

# Motion into and out of in English, French and Norwegian

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## Abstract

This paper presents a contrastive study of Norwegian predications of motion events with the compound prepositions *ut av* ('out of') and *inn i* ('into') and their translations into English and French. The motivation for choosing these two types of predication is that French, unlike English, is said to avoid the use of manner verbs with boundary-crossing events. The paper examines all occurrences in the Oslo Multilingual Corpus (OMC) of self-motion predications containing the two Norwegian prepositions, in all of which path is coded in the prepositional phrase. The verb may also code path, it may code manner, or it may be a neutral verb of movement. We first analyse the Norwegian originals with respect to their coding of path and manner and then turn to the two sets of translations and investigate the extent to which they retain the manner/path coding choices of the source predications and, if not, what sort of alterations they make. If the contention that French avoids manner verbs with boundary-crossing actions is correct, the French translations should exhibit a much greater degree of path or neutral motion coding in the verb than either the Norwegian originals or the English translations. The data show that this is indeed the case. There are also, however, more occurrences of manner verbs in French with boundary-crossing actions than one would expect given the language's reputation in the literature for avoiding this construction.

## 1. Introduction

In this paper we compare and contrast English and French translations of Norwegian predications of motion events containing the boundary-crossing compound prepositions *ut av* ('out of') and *inn i* ('into'). The point of departure is the typological distinction between path-framed languages, where the semantic path component (direction of the movement) in a motion event is characteristically expressed in the verb, and satellite-framed languages, where the path of motion is typically expressed in a satellite (narrowly defined by Talmy 2000: 17 as an adverbial particle). According to Slobin (2006: 70), "in translations [...] manner salience follows patterns of the target, rather than source language". Thus a translation into a path-framed language will most likely itself be path-framed even in cases where the source text codes manner in the verb phrase. This is likely to apply to an even greater extent to cases in which the preposition codes the crossing of a boundary, given that French is said to avoid the use of manner verbs with telic

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actions in general (Aske 1989: 6) and actions involving boundary-crossing in particular (Cappelle 2012: 189). Cappelle (2012) disagrees with Slobin on the question of manner salience in translated texts, maintaining that translations will often retain traces of the typology of the source text. Although both Slobin and Cappelle base their conclusions on studies of translated data, Slobin on translations from English into Spanish and vice versa, and Cappelle on translations from both French and German into English, neither of them compare translations into different languages of one and the same source. Such data have the obvious advantage of allowing one to compare in detail the alterations made by two sets of translators to the same set of original texts. If Slobin is correct in his contention that manner follows the target language the French translations should exhibit a much greater degree of path coding in the verb than either the Norwegian originals or the English translations. If Cappelle is correct there should be fewer differences between the two sets of translations. In particular we might expect there to be some tokens in French in which manner rather than path is coded by the verb.

Our study is based on data from the No-En-Fr-Ge part of the Oslo Multilingual Corpus (hereafter referred to as OMC), which consists of long extracts from five Norwegian novels, together with their translations into English, French and German. We have only looked at the Norwegian originals and English and French translations. We looked at all tokens of self-motion predications containing the two Norwegian prepositions *ut av* and *inn i*, in all of which path is coded in the prepositional phrase. Note that we are using the term ‘self-motion’ to subsume all motion predications of the type Subject-Verb-Adverbial, irrespective of whether the subject is agentive. The verb in these predications may also code path, as in (1), it may code manner, as in (2), or it may be a neutral verb of movement, as in (3). In these and all other examples underlining indicates coding of path, italics coding of manner, and bold type coding of neutral motion.

- (1) a. Han hadde falt ut av vinduet... (NF1)<sup>1</sup>  
b. He'd fallen from the window... (NF1TE)
- (2) a. Jeg kjente meg litt svimmel da jeg stupte inn i landhandelen...  
(JG3)  
b. I was reeling a little by the time I *dived* into the village store...  
(JG3TE)
- (3) a. En fjern og ennå utydelig skikkelse tar form og **beveger seg inn i synsfeltet**... (BHH1)  
b. A vague, faraway figure takes form and **moves into my field of vision**... (BHH1TE)

In (1)-(3) the English translators have retained the coding of path and manner in the Norwegian originals. Our main concern in this article is the extent to which the English and French translators retain this original coding and, in cases where they do not do so, the sorts of changes they make.

In section 2 we present some theoretical perspectives and our methodological approach. Section 3 describes the classification system employed, with a particular emphasis on the Norwegian verb *gå*, which poses problems for classification. In section 4 we compare the codings of path and manner in the English and French translations of predications containing the Norwegian *ut av*. Section 5 contains a similar analysis of the texts containing Norwegian *inn i*. Finally section 6 contains a summary and conclusion.

## *2. Theory and methodology*

Over the last quarter of a century, Talmy's distinction between path-framed and satellite-framed languages has given rise to a plethora of studies, theoretical and empirical, monolingual and multilingual. These studies have led to progressive refinements of the distinction, with Slobin

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<sup>1</sup> The first part of the code 'NF1' refers to the text in the OMC from which the example has been taken, with 'NF' being the initials of the author. 'TE' means translated text in English; 'TF' stands for translated text in French. The full titles of the original works and the translations in the OMC are listed in Johansson (2007: 349-350).

