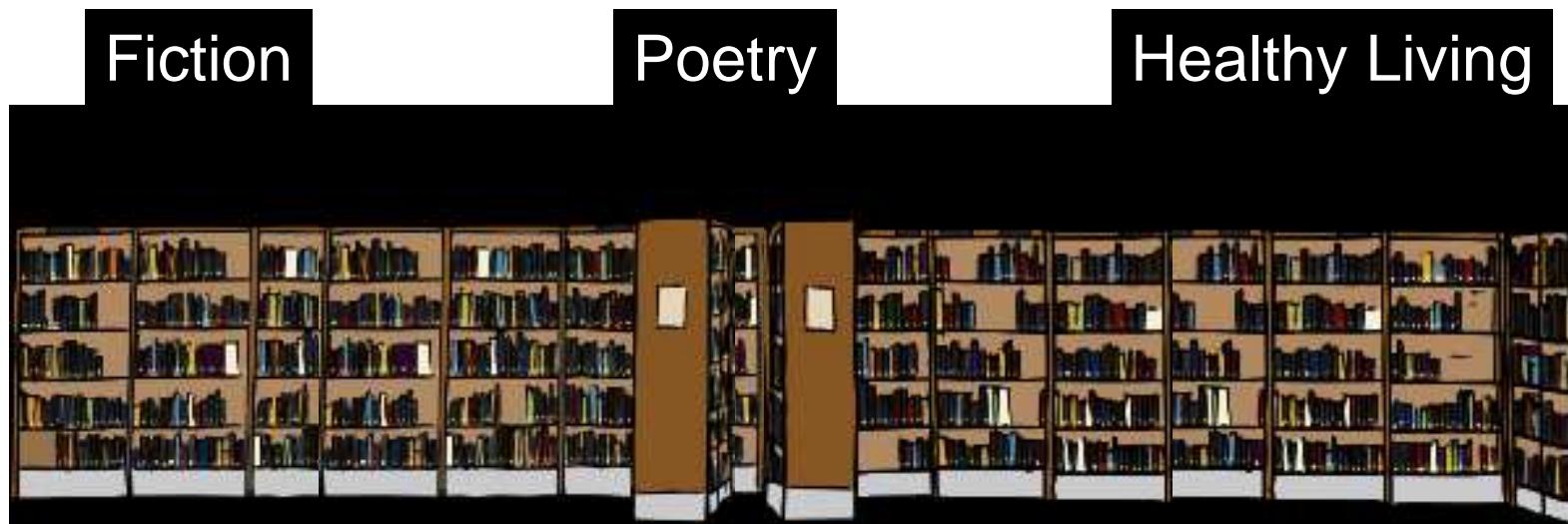
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poetry corner (UK, 2011)



