Case Study L1-013
Semantic Precision & Register Alignment
The "Office Building" Lens (Architecture vs. Micro-Fluidics)
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Case Study Metadata

Dataset ID:	L1-013
Category:	Semantic Precision — Level 1
Focus:	Register Mismatch / Micro-Fluidic Interconnection
Model:	Generic NMT
Domain:	Smart Eyewear / Liquid Crystal Optics

1   The Context: Micro-Fluidic Interconnection

In the design of active liquid crystal lenses, "communication spaces" are microscopic physical voids (gaps) that permit the flow of liquid crystal material between adjacent diffraction grooves. This ensure uniform pressure and material distribution during electrical actuation within the lens assembly.

> **Key Concept**
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> **The Register Mismatch:**
> The term "Communication Space" is highly polysemous across different technical and social domains:
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> - **Modern Architecture/HR:** An "espace de communication" is a networking area, lounge, or meeting room in an office building.
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> - **Micro-Mechanics/Fluid Dynamics:** A physical gap or interconnection allowing material passage between two volumes.
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> Generic NMT models frequently activate the highest-frequency "sociological" vector for the French translation, resulting in a register failure that imports corporate buzzwords into a micro-optical device.

2   The Glitch: The "Office Building" Hallucination

Generic NMT engines interpret "Communication Space" through the lens of modern corporate architecture. The model defaults to HR terminology, effectively claiming a "meeting area" or "networking space" as a core component of a liquid crystal eyewear lens.

> **Critical Issue**
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> **The Technical Violation:**
> Translating "Communication Space" as *espace de communication* in a precision optics claim imports a "Social/Corporate" register into a micro-fluidic description. While lexicographically literal, it creates a "Sociological Hallucination" that suggests the lens contains areas for social exchange rather than physical passages for molecules, rendering the claim technically nonsensical and professionally awkward.

3   The Translation Failure

Source (English)	AI Hallucination (Failure)	Golden Rewrite (Correct)
"...and a **communication space** (1177)..."	× **Architectural Register:** "...et un espace de communication (1177)..." *(Literal: Corporate meeting area)*	✓ **Micro-Fluidic Standard:** "...et un espace de mise en communication (1177)..." *(Functional Physical Interconnection)*

Table 1: Semantic Hallucination: Register Failure in Liquid Crystal Lens Claims

4   Alignment Methodology

4.1   Fluid Dynamics Register Locking

To override the model's architectural/social default, we implement a **Functional Register Locking** protocol.

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> 1. **Context Analysis:** Identify high-confidence tokens: `[Liquid Crystal]`, `[Groove]`, `[Substrate]`, and `[Electrode]`.
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> 2. **Negative Constraint:** Explicitly block architectural/HR vectors for terms related to "communication" within micro-mechanical contexts.
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> 3. **Functional Mapping:** Map "Communication" to physical interconnection terms (*Mise en communication*, *Passage*, or *Interconnexion*) to correctly describe the micro-fluidic passage of material.
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> 4. **Verification:** Verify against numerical constraints (e.g., 0.1 μm to 2 μm) to confirm the microscopic scale and suppress large-scale architectural interpretations.

5   Key Insights

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> **What This Case Study Demonstrates:**
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> 1. **Register Incongruity Damages Credibility:** Using office-building terminology for a smart lens makes the patent appear translated by non-experts, damaging legal and professional trust.
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> 2. **Statistical Frequency Bias:** Models favor "Common" language (Office Life) over "Specialized" language (Fluidics) without explicit alignment.
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> 3. **Physics over Lexicon:** Effective alignment requires preserving the *physical mechanism* (a hole for liquid crystals) rather than providing a literal word-for-word translation.