(2006: 64), among others, arguing the need to allow for a third type of framing, ‘equipollent-framing’, to cater for the sort of motion coding found in some serial verb languages. Other scholars, such as Pourcel and Kopecka (2005), Kopecka (2006) and Hickman *et al.* (2009), have demonstrated that French, which was originally considered a path-framed language, actually employs a variety of constructions to code motion events. Path-framing is just the most commonly employed construction. Indeed Croft *et al.* (2010) have argued that it is misguided to define languages in terms of framing. They maintain that there is a variety of framing construction types, six in all, and that some languages may make more use of one of these types, such as path-framing, without this constituting grounds for us calling the language itself ‘path-framing’.<sup>2</sup>

Whether one thinks of the various types of framing in terms of constructions or as languages that (proto-)typically employ these constructions, there is no getting away from the fact that Germanic and Romance languages, for example, differ markedly in the types of construction they routinely employ to code motion events. One of Talmy’s seminal examples was of a bottle floating into a cave (or entering a cave (by) floating) and it is precisely this type of predication, involving a telic motion event in which a boundary is clearly crossed in a certain manner, that is frequently said to be most resistant to encoding in a verb-framed language by a satellite framed construction. Thus Beavers *et al.* state, with reference to Aske (1989), that “V-framed languages disallow boundary-crossing path satellites with manner verbs, although they may allow non-boundary-crossing path satellites” (2010: 347). In other words, predications of non-telic motion events, such as those containing paths coded in English and French by prepositional phrases headed by the prepositions *towards/vers* are more likely to be deemed acceptable with manner verbs in path-framing languages than those

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<sup>2</sup> Beavers *et al.* (2010) maintain that “Many languages that allow encoding possibilities ‘against’ their Talmyan type may in practice disprefer them as they are more complex than other available options. However, [...] other factors, especially pragmatic factors, may sometimes cause the more complex types to be favored, an outcome that is only expected if, as on our approach, such options are in principle available” (Beavers, Levin and Wei Tham 2010: 335).

containing boundary-reaching prepositions such as *jusqu'à/to*.<sup>3</sup> Acceptability judgements, however, are likely to vary according to the verb in question, as shown by Pourcel and Kopecka (2006). Moreover, in a study based on a corpus of French novels and travelogues, Kopecka (2009) shows that some French manner verbs, such as *sauter* and *grimper* are actually more likely to be used in predications involving boundary-crossing ('*changement de lieu*') than predications of motion within a set of boundaries ('*changement d'emplacement*').

The fact that boundary-crossing events constitute the hard-core of motion predications which are less likely to be coded by manner verbs in verb-framing languages lies behind our decision to investigate predications of motion [into] and [out of], which by definition encode the crossing of a boundary. In order to carry out a comparison between the codings of such events in English and French, one needs a set of examples from both languages that encode the same motion events. One common method used to ensure comparability is to show informants visual representations of events in picture books or video snippets and ask them to describe what is going on (some examples of the former method may be found in Strömquist and Verhoven 2004; for just one example of the latter see Engemann *et al.* 2012). This sort of procedure may seem to overly rely on the ability of the participants in the experiments to see the same event in the picture. However, if they do not do so, in other words if they construe the scene differently, this very difference may actually be a reflection of the way their mother tongue characteristically codes events (see Slobin's 1996 notion of 'thinking for speaking'). Be that as it may, we have chosen to ensure that the tokens we compare in our study are compatible by choosing informants who are given identical prompts. Our *tertia comparationis* are verbal rather than visual (see Egan 2013 for the use of original texts in multilingual corpora as *tertia comparationis*). The translators in our study were not at liberty to construe the motion events in the original texts as freely as observers of a picture, although they were, of course, at liberty to *re-construe*

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<sup>3</sup> Pourcel and Kopecka (2005: 143) make a similar distinction between what they term 'motion activities' and 'motion events'. Note that Beavers *et al.* (2010) consider boundary-reaching to be a type of boundary-crossing.

them.<sup>4</sup> It is indeed the very fashion and extent of their reconstructions that provide us with the material for our discussion in sections 4 and 5.

Since all translators are necessarily functionally bilingual one must bear in mind the possibility that they choose to retain in their translation the construal coded in the source text, especially if this construal involves a form of coding also possible to encode in the target language, rather than opt for a construal involving a different, albeit more common form of coding in the target language. Given the differences between French, a path-framed language, on the one hand and Norwegian and English, two satellite-framed languages on the other, one might expect to find more evidence of this lack of reconstructions in the French translations, at least if Cappelle (2012) is correct in his assertion that translators will often retain the coding of the source text, where this is typologically possible. One might for instance expect to find more tokens of manner verbs in the French translations than one would in a comparable corpus of French original texts. In order to investigate this hypothesis one would ideally need access to a corpus containing French originals and Norwegian translations in which one could search for translations containing the two forms *inn i* and *ut av*. Unfortunately, the only such corpus of which we are aware, the French Norwegian Parallel Corpus, is too small to furnish us with sufficient tokens of these low-frequency prepositions.<sup>5</sup>

As pointed out in the introduction our material consists of translations into English and French of all tokens of self-motion in the OMC containing adverbials in the form of prepositional phrases headed by the two complex prepositions *ut av* and *inn i*. We first downloaded all sentences containing these prepositions, before manually extracting the tokens coding motion predications. We then set aside tokens instantiating caused motion, which is conceptually more complex than self-motion, entailing as it does an extra participant, a Causer in addition to a Mover. The decision to omit these from our study was prompted solely by

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<sup>4</sup> Highly polysemous verbs in the source language may constitute exceptions with respect to the extent of coerced construal. See the discussion of the Norwegian verb *gå* in section 3.