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Alghero app - html



Los Fills - Maria Chessa Lai

Algherese Catalan original

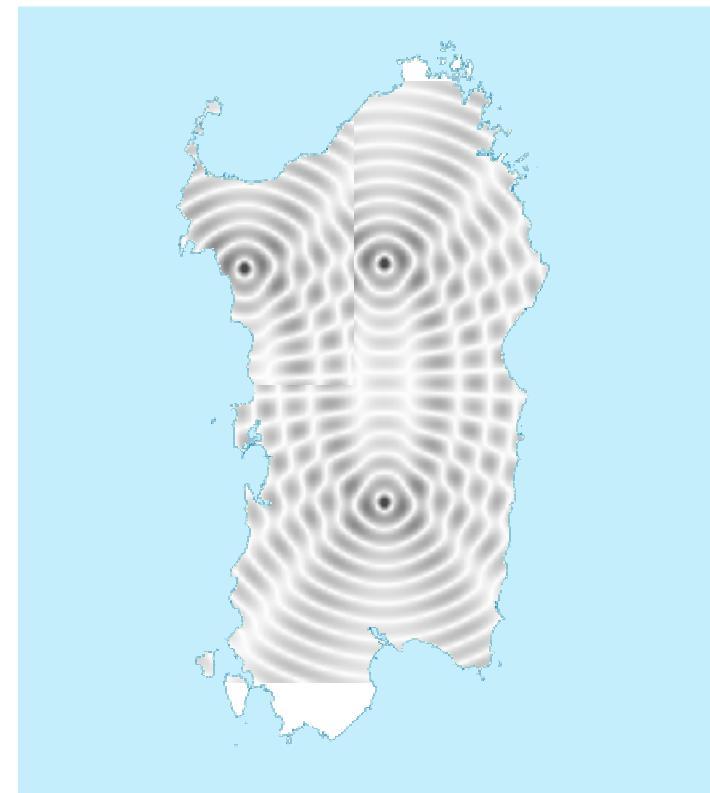
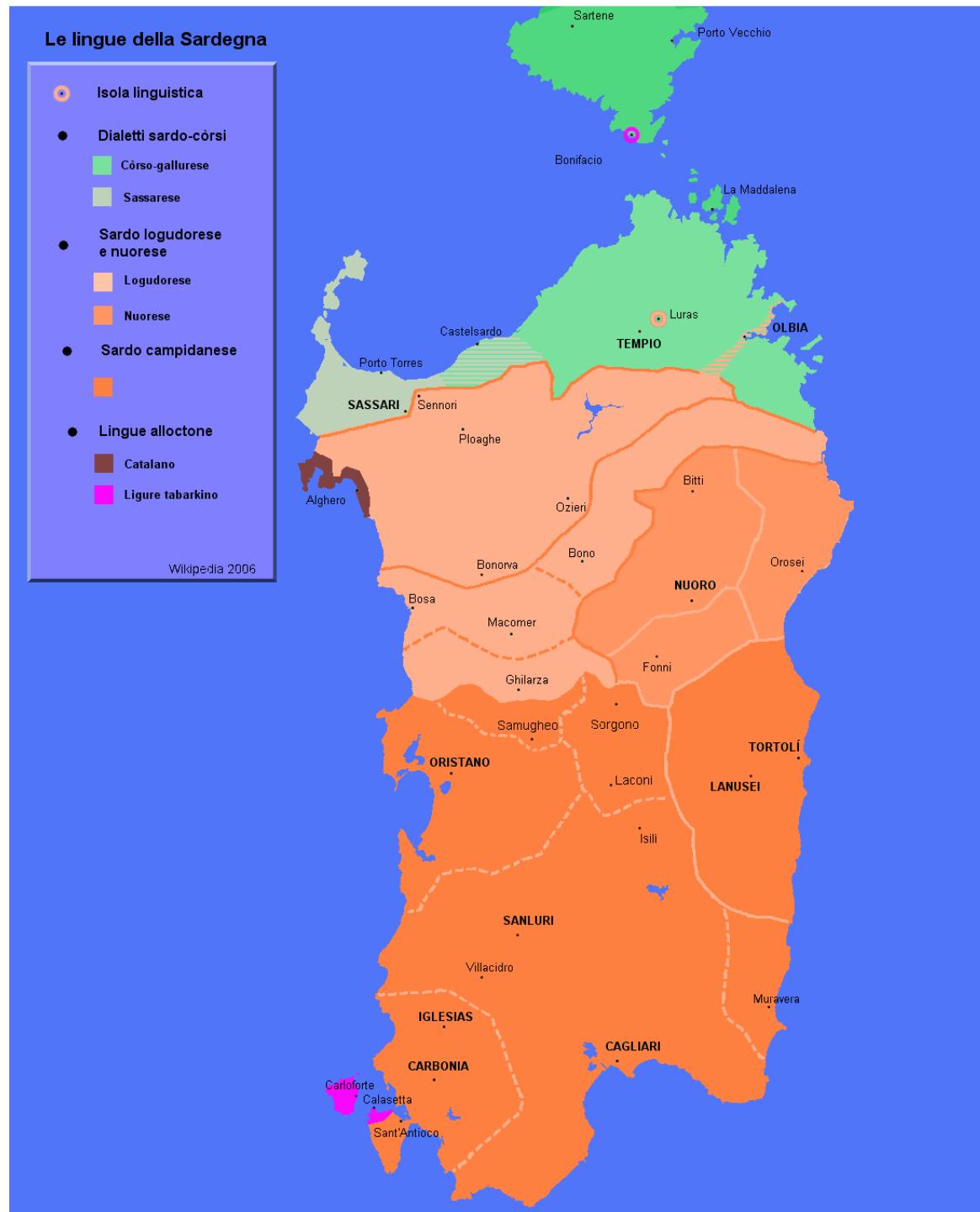
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a un fos
entre la terra negra.
La terra
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al seu ventra
per los dies
del temps,
la llavor amagada.
Un arbre
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és different
també que en tot
assimitgi als pares.



Children - Maria Chessa Lai

English version - gjbch 2008

An almond seed
into furrow
fell
amongst dark earth.
The earth
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it safe and well
within her girth –
day on day
seed
hid away.
A tree
was born
its almonds rather
bitter sharp
differing from
yet similar
to their father.



