#### Language Model Interpolation

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Query "is periwinkle"

 $p_{\text{interp}}(\text{periwinkle} \mid \text{is}) = p_{\text{interp}}(\text{periwinkle})b_{\text{interp}}(is)$  $\neq \lambda p_1(\text{periwinkle})b_1(\text{is}) + (1 - \lambda)p_2(\text{periwinkle})b_2(\text{is})$ 

## Perplexity

Interpolate Europarl and Multi-UN.

1000 tuning and 1000 evaluation sentences held out from Europarl.

SRI Fake Interpolate	41.9301
SRI Dynamic Interpolate	42.0268
Manually Interpolate	41.1426

## What Now?

- Can we find a non-ARPA but efficient way?
- Implement the broken version anyway?
- Convince Philipp Koehn to drop SRI from Moses.