<sup>5</sup> There are approx. 111,200 words from fictional French original texts in the French Norwegian Parallel Corpus (FNPC), as opposed to 439,687 words of translated French in the sub-corpus of the OMC in the present study. There are just 18 tokens of *ut av* in self-motion constructions in the FNPC.

practical concerns. To do them justice would require a separate article. We were left with 225 tokens of self-motion that were translated into both English and French. Both authors (one with Norwegian as L1 and the other with English as L1) analysed the data, identifying the semantic dimensions of the source and target text tokens. We first analysed the Norwegian originals with respect to their coding of path and manner (path being, of course, always coded in the prepositional phrase, but possibly also in the verb, as in example (1) above). We then turned to the two sets of translations and investigated the extent to which they retain the manner/path coding choices of the source predications and, if not, what sort of alterations they exhibit. The two independent analyses were then compared and coordinated. We present the results of these analyses in sections 4 and 5. First, however, a few words must be said about how we went about classifying the tokens.

### 3. Classification system

An overview of all categories included in the classification system that were applied to both the source text and target text verbs and adverbials in the present study is provided in Table 1. The categories are illustrated with English examples where available.

Table 1: The classification system for manner and path encoding in the data

	<b>Categories</b>	<b>Examples</b>
	Verbs encoding manner	<i>run, walk, stagger</i>
	Verbs encoding path (including the encoding of source, middle and goal of the path)	<i>leave, pass, arrive, enter</i>
	Verbs encoding both manner and path	<i>climb, lean</i>
Verbs	Verbs expressing neutral motion	<i>move, travel, non-deictic come and go</i>
	Verbs that are not motion verbs, such as a verb of location encoding the position of the subject after the act of motion rather than the act of motion itself	<i>get, find, be</i>
	No verb (in the translations)	

	Adverbials encoding manner	<i>with firm steps, on soundless wings, rushing</i>
	Adverbials encoding path	<i>into the golden sky, out of his house</i>
Adverbials	A combination of two adverbials that encode both manner and path	<i>headlong into the hallway, barefoot into the hen-house</i>
	Adverbials encoding purpose	<i>pour découvrir le patio</i>
	Adverbials encoding the area in which the movement takes place rather than the path of movement	<i>inside, in Valérie's cupboard</i>
	No adverbial (in the translations)	
Other elements	Tokens in which the ground is encoded directly as the object of the verb	[entered] <i>the room</i>

Although the categorization of the tokens in the data was for the most part fairly straightforward, there were cases where distinctions were less clear with respect to both semantic range as well as structural complexity.

### 3.1. *The compound prepositions inn i and ut av*

First, the source text prepositions *inn i* and *ut av* may on the surface seem completely parallel and syntactically congruent. However, only *inn i* is given the status of a compound preposition in standard dictionaries, while *ut av* is not listed as an entry in the motion sense. Even though this would not affect the results of the present study where the focus is on the translations of the predications, it indicates a possible difference: while *inn i* functions as a unit, *ut av* sometimes seems to be a combination of a particle followed by a prepositional phrase, as in the sentence *Han kom ut av skapet* ('he came out of the closet') which could potentially be analysed as either 'han [kom ut] [av skapet]' or 'han [kom] [ut av skapet]'. In contrast, many Norwegian dialects and the written standard of *Nynorsk* (and Swedish) have a distinction between the separate prepositions *ut + av* and the unit (*ut*) *or* (from old Norse *ór*) with the meaning 'about motion: out from, out of'.<sup>6</sup> Since all occurrences of *ut av* in the data can be replaced with the compound preposition (*ut*) *or* with

<sup>6</sup> See e.g. *Nynorskordboka*, located at <http://www.nob-ordbok.uio.no/>.

no effect on the meaning, they have all been considered as compound prepositions, parallel to *inn i*.

### 3.2. The verbs *gå* and *komme*

Another problem is related to the categorization of the Norwegian motion verb *gå*. When used as a self-motion verb with a human subject its basic meaning is ‘walk’, which codes manner of motion. However, in a wide range of contexts *gå* corresponds to its English cognate *go* (‘move’). In other words the verb is underspecified with respect to manner of motion, since all instances of walking are also instances of going. Viberg (2013) relates this to “the shift of attention and the selection of elements in the situation that are coded linguistically”, referred to as *profiling* (Viberg 2013: 32). In contexts where the focus of attention is on moving on foot, as in *Hun går på tå* (‘She walks on her toes’), the manner of motion is profiled, and the basic English translation equivalent is *walk*, while in other contexts where the manner of motion is irrelevant, and therefore not profiled, as in *Hun går inn igjen* (‘She goes back inside’), the basic English translation equivalent is *go*.<sup>7</sup>

The translation data were obviously not used as guidelines for the categorisation of tokens of *gå* in this study, as this would result in circularity. Instead, tokens of *gå* that co-occur with manner adverbials were categorised as verbs encoding manner, since the manner of motion is specifically profiled in those contexts, as in (4).