**Echo Chamber –
natural resonances**





Sardinia

Genius loci

the
creative spirits
of place
– *not just geolocation.*

Minority language

a
seed-bed
for poetic expression,
- *not just ICT communication.*

Whenever we lose a language the
“genetic basis” for such expression
diminishes, globally

Internet economy - www

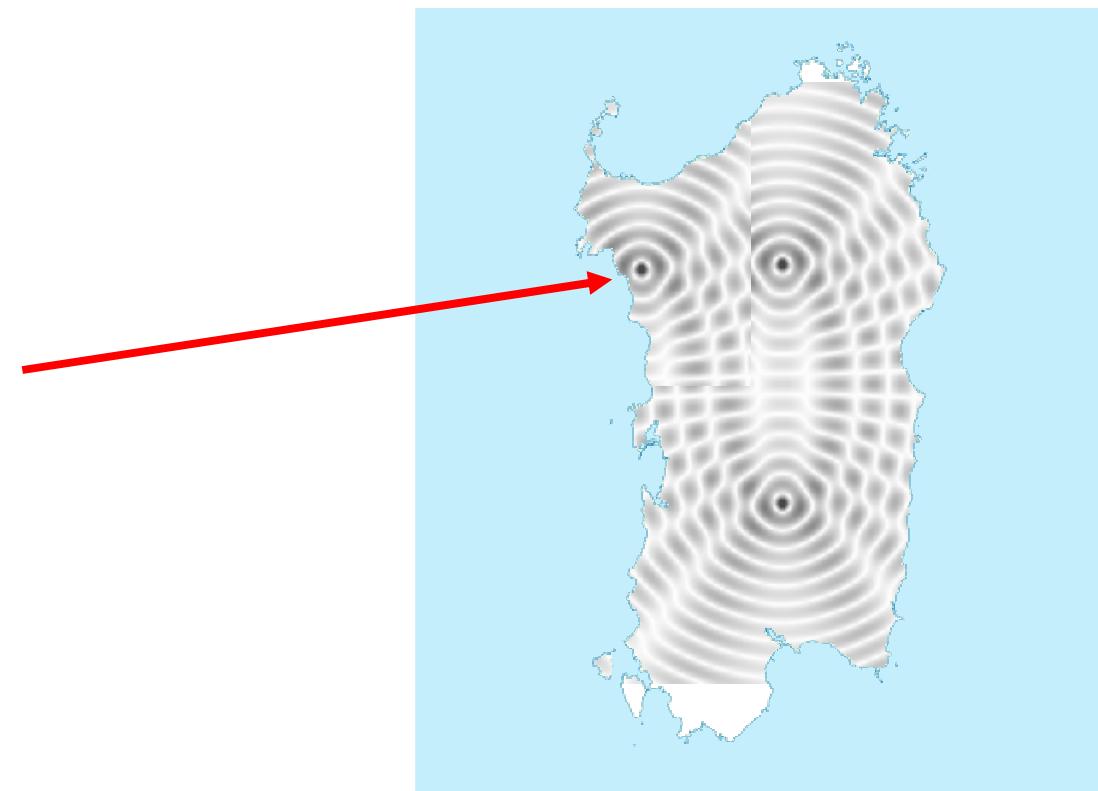


He was the cat that walked by himself
and all places were alike to him.

Kipling

This talk:

- Alghero***
- Poetry
- HCI



Screenshot

The screenshot displays a bilingual poem interface with two panels. The left panel shows the original Catalan poem 'Los Fills' by Maria Chessa Lai, with the title 'Algherese Catalan original'. The right panel shows the English translation 'Children' by the same author, with the subtitle 'English version - gjbch 2008'. Both panels feature a toolbar at the top with icons for back, forward, search, and other functions. A vertical green bar separates the two panels. The English text includes a mouse cursor hovering over the word 'furrow'.

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Algherese Catalan original

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Resulting alignment



Los Fills - Maria Chessa Lai

Algherese Catalan original

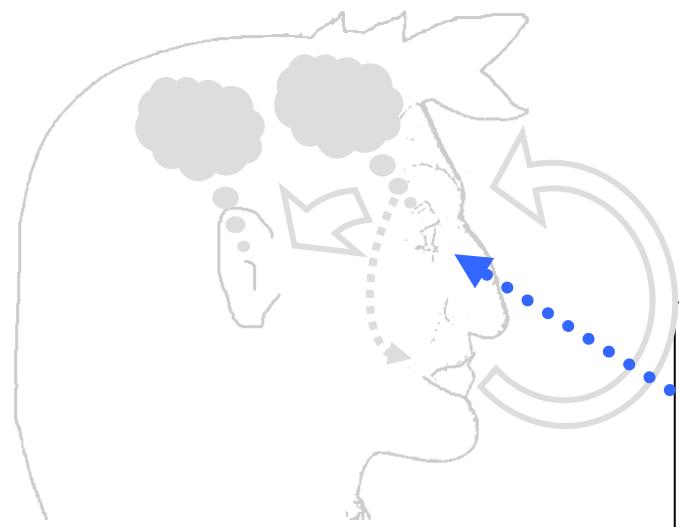
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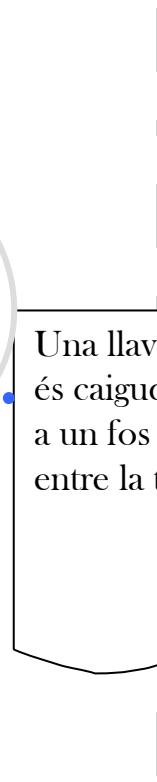
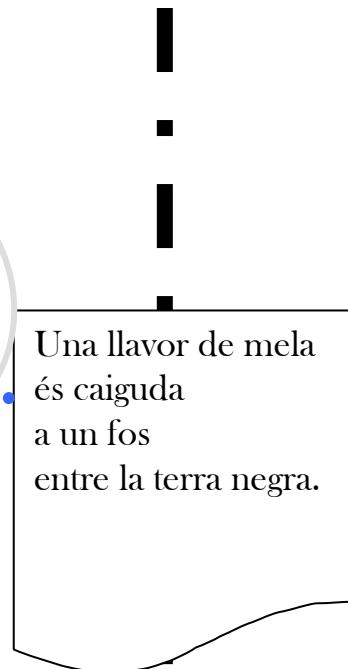
Children - Maria Chessa Lai

