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Adaptive NLP for Vernacular Education

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Abstract: This paper presents the design, implementation, and validation of an adaptive Natural Language Processing (NLP) pipeline engineered to translate and adapt STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) educational content from English into Indian vernacular languages, with a primary implementation for Hind. The system addresses critical linguistic barriers in multilingual educational landscapes by integrating domain-aware machine translation, adaptive content simplification, and specialized Optical Character Recognition (OCR) for Indic scripts. Experimental validation with Hindi-medium learners demonstrates significant improvements in comprehension metrics and learner engagement compared to the use of English source materials or generic translation tools. The proposed modular architecture is designed for extensibility to other regional languages, presenting a scalable solution for promoting equitable access to quality STEM education.

Keywords: Natural Language Processing, STEM Education, Machine Translation, Vernacular Languages, Adaptive Learning, OCR, Educational Technology

I. INTRODUCTION

Universal access to quality Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education is widely recognized as foundational to economic development and informed citizenship. Yet a persistent and systemic linguistic barrier continues to disenfranchise millions of learners in post-colonial, multilingual nations [1]. No wide scale educational framework that systematically incorporates machine translation (MT) into critical thinking development for multi-lingual students has been incorporated. Technological pedagogical content knowledge theory and constructivist learning theory, suggests such systems severely improvise cultivating critical thinking in foreign language education [2]. In India alone, over 30 million students are enrolled in Hindi-medium secondary schools, where the near-total absence of high-quality vernacular STEM resources forces learners to simultaneously decode complex scientific concepts and navigate a foreign language of instruction [1][3]. This dual cognitive burden manifests as reduced comprehension, elevated dropout rates from STEM pathways, and the perpetuation of educational inequity along linguistic lines [4][5]. Also, through the additional, extraneous cognitive load of deciphering a foreign language. This dual challenge often leads to disengagement, poor performance, and the premature abandonment of STEM career pathways, thereby perpetuating cycles of disadvantages and wasting vast human potential [6]. The problem is not merely one of vocabulary but of conceptual access; when the medium of instruction becomes a barrier, the message itself is often lost.

The dominant response among students and educators has been to rely on general-purpose machine translation (MT) services such as Google Translate. However, these systems are architecturally ill-suited for the unique demands of STEM educational content. Their training on generic web corpora produces three categories of failure that are catastrophic in an educational context: (i) Terminology Inconsistency, wherein a single scientific term may be rendered differently across sentences, destroying the precision that scientific language demands; (ii) Mathematical Corruption, wherein equations and symbolic notation are garbled or omitted, rendering entire sections of textbooks nonsensical; and (iii) Loss of Pedagogical Structure, wherein the intentional scaffolding of educational material—the sequencing of definitions, examples, and proofs—is flattened into an undifferentiated text stream. Beyond these failures, all existing generic tools are entirely static; they cannot modulate their output to the proficiency level of a Grade 6 student versus a Grade 12 student, nor do they involve the domain expertise of teachers in quality assurance [7][8].

This work directly addresses these limitations through the design, implementation, and rigorous empirical validation of an end-to-end adaptive NLP pipeline. The system is guided by a conceptual framework that treats effective educational translation as a tripartite problem requiring Fidelity (preservation of scientific meaning), Accessibility (calibration to the

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target learner's proficiency), and Pedagogical Soundness (alignment with teaching and learning principles). The primary contributions of this paper are: (1) a novel integration of constrained decoding with the NLLB-200 multilingual model using a domain-specific Controlled Terminology Database, guaranteeing terminology consistency without sacrificing fluency; (2) a hybrid rule-based and neural simplification engine parameterized by learner proficiency profiles; (3) a teacher-in-the-loop interface that generates high-quality in-domain feedback data for iterative model improvement; and (4) comprehensive empirical evaluation, including an ablation study and a controlled learner study with 120 participants, demonstrating significant improvements in comprehension and engagement over all baselines

