Recent Advances in Spoken Language Translation

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The talk is structured in three parts. The first part overviews problems and approaches to spoken language translation. The second part presents challenges and achievements of the European Project TC-STAR, that ended in 2007. The third part describes advances in the use of confusion networks as interface between automatic speech recognition and machine translation. In particular, I will discuss an efficient implementation of a decoding algorithm for confusion networks and describe its use to translate ASR word lattices and to enrich translations with punctuation marks. I will also report experimental results on the translation of speeches of the European Parliament, from Spanish to English and viceversa.