English version - gjbch 2008

Una→An *de_mela*→almond *llavor*→seed
a→into *fos*→furrow
és_caiguda→fell
entre→amongst *negra*→dark *terra*→earth.
La→The *terra*→earth
she held
estujada→it safe and well
al→within *seu*→her *ventra*→girth –
per_los_dies_del_temps→day on day
llavor→seed
amagada→hid away.
Un→A *arbre*→tree
és_eixit→was born
la_mela→its almonds *però*→rather
margant→bitter *agra*→sharp
és_diferent→differing from
també_que_en_tot→yet *assimitgi*→similar
als→to their *pares*→father.



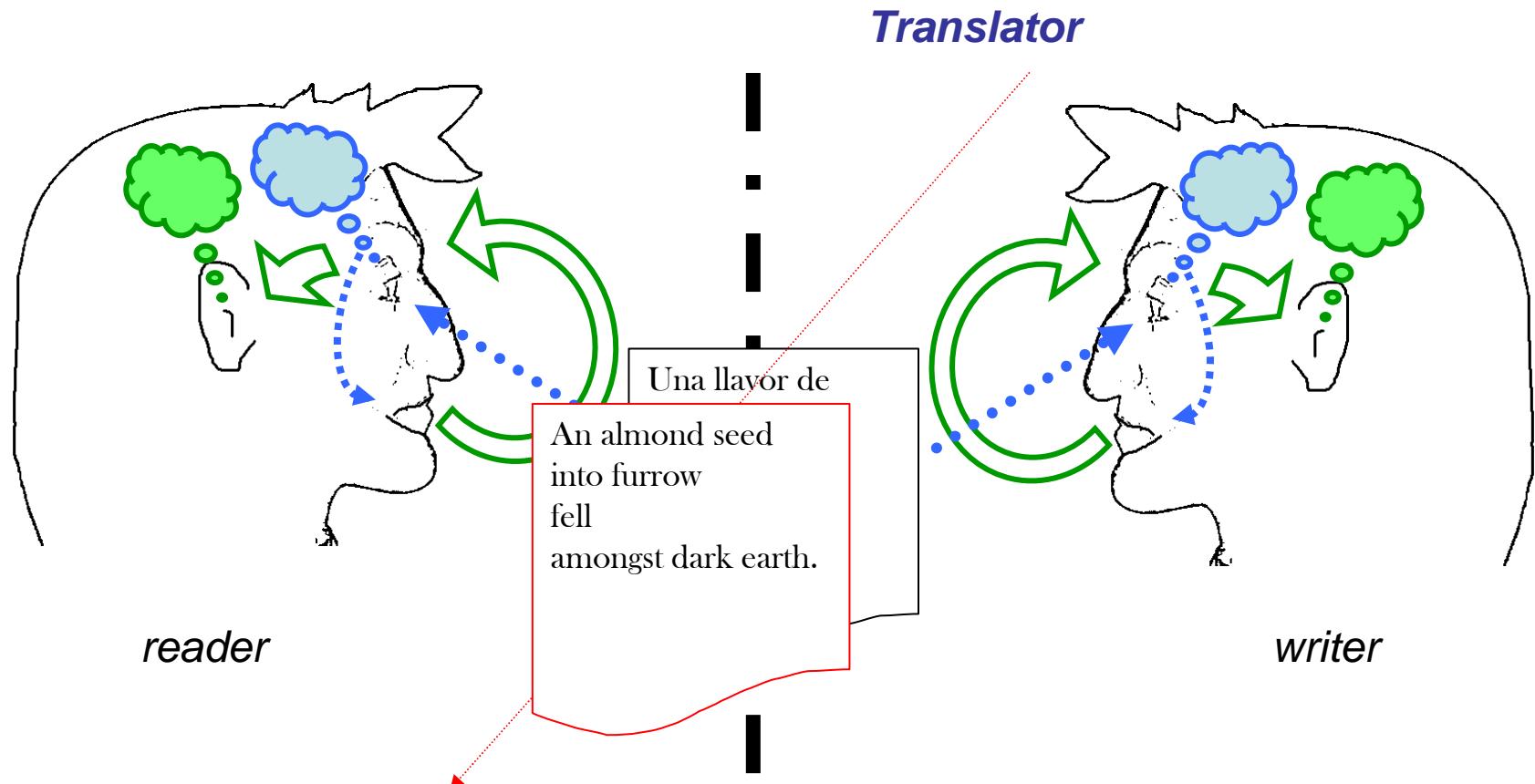
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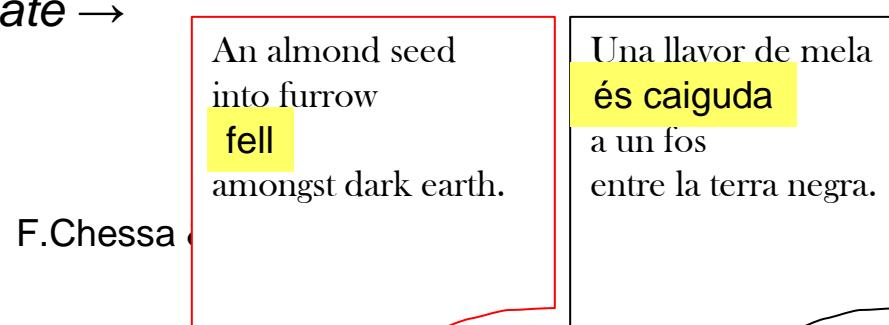
Echo Chamber (ear,tongue,thought,eye)