- (4) a. Så gikk han på bare føtter over garden og inn i hønsehuset.  
(HW2)  
b. Then he *trudged barefoot* across the courtyard and into the hen-house. (HW2TE)

Some manner adverbials are not directly related to the motion, such as *flirende* (‘laughing’) in (5a), and were not considered as relevant to the categorisation of the verb, which was classified as encoding neutral motion here, despite the choice of *walk* in the English translation (5b).

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<sup>7</sup> In addition, the verb *gå* can also code path (source), as in *Nå går vi* (‘Now we’re leaving’).

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- (5) a. Flirende **går** vi ut av lokalet. (KF1)  
b. We *walk* out of the place laughing. (KF1TE)

The choice of *walk* in (5b) detects the fact that even in cases where manner is not profiled, the verb *gå* is not completely neutral when the subject is human. However, tokens of *gå* without any manner adverbials were categorised as encoding (relatively) neutral motion, as in (6) and (7). As these examples illustrate, although none of them contains the explicit coding of manner as defined above, the actual manner of motion ('walking') can be potentially implicit – and thus open for different construals on the part of the translator – in some cases, as in (6) ('we walked into the hut') while not in others, such as (7) (\*'I walked out of my bed').

- (6) a. Da flasken var tom, **gikk** vi inn i hytten. (JG3)  
b. When the bottle was empty, we **went** into the hut. (JG3TE)
- (7) a. Jeg **gikk** ut av sengen og sto foran vinduet og stirret ut ... (NF1)  
b. I rose from my bed and stood at the window staring out ... (NF1TE)

A corresponding problem occurs with the categorization of the Norwegian verb *komme* ('come'), which may encode either path or neutral motion, depending on whether or not the motion is in the direction of the focussed participant in the context (e.g. the speaker). In most cases the verb *komme* encodes neutral motion, as in (8), whereas in (9) the verb expresses a path towards the main character ('me').

- (8) a. En av Marais' betjenter **kommer** ut av en vogn. (NF1)  
b. One of Marais' officers *stepped* out of a carriage. (NF1TE)
- (9) a. Han kom inn i cellen til meg i full mundering ... (BHH1)  
b. He came into my cell in full uniform ... (BHH1TE)

4. *Translations of Norwegian ut av*

Table 2 contains details of the coding of manner and path in the Norwegian original tokens containing *ut av* and the English and French translations of these tokens. As may be seen in the table, both manner and path may be encoded once or twice, or in the case of the translated text, not encoded at all. This latter case is obviously impossible for path in the Norwegian originals which were chosen because of the sort of path they code.

Table 2: Codings of Manner and Path in 93 [out of] predications

	Manner			Path		
	Not coded	Coded once	Coded twice	Not coded	Coded once	Coded twice
Norwegian	49	36	8	0	84	9
English	44	43	6	2	72	19
French	71	20	2	6	40	47

The data in Table 2 is reproduced figuratively in Figure 1.

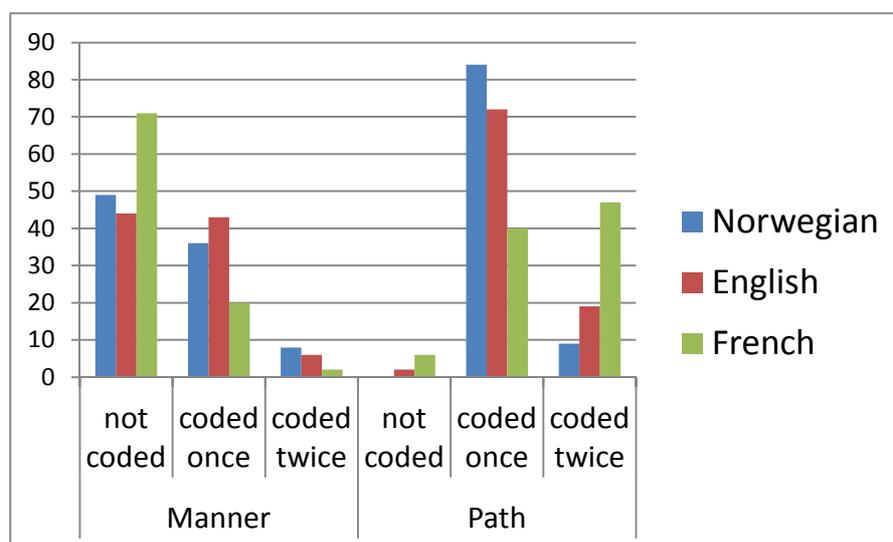


Figure 1: Codings of Manner and Path in [out of] predications

A first glance at Table 2 and Figure 1 reveals that the English translations resemble the Norwegian originals with respect to the coding of both manner and path to a greater extent than do the French translations. The French translators drop the coding of manner in exactly half of the original tokens (22 of 44). Example (10c) may serve to illustrate this usage whereby a path verb, combined with a direct object encoding the Ground, corresponds to a manner verb and path adverbial in both Norwegian and English.

- (10) a. Så *ravet* han ut av rommet. (HW2)  
b. Then he *rushed* from the room. (HW2TE)  
c. Et il quittait la pièce. (HW2TF)

In the case of 12 of the 22 tokens where the French translators drop the coding of manner, they combine the coding of path in the verb with the retention of its coding in a preposition phrase, thus resulting in a double (or shared) coding of path, as in (11).