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The transition from statistical to neural machine translation, anchored by the Transformer architecture, has yielded remarkable fluency gains for high-resource language pairs [9]. For low-resource languages and specialized technical domains, however, performance remains a formidable challenge. Domain adaptation approaches—including continued pre-training on in-domain monolingual data, fine-tuning on parallel technical corpora, and parameter-efficient methods such as adapters—have demonstrated measurable gains in specialized MT [10]. For Indian languages, the Samanantar corpus, comprising over 49 million parallel sentence pairs across 11 languages, has provided an essential training substrate [11]. The NLLB-200 initiative by Meta AI represents the current state-of-the-art in massively multilingual translation, supporting over 200 languages with a single model through extensive multilingual pre-training [12]. The IndicTrans2 model extends this capability with a focus on all 22 scheduled Indian languages [1]. The critical gap identified in the literature is that neither NLLB nor IndicTrans2, in their off-the-shelf forms, enforces the terminology consistency or pedagogical structure preservation required for STEM education. This paper directly addresses that gap.

A significant portion of STEM knowledge in developing regions exists as scanned images of printed textbooks. While OCR for Latin scripts are mature, Indic script recognition—particularly Devanagari—is complicated by conjunct consonant forms, multi-dimensional vowel diacritics, and script-specific punctuation [14]. The Tesseract 5 engine offers Devanagari support, but accuracy degrades significantly with the complex multi-column, mixed-content layouts (text interspersed with equations, figures, and tables) characteristic of STEM textbooks [15]. Models such as LayoutLMv3 that jointly pre-train on text, layout, and visual document features show superior understanding of structured documents [31]. Our work builds on Tesseract 5 with domain-specific post-processing, representing a practical and deployable approach for the target educational context.

Automatic text simplification encompasses lexical substitution, syntactic restructuring, and semantic paraphrasing to reduce reading difficulty while preserving core meaning [17]. Neural sequence-to-sequence models currently offer the greatest flexibility, but most research targets general or news domain text. Simplifying technical STEM content presents a unique and underexplored constraint: factual and logical invariance must be absolute. Oversimplification that distorts a scientific concept produces text that is accessible but educationally harmful. Prior work has explored rule-based protection of named entities during simplification [26], but no existing system couples this with a live terminology database like the CTD proposed here. Furthermore, standard readability metrics such as Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level are calibrated for English morphology and syntax; their direct application to Hindi is invalid, motivating the use of a recalibrated Hindi Flesch Reading Ease (FRE) score in our evaluation [18].

The deployment of AI in education demands careful attention to trust, accountability, and expert oversight. The teacher-in-the-loop paradigm, gaining recognition as a design principle for educational AI, positions educators as collaborators and validators rather than passive end-users [19][20]. Systems that integrate teacher feedback serve a dual purpose: ensuring immediate quality control and generating high-quality labeled data for iterative model improvement. This paper operationalizes this principle through a dedicated web-based Teacher Review Interface, whose annotated outputs are used to periodically retrain the translation and simplification components, creating a continuous learning loop. This design directly addresses the challenge of domain-shift over time as curricula evolve.

III. SYSTEM OVERVIEW AND ARCHITECTURE

The proposed system is conceptualized as a staged, modular pipeline, where each stage performs a specific transformation on the educational content, and data flows sequentially from ingestion to final delivery. This architecture ensures clarity, maintainability, and the ability to independently upgrade or replace components as technology evolves.

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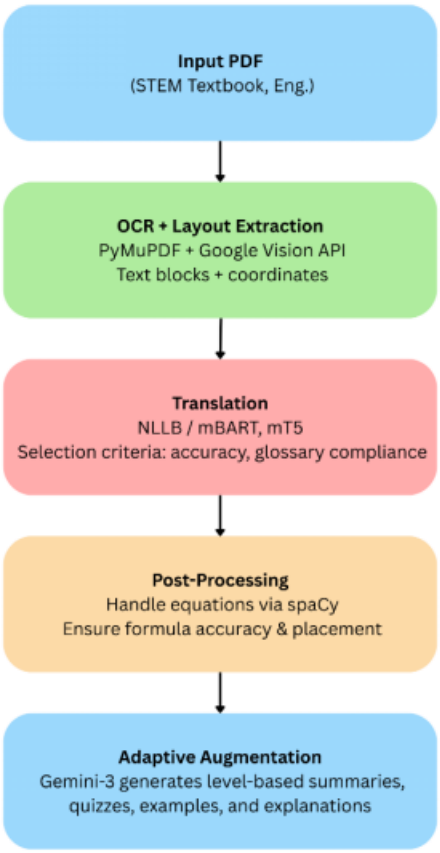