Language Barrier



Parallel text alignment ↔ to communicate **semantics**

- standards-based markup (TEI, XML), html delivery
- going beyond Google Translate →



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Google translate

Translate From: Catalan ▾ To: English ▾ Translate

Click for alternate translations

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Los fills
que neixen
quan venen al món
la mare los fa
mes són altra gent.

A seed mela
is fallin ↗
to be
between the black earth.
land
has had
estujada
its ventro
for these days
time,
seed hidden.
a tree
is left there
but the mela
margins and sour,
different
also that all
assimitgi parents.
the sons
born
when sold to the world
mother makes them
are most other people.

Poetry
is an
extreme challenge

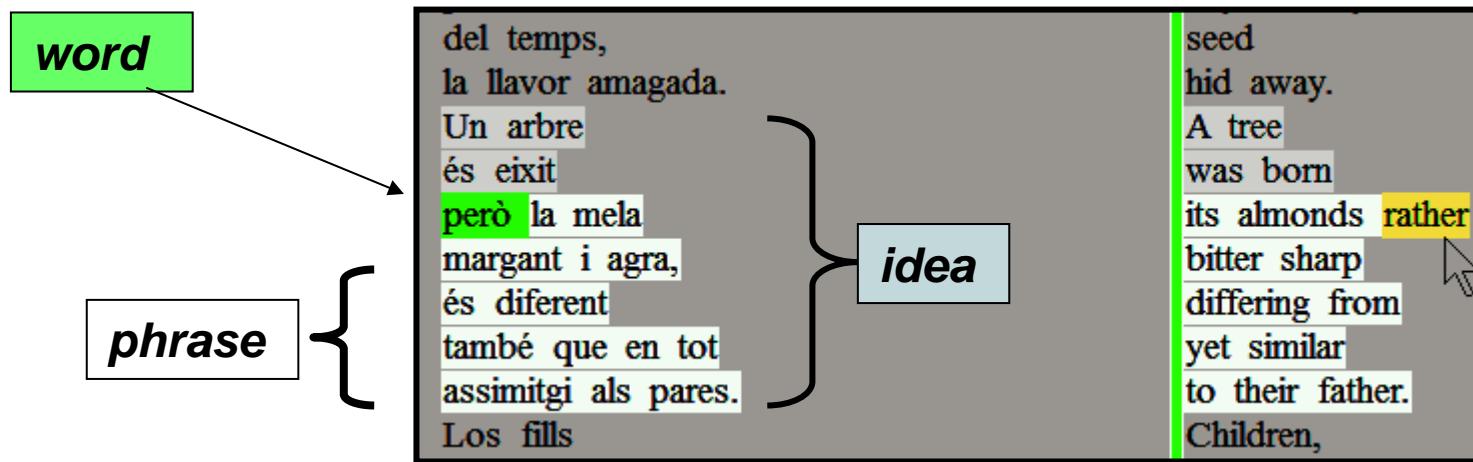
Google Translate:
is pitiful when read
aloud as poetry

Echo Chamber
(ear,tongue,thought,eye)