- (11) a. Nei, nei, ikke noe med å *klatre* ut av vinduet! (BHH1)  
b. No, no, forget about *climbing* through the window!  
(BHH1TE)  
c. Non, non, ne pas sortir par la fenêtre! (BHH1TF)

In 10 of the 22 tokens in which the French translators retain the coding of manner from the Norwegian originals, they choose to code it in the verb, as in (12). In the remaining 12 cases, it is encoded in an adverbial, as in (13).

- (12) a. Jeg *åler meg* ut av vinduet igjen. (NF1)  
b. *Wriggling* through the window ... (NF1TE)  
c. Je *me suis glissé* à nouveau par la fenêtre. (NF1TF)
- (13) a. Irritert river jeg jakken av meg, kaster den i flammene, og *løper* ut av kontoret. (NF1)  
b. I ripped off the jacket in anger, threw it into the flames and *ran* out of the office. (NF1TE)  
c. Furieux, j'arrache ma veste, la jette dans les flammes et *sors* de la pièce en courant. (NF1TF)

It may be worth noting that the adverbial takes the form of a gerund as in (13) in only two of the 12 French manner adverbial tokens. The other token is also *en courant*. Thus in the language of these French translations we are five times more likely to encounter manner coded by the main verb, as in (12c) than by a gerund, as in (13c). These results also accord with those of Morita (2011), who studied translations of literary texts from Japanese into French and vice versa: he writes “the French gerundive is syntactically the most independent element and appears least in our data” (Morita 2011: §85). Even allowing for the influence of the source texts on the form of coding in the French translations, the infrequency of the gerund in translations from both a satellite-framed and a path-framed language is very much at odds with the descriptions of standard codings of manner in Romance languages in the (early) verb- and satellite-framing literature.

English is very similar typologically to Norwegian, as is shown by the similarities in the participants’ encoding of motion events in the free-naming study reported on by Vulchanova *et al.* (2012). If anything, Norwegian is rather more satellite-framed than English since, as a result of the Norman Conquest, English contains path verbs such as *enter* and *descend*, where Norwegian has a combination of a verb and a particle. Nevertheless, we see in Table 1 that there are five more tokens in English coding manner than there are in the Norwegian originals. Two of these are cited as (14) and (15).

- (14) a. Hun holdt hesten an da hun var **kommet** ut av den siste kløfta. (HW2)  
 b. When she *rode* out of the last crevice, she reined in her horse. (HW2TE)  
 c. Elle retint le cheval après avoir passé le dernier ravin. (HW2TF)
- (15) a. Vi **gikk** ut av landhandelen sammen .... (NF1)  
 b. Together we *battled* our way out .... (NF1TE)  
 c. Nous en sortîmes ensemble .... (NF1TF)

Any suggestion as to why the English translators have chosen to substitute a manner verb for the neutral motion verbs *kommet* (‘came’) and *gikk* (‘went’) in (14) and (15) can only be speculative. However, one

can point to a difference between the two examples, in that the Figure (the syntactic subject) in (14) has already been described in the co-text as being on horseback. The English translator thus cannot be said to add any information as such. In (15) on the other hand the protagonists are said to be in a crowded shop, but there is no suggestion in the original text that they experienced any particular difficulty in exiting it. This addition does not appear to be attributable to any of the four types of explicitation described by Klaudy (2008; see also Becher 2010). It is not obligatory, nor is it 'optional' in the sense that it is motivated by stylistic preferences in the two languages. 'We left the shop together' would be perfectly idiomatic in English. It is certainly not pragmatic since Norwegian speakers and English speakers have similar cultures with respect to shops. This leaves us with Blum-Kulka's (1986) notion of 'translation-inherent explicitation', whereby the translator renders more explicitly something which is only implicit in the source text. However, as we have seen there is no reason to think that 'battling' as a mode of exiting is implicit in the original Norwegian text. So what we see in (15) is mere addition on the part of the translator, adding more colour to the predication than was expressed by the original author.

Turning from manner to path, we may first note the perhaps surprising fact that there are more tokens that omit to code path altogether in French than in English (path is of course always coded in the Norwegian originals). One such example is (16).

- (16) a. Hun sto likesom hele tiden på spranget, og jeg skjønnte at det skulle ikke mye til før hun ble skremt og *styrtet hodekulls ut av døren*. (BHH1)  
 b. She seemed to be on the point of leaving at any moment, and I realized that she might easily get frightened and *rush headlong out the door*. (BHH1TE)  
 c. Je la sentais prête à partir d'un moment à l'autre et comprenais qu'il suffirait d'un rien pour qu'elle prenne peur et se sauve. (BHH1TF)

Both the English and Norwegian versions of (16) contain manner and path adverbials in addition to a manner verb. The French version, on the other hand, contains neither, substituting the non-motion predicate 'se sauver' for the motion predicate in the original. There is no doubt an

element of implicitation at work here insofar as the obvious way for the Figure to save herself is to flee her present location. However, (16) is not representative of French translations in this respect. There are 93 examples containing a predication of path in the Norwegian originals, 91 in the English translations and 87 in the French translations. If we count the total number of path predications, rather than the examples containing them, we get a different picture; 102 for Norwegian, 110 for English and 134 for French (cf. Table 2 above). The difference is due to the extent of double coding in the three languages.