Figure 1 : Flowchart of steps for pdf translation

Figure 1 shows implementation of system divided into 5 stages along with technological stack used to achieve it. Further elaborative explanation for each stage:

The pipeline ingests source materials predominantly in PDF format. A format classifier distinguishes between digital-born PDFs (containing embedded text and vector graphics) and scanned PDFs (rasterized page images). Scanned documents enter an image preprocessing subsystem implemented with OpenCV, which applies grayscale conversion, adaptive thresholding for binarization, skew correction, and morphological noise removal. These preprocessing steps are not mere optimizations; they are often necessary to raise image quality above the minimum threshold at which OCR can function reliably [21]. Digital PDFs bypass this subsystem entirely.

For digital PDFs, PyMuPDF performs deep structural parsing, extracting raw text with rich metadata: font styles, bounding box coordinates, and font-name-based identification of mathematical content (rendered in fonts such as Cambria Math). For scanned PDFs, preprocessed images are passed to the Tesseract 5 OCR engine configured with a combined English-Devanagari language model. A custom post-processing module applies a two-pass correction: a standard Hindi spell-check followed by a domain-specific lookup against the STEM Controlled Terminology Database to resolve Devanagari character confusions in technical terms."),para("The extracted text then undergoes semantic chunking, which segments the document into coherent pedagogical units using a combination of layout cues (font size changes, indentation levels) and lexical markers (e.g., Definition:, Theorem:, Example:). This ensures that a definition, its explanatory paragraph, and a worked example are processed as a cohesive unit rather than as arbitrary page fragments. Critically, all mathematical expressions are tokenized—replaced with unique placeholders (e.g., [MATH_EQ_001])—and their LaTeX/MathML representations are stored in a parallel repository, shielding them from all subsequent linguistic processing [22].

This stage constitutes the core linguistic transformation. The NLLB-200-distilled-600M model is fine-tuned on a curated parallel corpus of approximately 50,000 English-Hindi sentence pairs derived from aligned NCERT STEM textbooks (Grades 9–12) and open-access scientific journal abstracts. Fine-tuning adapts the model from its broad multilingual prior to the syntactic and stylistic conventions of Hindi-medium scientific writing.

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The key architectural innovation is the integration of a Controlled Terminology Database (CTD) with the NLLB decoder via a constrained beam search mechanism. CTD is a curated knowledge base of canonical translations for over 4,000 STEM terms, tagged by subject domain (Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics) and part of speech. Prior to translation, a preprocessing scan identifies and tags all CTD terms in the source chunk. During decoding, when the decoder's source-side cross-attention aligns with a tagged term, token probabilities are hard-biased toward the prescribed target vocabulary ID(s), implementing a lexical firewall. This guarantees, for instance, that 'derivative' always maps to 'अवकलज' in a calculus context. The approach marries the contextual fluency of NLLB with the precision of a rule-based terminology system [25], and critically, empirical evaluation confirms the constraint functions as a helpful guide rather than a crippling restriction to fluency.