HCI and SMT

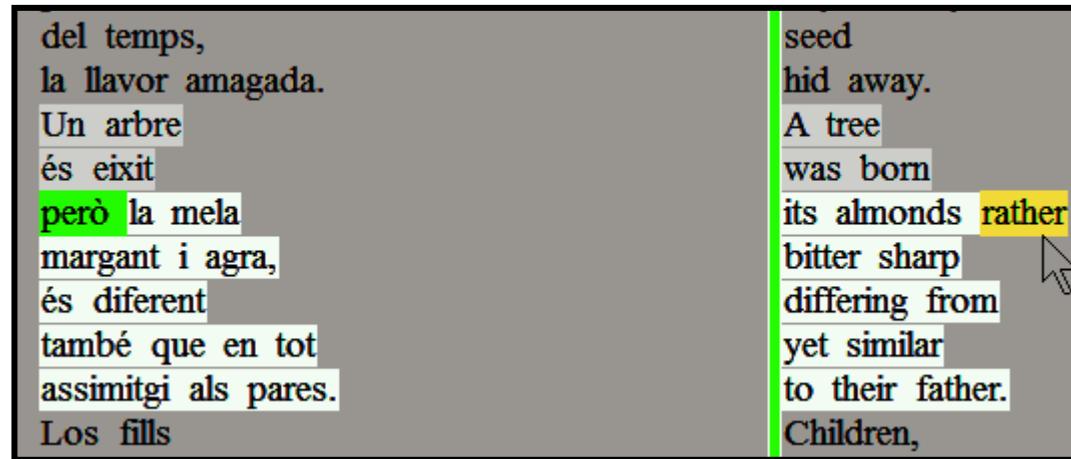
We are **not** doing statistical **machine** translation (SMT) here

A **human** translates each poem and marks up the equivalences at three different levels: **word**, **phrase**, **idea**.



Spatio-visual cues are thus obtained.

HCI and SMT ?

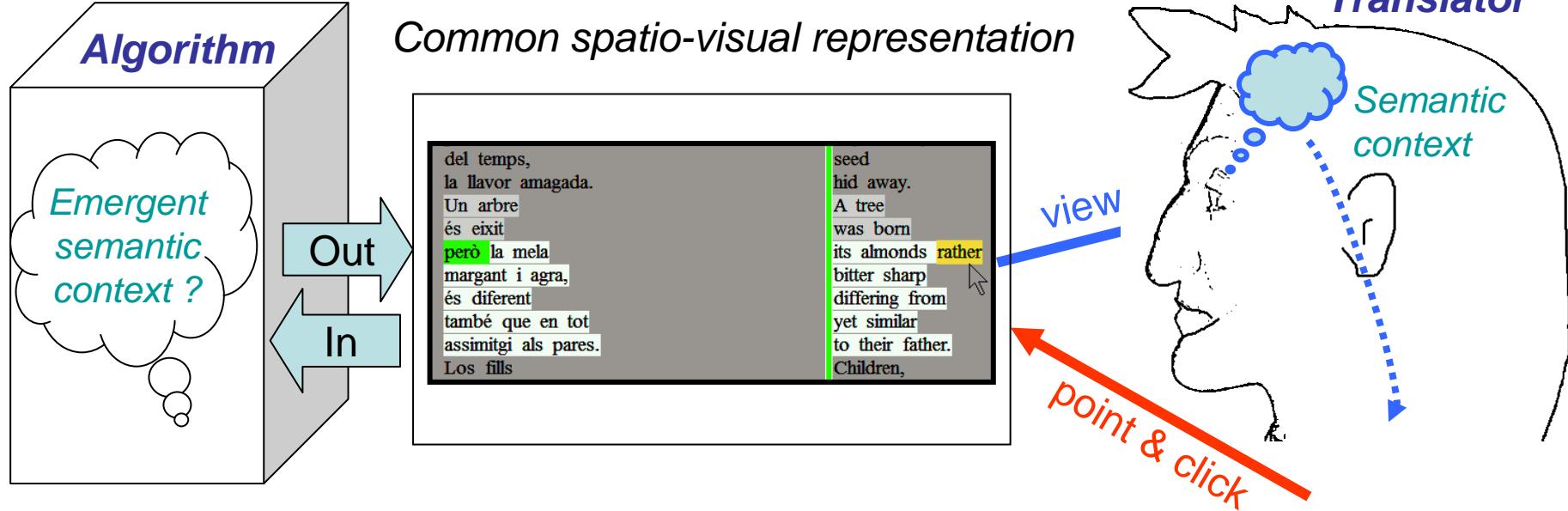


Spatio-visual cues are thus available.