- (17) a. Først **kom** han ut av restauranten ... (KF1)  
 b. He emerged first from the restaurant ... (KF1TE)  
 c. ... il sortit le premier du restaurant. (KF1TF)

In both the English and French versions of (17) the path is coded twice. More accurately one could say that two different portions of the path are coded in each case, the route by the verb and the source by the adverbial. This mode of double coding, which is referred to as double-framing in Croft *et al.* (2010), is more than twice as common in French as in English.

To sum up this discussion of the translations of *ut av*, we have seen that there is no categorical difference between the three languages insofar as they all make use of the same full range of constructions to code boundary-crossing self-motion events. The difference is rather one of proportion with English resembling Norwegian in the extent to which manner is coded explicitly and French doing so to a much lesser extent. With respect to path, although French does not code it more often than the two other languages, it tends to code it twice a good deal more often. In the next section we will investigate whether predications of [into] events resemble those of [out of] events in these respects.

##### 5. Translations of Norwegian *inn i*

The coding of manner and path in the Norwegian tokens with *inn i* and the corresponding English and French translations is shown in Table 3. As was the case with *ut av* (Table 2), both manner and path may be encoded once or twice, or not encoded at all in the translated text.

Table 3: Codings of Manner and Path in 132 [into] predications

	Manner			Path		
	Not coded	Coded once	Coded twice	Not coded	Coded once	Coded twice
Norwegian	76	50	6	0	124	8
English	81	46	5	7	106	19
French	98	33	1	19	38	75

The data in Table 3 is reproduced figuratively in Figure 2.

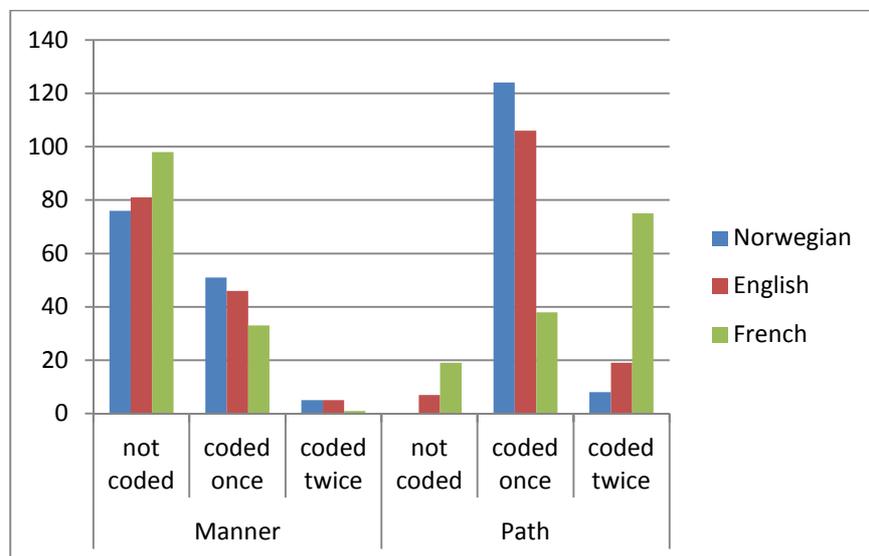


Figure 2: Codings of manner and path in [into] predications

Again, Table 3 and Figure 2 show that English translations are closer to the Norwegian originals than the French translations with respect to the coding of manner and, in particular, the coding of path. The difference in the coding of manner is not quite as distinct here as in the [out of] predications, but the coding of manner is dropped in almost one third of the French translations (22 of 56), as illustrated in (18), where a path verb combined with a direct object encoding the Ground corresponds to a manner verb and path adverbial in the Norwegian and English texts.

- (18) a. ... som om han tok sats og ville *fare* lukt inn i saligheten. (BHH1)  
 b. ... as if he meant to take off and *leap* straight into heavenly bliss. (BHH1TE)  
 c. ... comme s'il s'apprêtait à prendre son élan pour **rejoindre** directement la béatitude céleste. (BHH1TF)

Here, half of the 22 tokens without coding of manner in the French translations combine the coding of path in the verb and path in a prepositional phrase, most frequently with the preposition *dans*, as in (19).

- (19) a. De *spaserte* inn den hvite grinden og inn i hagen. (HW2)  
 b. Then they *strolled* through the white gate and into the garden. (HW2TE)  
 c. Ils ouvrirent la barrière blanche pour entrer dans le jardin. (HW2TF)

In 32 tokens the French translators retain the coding of manner from the Norwegian originals. Of these tokens, 21 have encoding of manner in the verb, as in (20). In the remaining 11 tokens, manner is encoded in the adverbial, as in (21). However, only 4 of these 11 tokens have Norwegian originals where manner is encoded in the verb (which in all instances is *gå* 'walk'); in the rest of the tokens (most with the neutral verb *komme* 'come') manner is encoded in the adverbial in both the Norwegian original and the translations, as in (22). None of these French manner adverbial tokens take the form of a gerund (cf. section 4 above).