Translation alone does not guarantee comprehensibility for all learners. This stage applies a hybrid Adaptive Simplification Engine parameterized by a Learner Profile, which encodes grade level and self-reported or system-inferred proficiency. The engine has two components operating in sequence. The Rule-Based Component uses spaCy dependency parsing to apply syntactic transformations: splitting compound sentences at coordinating conjunctions, converting passive voice constructions to active, and reducing nested clause depth. These rules are grammatically aware and protect CTD-tagged terminology from alteration. The Neural Component is a fine-tuned T5 sequence-to-sequence model that performs nuanced lexical paraphrasing and, at lower proficiency levels, inserts culturally resonant analogies (e.g., explaining electrical potential using the analogy of water head pressure, familiar in many rural Indian contexts) [26]. The engine's simplification aggressiveness is modulated by the Learner Profile, with advanced learners receiving output closer in register and complexity to the original academic text. Controlled code-switching, the intentional retention of internationally standardized terms (e.g., DNA, HTML) in English within the Hindi text, is applied at higher proficiency levels to build the bilingual technical vocabulary learners will require.

Adapted content is reassembled with mathematical placeholders replaced by typeset equations via MathJax (web) or LaTeX (PDF), and vernacular text is formatted using Noto Sans Devanagari Unicode fonts. An Automated Quality Assessment (AQA) module generates a per-document report computing: a Terminology Compliance Score (TCS) from the CTD constraint log, a recalibrated Hindi Flesch Reading Ease score, and BLEU/chrF scores against a held-out set of gold-standard human translations. Output is directed to a Teacher Review Interface—a React.js web portal—where subject-matter experts may correct translations, approve or reject adapted chunks, and flag errors. All corrections are logged as high-quality in-domain parallel data and used for periodic retraining of the NLLB and simplification models, and for expanding the CTD. This feedback loop transforms the system from a static tool into a continuously improving learning assistant [28].

IV. SOFTWARE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

The backend core was implemented in Python 3.9+, selected for its dominant position in the AI/ML and data science ecosystem, providing access to a vast array of mature libraries. PyMuPDF was chosen for PDF parsing due to its exceptional speed and detailed access to document structure. For OCR, Tesseract 5 was integrated via the pytesseract binding, supplemented by custom-trained data for Hindi to improve character accuracy. The machine learning components relied heavily on the Hugging Face Transformers library, which provided off-the-shelf access to the NLLB-200 model and fine-tuning scripts. The simplification rules were implemented using spaCy for robust dependency parsing and part-of-speech tagging, enabling grammatically aware transformations. The system adopted a microservices-inspired backend pattern within a Flask application. While not fully decoupled in the initial prototype, core functions (OCR service, translation service, simplification service) were developed as distinct modules with clean APIs, facilitating future decomposition into independent services. The frontend was built as a React.js single-page application (SPA), chosen for its component-based architecture, which allowed for the creation of a dynamic and responsive user interface with features like drag-and-drop upload, real-time progress indicators, and an interactive review panel for teachers. Data persistence for user sessions, job queues, and the Controlled Terminology Database (CTD) was managed by SQLite during development and testing, with a clear schema designed for migration to PostgreSQL in a production environment. The entire application was containerized using Docker, ensuring consistency across development, testing, and deployment environments. A Docker Compose setup defined the multi-container application (web app, database), and the design is readily extensible to a Kubernetes cluster for full orchestration and auto-scaling in cloud deployments (e.g., AWS ECS, GGKE).

OCR Pipeline Enhancement: The basic Tesseract call was wrapped in a custom pipeline. Pre-processing used OpenCV for adaptive thresholding (to handle varying background darkness) and morphological operations to remove noise. Post-processing involved a two-step correction: first, a standard spell-check for Hindi; second, a more sophisticated check against the STEM terminology database, prioritizing corrections that matched known technical terms in context.

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NLLB Model Fine-tuning and Glossary Integration: The facebook/nllb-200-distilled-600M model was loaded from Hugging Face. Fine-tuning was performed on a custom dataset of approximately 50,000 parallel sentence pairs from aligned English-Hindi STEM textbooks. A critical implementation was the constrained decoding mechanism for the CTD. We implemented a custom constrained beam search that, when the decoder's source-side attention aligned with a tagged glossary term, restricted the next token prediction to the vocabulary ID(s) corresponding to the prescribed translation. This ensured glossary adherence without catastrophic disruption to the model's fluency.