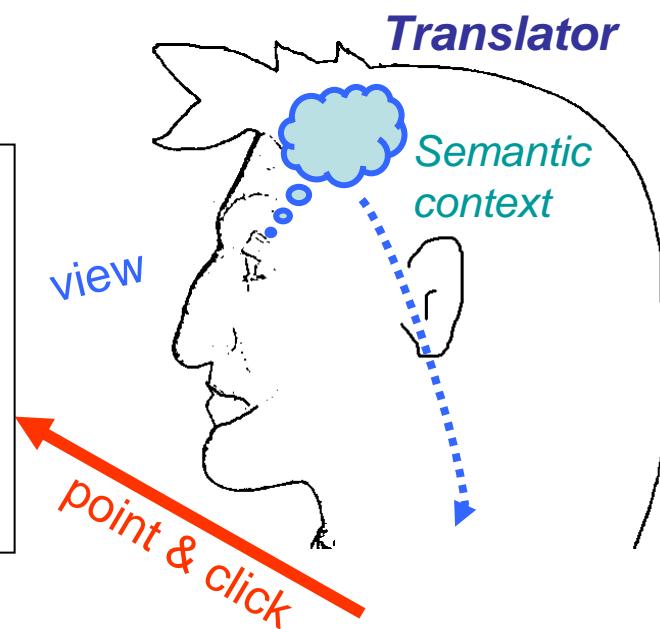
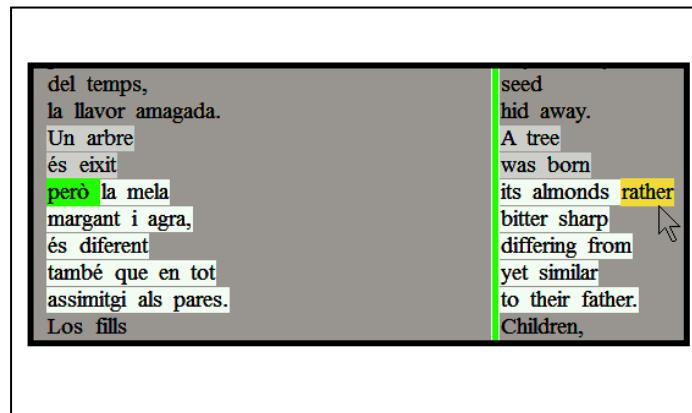
Q: Can such cues provide an *intermediate representation* that can be usefully manipulated by SMT?

Q: Might an algorithm compute *emergent semantic context* from them?

HCI and SMT ?



HCI: design factors



- non-verbal interface – *non-linguistic thinking*
- facilitate *smooth switching of gaze* between parallel texts via the secondary highlighting
- text-selection by *point & click* at words
- see *through cursor-sprite* when on text

interactive alignment: steps

- atomic segmentation {word,phrase,idea}
- restoring state
- *select* by click
- *merge* operation
- *alignment* between parallel texts
- *split* operation
- review

jQuery implemiontation

Demo (a desktop browser: *IE8-9, FF3-10, Opera 11, Chrome, Safari*)

MLW 2011 demo: Brelstaff, Chessa, Interactive Alignment Of Parallel Text

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Demo:
selection by click

Peraula bia - Antonino Mura Ena

Sardinian original

Una peraula bia;
cando est offerta: e nada
ed est sa prima - orta
chi dae bucca bessit,
in s'istante matessi est accabada.
Est cunsumida e morta.

Word Lives - Antonino Mura Ena

English version - gjb 2009

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when offered up and said
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Demo: selection & alignment