- (20) a. En *fløy* like inn i flammen foran Dina. (HW2)  
 b. One *flew* into the flame in front of Dina. (HW2TE)  
 c. L'un d'eux *vola* droit dans la flamme, devant Dina. (HW2TF)
- (21) a. *Går* *langsomt* ned hagegangen, inn i den ventende vognen. (NF1)  
 b. ... and *walk* *slowly* down the garden path into his waiting carriage. (NF1TE)  
 c. ... il descend *lentement* l'allée jusqu'à la voiture qui l'attend. (NF1TF)

- (22) a. ... en småjente med skoleransel på ryggen **kom** *stytende* inn i rettslokalet. (BHH1)  
b. ... a little girl with a schoolbag on her back **came** *rushing* into the room. (BHH1TE)  
c. ... une petit fille portant un cartable sur le dos entra précipitamment dans la salle. (BHH1TF)

In two of the tokens where the Norwegian original has no manner encoding, shown in (23) and (24), the French translators code manner in the verbs:

- (23) a. Men innen gjengen vinket farvel og forsvant inn i det forbrukerparadis ... (BHH1)  
b. ... by the time the gang waved goodbye and disappeared into the consumer paradise ... (BHH1TE)  
c. Mais avant même que la bande n'ait eu le temps de s'engouffrer dans le grand temple de la consommation ... (BHH1TF)
- (24) a. [hun] krøp tettere inn til muren, som om hun ønsket å forsvinne inn i den. (BHH1)  
b. [she] crept closer to the wall, as if she wanted to disappear into it. (BHH1TE)  
c. [elle] se coller contre le mur comme pour s'y enfoncer. (BHH1TF)

The reason for this encoding is hard to determine, and the fact that (23) and (24) stem from the same novel may suggest that these are examples of a translator's idiosyncratic choices, rather than a general cross-linguistic tendency.

As in the [out of] predications, the English translations of [into] predications support the typological similarity of English and Norwegian, with the difference between a much more frequent use of path verbs with a Norman origin in English (e.g. *enter*, *penetrate*, *join*, *merge*, *arrive*, *return*, etc.) where only a few equivalents occur in the Norwegian originals (*forsvinne* 'disappear', *komme* 'arrive', *falle* 'fall').

If we go on to consider the encoding of path, the difference between French and English tokens in which path is not encoded is even higher

here than in the [out of] predications: While all Norwegian originals encode path, 19 of the French and 7 of the English translations omit this coding altogether, as in (25).

- (25) a. ... sa madame Renée da de var **kommet inn i stuen**. (NF1)  
 b. ... Madame Renée said once they were inside (NF1TE)  
 c. ... dit-elle, quand ils furent dans le salon. (NF1TF1)

In (25), neither the English nor the French version contains path, which may be a result of the very “weak path” in the Norwegian original, where *var kommet inn i stuen* relates basically to their location (‘in the living room’) rather than the entering process.

There are 132 examples containing a predication of path in the Norwegian originals, 125 in the English translations and 113 in the French translations. Again, if we count the total number of path predications and not only the examples containing them, we get a different picture; 140 for Norwegian, 144 for English and 188 for French, which shows that the double coding of path is more common in French than in the other two languages. Both the English and French versions of (26) have path coded twice, and as in example (25), the route is coded by the verb and the goal by the adverbial.

- (26) a. Etter en stund **kom** hun **inn i stuen** igjen. (HW2)  
 b. She soon returned to the parlor. (HW2TE)  
 c. Elle revint dans le salon au bout de quelques instants.  
 (HW2TF)

Summing up the discussion, the translations of *inn i*, like the translations of *ut av*, show that English and French use the same construction types as Norwegian to code self-motion. Again, the difference lies in the proportion of explicit coding between English and French: while the English translations tend to resemble the Norwegian originals in the coding of both manner and path, French has a lower degree of explicit coding with respect to both manner and path. However, here, too, the French translations tend to code path twice far more often than both English and Norwegian.

### *6. Summary and conclusion*

In this paper we compared and contrasted English and French translations of Norwegian predications of motion events containing the boundary-crossing compound prepositions *ut av* ('out of') and *inn i* ('into'). Our reason for analysing these boundary-crossing predications is that these are often said to disallow manner verbs in languages such as French. According to Beavers *et al.*, "V-framed languages disallow boundary-crossing path satellites with manner verbs, although they may allow non-boundary-crossing path satellites" (2010: 347). These predications therefore furnish us with appropriate evidence for evaluating the hypothesis of Slobin (2006: 70) that "in translations [...] manner salience follows patterns of the target, rather than source language", which has been disputed by Cappelle (2012), who maintains that translations are likely to show traces of the manner coding of the source texts.

The data for our study consists of self-motion predications extracted from the Oslo Multilingual Corpus (OMC) where path is coded in the prepositional phrases *inn i* and *ut av*, and where the verb may also code path, manner, or be a neutral verb of movement. Our main concern was the extent to which the English and French translators retain this original coding and, in cases where they do not do so, the sorts of changes they make. The results of our analysis were presented in sections 4 and 5. Figure 1 for [ut av] and Figure 2 for [inn i] showed the coding options utilised by the two sets of translators. The data in the two figures for the coding of both manner and path have been collated for purposes of comparison and are here presented in Figures 3 and 4.