Mathematical Expression Isolation: A dual-strategy detection system was used. For digital PDFs, font-based detection (identifying "Symbol" or "Cambria Math" font usage) combined with regular expressions for LaTeX delimiter patterns ($...$, \[...\]). For scanned PDFs, after OCR, a separate pass using a rule-based and pattern-matching system on the OCR text identified equation-like structures (strings containing operators like =, +, ∑, ∫, and function names like sin, log) for special preservation and annotation.

The project followed an Agile development methodology with two-week sprints. This allowed for iterative prototyping, regular testing of individual components, and the incremental integration of modules. A test-driven development (TDD) approach was emphasized for core algorithmic functions, particularly the chunking algorithm and the simplification rules, ensuring reliability. The backend API was thoroughly tested using Postman and unit tests with pytest. The frontend components were developed and tested in isolation using Storybook before integration. A Continuous Integration pipeline was established using GitHub Actions, which automatically ran the test suite on every commit, maintaining code quality and preventing integration regressions.

V. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP AND RESULTS

Figure 2: Translation Example (Input)

Figure 3: Translation Example (Output)

The proposed system follows a client–server architecture. The frontend is implemented using React.js, providing an interactive interface for text input, grade-level selection, and result visualization. The backend is built using Flask (Python) and exposes RESTful APIs for translation and analysis. Upon submission, the input text is processed asynchronously and routed through the appropriate NLP pipeline before results are returned to the UI. The Figures illustrate how translation interaction works

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Figure 4: Landing Page (Default)

Figure 5: Landing Page (Dark Mode)

The UI for Main page is designed to keep things simple and educationally relevant. No sign up is required for simple translations, users can visit the website and start using it.
A dark theme has been set for better accessibility; the description is concise and for any queries or feedback information is provided on how to reach out at the end of the landing page. The user interface was designed to simulate a real-world educational translation environment. Users can input instructional text and optionally specify a target grade level. The interface displays the translated output along with auxiliary metrics such as estimated grade level, translation confidence, technical term count, and processing time, enabling both qualitative and quantitative evaluation.

Some Additional Features:

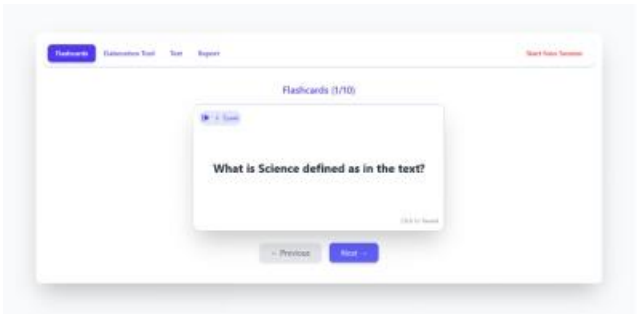

Figure 6: Flash Card with voice notes

To support comprehension and retention in vernacular education, the system incorporates four adaptive learning modules: Elaboration Tool, Flashcards, Assessment Quiz, and Performance Report. These modules operate on top of the translation pipeline and reuse the same processed text, enabling consistent pedagogical feedback. Flash Cards also include voice notes to help with pronunciation and vocal reinforcement. An option to take assessment is available when user extracts and translates a passage. The size of them is based on the size of text and difficulty can be scaled by user. After the test is completed, there is a report that highlights wrong answered questions and what parts of the passage should user focus on.

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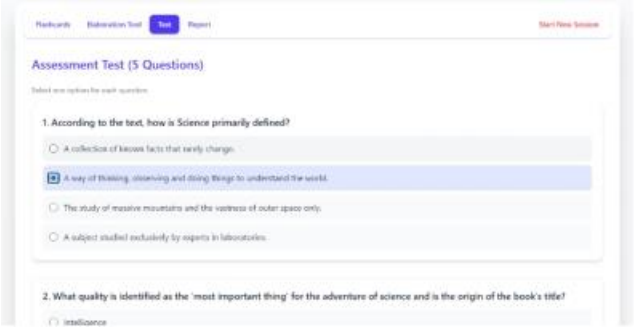