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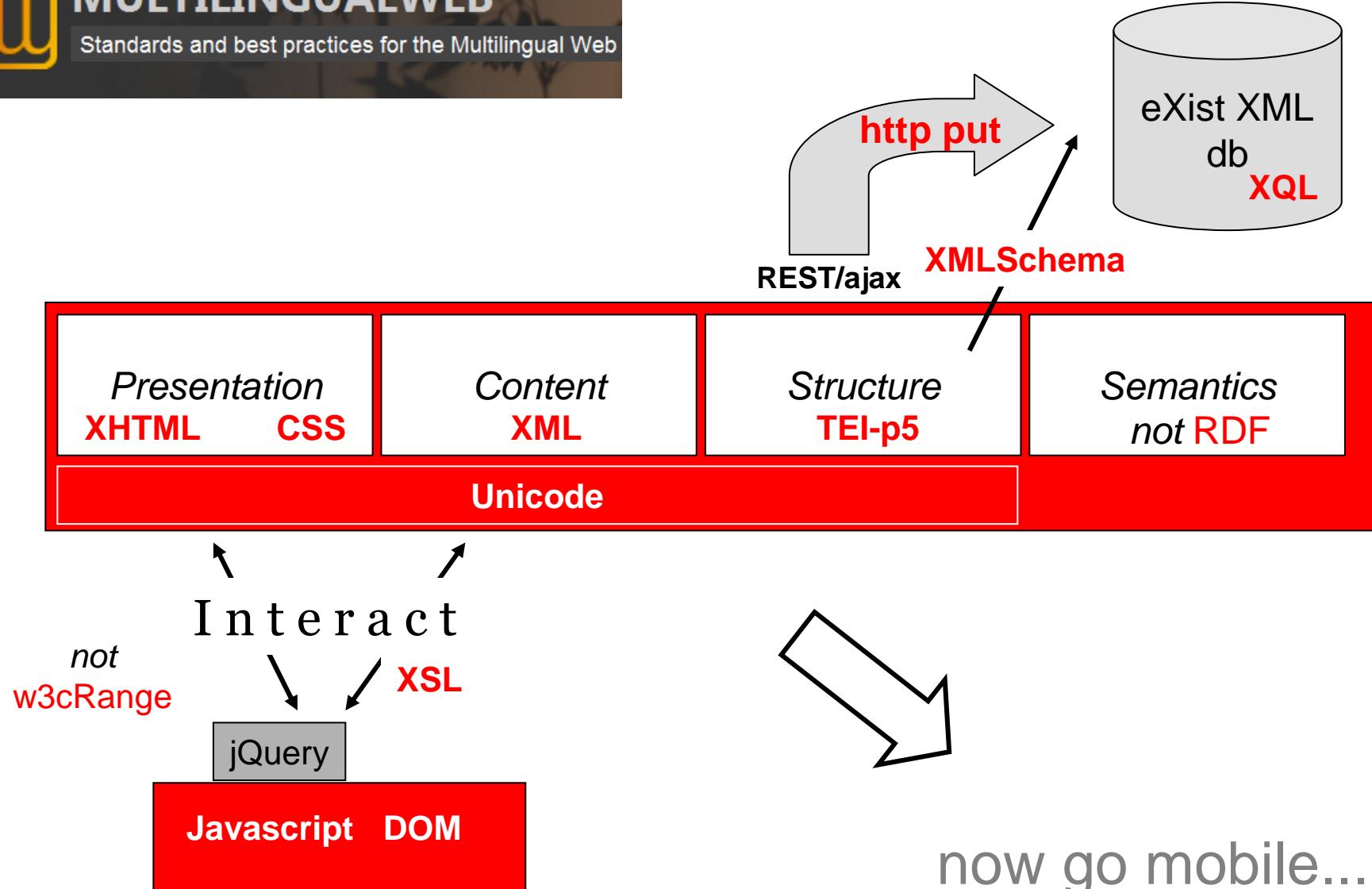
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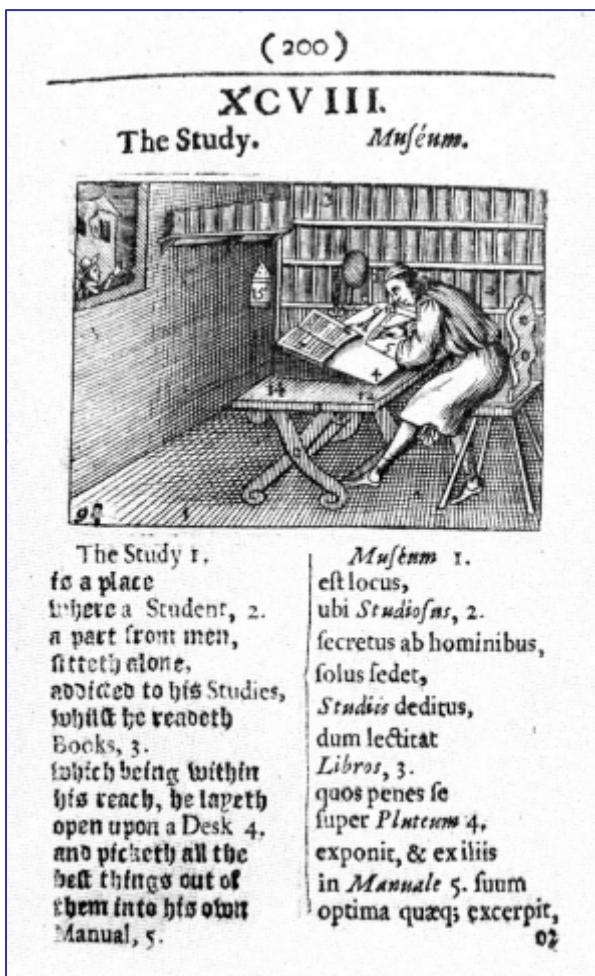
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Text Encoding Initiative – *the TEI way*



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    <seg xml:id="e9806">addicted to his Studies,</seg>
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    <seg xml:id="e9808">Books,</seg>
  </p>
</div>
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    <seg xml:id="l9806">Studiis deditus,</seg>
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Conclusion

- *Alghero* html app for aligning parallel texts
- generic *multilingual web* application
- text highlights = *spatio-visual* cues
- intermediate representation for semantic context?
- poetry: extreme challenge for SMT
- poetry: a new market?

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