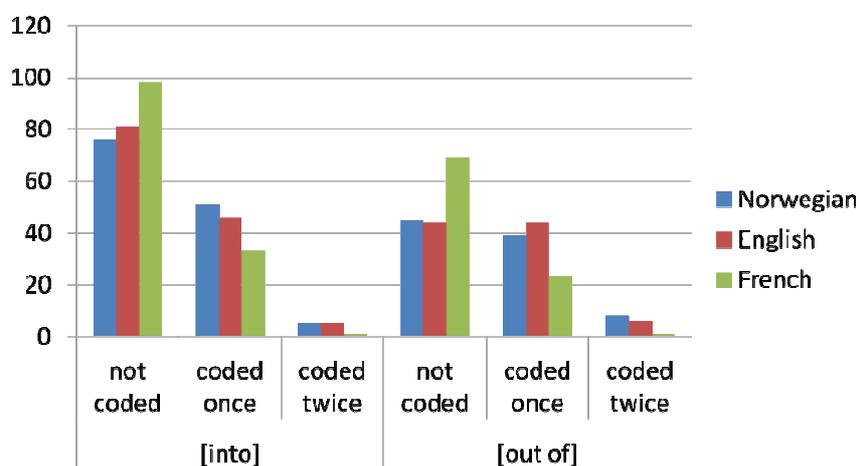


Figure 3: Coding of Manner [into] and [out of] compared

When it comes to the coding of manner, Figure 3 shows that there is little difference between English and Norwegian with either type of path. French omits to code manner more often than the other two languages, with the translators choosing to drop manner coding in the original Norwegian text in 39% of instances in the case of [into] and 50% of instances in the case of [out of]. On the other hand, this means that the translators do retain the coding of manner in at least half of all instances in the cases of both path types. In some instances they choose to code manner in an adverbial rather than a verb, but there are still 31 instances of verbal manner coding, which must be accounted a surprisingly large number for a form of coding that is said in the literature to be strongly disfavoured.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>8</sup> 31 tokens correspond to a percentage total of 13.8%. This may be compared to totals of 16.1% for manner verbs in French original texts and 14.8% for French translations from Japanese in Morita's (2011) study. His figures, however, comprise both boundary-crossing and non-boundary-crossing predications, whereas ours all involve an element of boundary-crossing. In Kopecka's (2009) study, the predications with manner verbs occur in unambiguous boundary-crossing predications in 37.7% of cases. If the same is true of those in Morita's study, our figure of 13.8% would approximate to about double the frequency one might expect to find in French original texts.

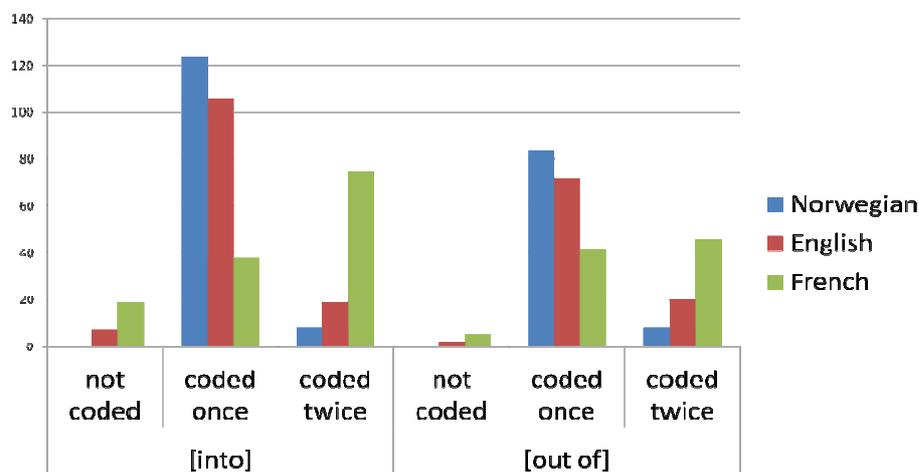


Figure 4: Coding of Path [into] and [out of] compared

With respect to path, the resemblance between the codings of the two path forms is even more striking than in the case of manner. In both cases English has more double codings than Norwegian, though by no means as many as French. Indeed the French translators employ double-coding more often than they do single-coding when it comes to both path types, coding both route and source in [out of] predications and route and goal in [in to] predications.

To sum up, we have shown in this article that there is no categorical difference between the three languages with respect to types of framing insofar as they all make use of the same range of constructions to code boundary-crossing self-motion events. The difference is rather one of proportion with English resembling Norwegian in the extent to which manner is coded explicitly and French doing so to a much lesser extent. As for the question of whether the coding of manner of motion in translations is likely to conform to the norms of the target language, as Slobin maintains, or to display the influence of the source language, as Cappelle argues, our results point to Cappelle's stance being the correct one. However, more study, both of French original predications of boundary-crossing self-motion entering and exiting, and of Norwegian translations of French originals, is clearly necessary to further buttress this provisional conclusion. Nevertheless, the fact that there are as many as 31 tokens in the French translations in which manner is coded by the

verb would appear to indicate that the translators have been influenced to some extent by the coding in the source texts. However, they would not have employed this form of coding as often as they do if the construction was anathema in the French language. Hickmann *et al.* (2009: 707) maintain that “although mixed, contemporary French is primarily verb-framed with a reduced secondary satellite-framed subsystem”. The data presented in this paper lend further support to the conclusion reached by Kopecka (2009) that this secondary satellite-framed subsystem may also be employed in coding boundary-crossing events.

*Data source*

OMC = Oslo Multilingual Corpus: <http://www.hf.uio.no/ilos/english/services/omc/>

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