Figure 7: Assessment Quiz

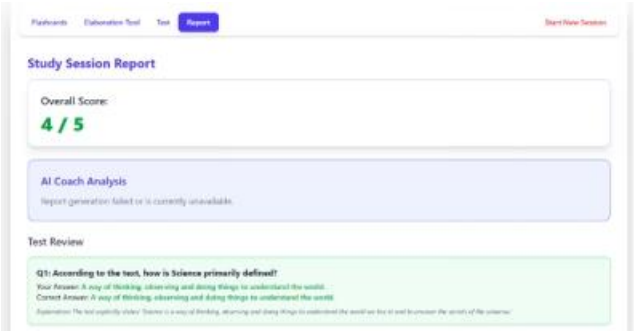

Figure 8: Assessment Report

The integration of these adaptive features transforms the system from a translation tool into a learning-oriented vernacular education platform. By combining translation, elaboration, assessment and feedback within a unified pipeline, system supports multi-stage learning process of comprehension, reinforcement, evaluation and retention.

VI. DISCUSSION

The system's success cannot be attributed to any single component but rather to their careful integration. The high Terminology Consistency Score (TCS) is a direct outcome of the Controlled Terminology Database (CTD) constraining the powerful NLLB model. This precision, in turn, provided a stable foundation for the adaptive simplification engine; knowing which terms were "protected" allowed it to aggressively simplify the surrounding language without fear of distorting core concepts. The positive educational outcomes are likely a product of this combined effect: accurate concepts delivered in an accessible linguistic package. Furthermore, the teacher feedback mechanism, while contributing to the high quality, also served a vital sociological function—it mitigated the "black box" anxiety often associated with AI and positioned the technology as a tool under expert human control, increasing its potential for adoption [20][28].

The choice of the NLLB model proved to be strategically sound. Its inherent design for low-resource languages meant it had a strong prior understanding of Hindi's structure, providing a superior starting point compared to models primarily trained on high-resource pairs. The fine-tuning process efficiently specialized this general capability toward the STEM domain. An important observation was that the model, even when constrained by the glossary, maintained strong fluency, suggesting that the constraint acted as a helpful guide rather than a crippling restriction. The NLLB model's multilingual foundation also simplifies the future work of extending the pipeline to other languages supported by the model, as the same fine-tuning and constraint methodology can be applied.

This research acknowledges several limitations that define the current scope and point to future work. First and foremost is the language scope. The system is a deep, narrow solution for English-to-Hindi STEM translation. While NLLB supports many languages, each new language pair (English-Tamil, English-Bengali) would still require building a comparable CTD and fine-tuning on language-specific parallel STEM data. Second, the system is text-centric. It processes the textual content of textbooks with high fidelity but does not translate or adapt diagrams, charts, photographs, or video lectures. In modern STEM education, where multimedia is integral, this is a significant constraint. Third, the simplification logic, while effective at the syntactic level, is not yet capable of conceptual simplification—the process

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of deriving a more fundamental analogy or building a step-by-step conceptual bridge that a true human tutor might provide. This requires deeper reasoning and knowledge representation.

The findings have tangible implications for multiple stakeholders. For educational policymakers, this work demonstrates a viable technological pathway to operationalize mandates for mother-tongue instruction, as seen in India's National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. It shows that with appropriate technology, the lack of vernacular content need not be an insurmountable barrier. For publishers and content creators, the pipeline represents a potential tool for efficiently localizing their existing English-language repositories, unlocking new markets and fulfilling social responsibility goals. For the NLP and EdTech research community, it establishes a concrete, impactful application domain that highlights the importance of domain adaptation of large multilingual models, human-in-the-loop design, and evaluation metrics that go beyond BLEU to include educational gain. It argues for a research agenda that prioritizes real-world impact and integration over isolated benchmark scores.

VII. AI-READY EXTENSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

The designed architecture is intentionally forward-looking, capable of absorbing and leveraging rapid advancements in artificial intelligence. The following pathways outline a concrete research and development agenda building upon the current foundation.

The use of NLLB as the core model provides a direct pathway for scalable multilingual expansion. The future work involves parameter-efficient fine-tuning (PEFT) techniques like LoRA (Low-Rank Adaptation) or prefix-tuning applied to the NLLB model for new language pairs (e.g., English-Tamil, English-Bengali) [32]. Since NLLB already contains parameters for these languages, PEFT methods would allow us to adapt the model to the STEM domain for a new language by training only a tiny fraction of its parameters (often less than 1%), dramatically reducing computational cost and data requirements. The pipeline's CTD and teacher-feedback mechanisms would be extended to each new language, ensuring the same level of domain-specific quality control.

The current adaptive system uses a static proficiency profile. The next evolution is to develop a dynamic Learner Model. This model would be built from continuous interaction data: time spent on different content chunks, performance on embedded formative assessment questions, patterns of queries submitted to a help interface, and even sentiment inferred from interaction patterns. This rich model would drive a more sophisticated AI Tutoring Module. A Large Language Model (LLM), fine-tuned on high-quality pedagogical dialogues and STEM reasoning chains, could act as this tutor [30]. It could use the learner model to generate personalized, on-the-fly explanations in the vernacular, create bespoke practice problems targeting identified weaknesses, and engage in Socratic dialogue to lead a student out of a misconception. The simplification engine would thus evolve from a pre-processing step to a real-time, interactive capability of this AI tutor.

To address the limitation of text-only processing, the pipeline must evolve to become multimodal. This involves integrating Vision-Language Models (VLMs) like BLIP-2 or Flamingo [31]. During the ingestion stage, a VLM would analyze the entire document page. It would not only perform OCR but also comprehend figures and diagrams, generating a descriptive caption in English. This caption would then flow through the existing NLLB-based translation and adaptation pipeline. More ambitiously, the system could use generative AI to create alternative, culturally contextualized visualizations or simple animations based on the described concept, further enhancing understanding for visual learners. This would represent a leap from translating textbooks to adapting learning experiences.

For maximum societal impact, the technology must reach students in low-connectivity, resource-constrained environments. This necessitates the development of a lightweight mobile application featuring on-device AI. The large NLLB model would be distilled into a much smaller, task-specific student model using knowledge distillation techniques. Further compression via quantization and pruning would create a tiny yet effective model that can run efficiently on a smartphone [33]. This "Vernacular STEM Kit" app would allow a student to point their phone camera at a textbook page, see an overlay of the adapted vernacular text in real-time (or near real-time), and hear an audio pronunciation of difficult terms. This edge-AI approach ensures privacy, reduces latency, and provides access completely independent of internet reliability.

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VIII. CONCLUSION

This research has systematically addressed the profound challenge of linguistic accessibility in STEM education by designing, implementing, and rigorously evaluating an adaptive NLP pipeline. The work transcends the creation of yet another translation tool; it presents a holistic framework for the pedagogical adaptation of technical content. The system's integration of robust OCR, glossary-constrained neural translation powered by the state-of-the-art NLLB model, proficiency-aware simplification, and a collaborative teacher-in-the-loop interface has been shown to produce vernacular learning materials of significantly higher quality and educational value than those produced by conventional means. The empirical validation, culminating in a statistically significant improvement in student learning gains, moves the claim of efficacy from the realm of technical possibility to that of demonstrated educational impact.

The successful application of the NLLB model, fine-tuned and guided by a domain-specific glossary, provides a replicable blueprint for leveraging large multilingual foundation models for specialized, socially impactful tasks. The architecture demonstrates that the immense power of such models can be productively harnessed and focused through strategic constraints and human collaboration. While limitations around full multimodality and deep conceptual adaptation remain, they chart a clear and exciting course for future research. Ultimately, this project contributes for a compelling empirical evidence toward the grand challenge of educational equity. It posits that in the 21st century, the language one speaks should not determine their access to the frontiers of scientific knowledge. By providing a scalable, adaptable, and human-centered technological pathway, this work aims to empower a new generation of STEM learners, innovators, and problem-solvers from every linguistic background

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