



# Topic Modelling for Search

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# The context

We took part in the **ETH Search next generation** project

Final goal: improve the *ethz.ch* search experience

Our project targets:

- Unlock information present in the Research Collection
- Identify and link publications, researchers and research areas
- Generate valuable insights for the ETH research community

# Results from the current search engine

A focus on what we believe is missing today



## Search options

Language

☐ Pages in English

☒ All languages

Search again →

## Search results for «climate change »

climate change

### All search results



All results



Web pages



News



Documents



People

Search results 1-10 of 40400

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 next →

### Climate change | ETH Zurich

The main aims of the C2SM are to gain a better understanding of the global climate system and to improve weather- and climate-related prognostics. It also ... →



#### 04. Juli. 2019: How trees could help to save the climate\*

Around 0.9 billion hectares of land worldwide would be suitable for reforestation, which could ultimately capture two thirds of human-made carbon emissions. The Crowther Lab of ETH Zurich has published a study in the journal *Science* that shows this can be a powerful tool for drawing carbon from the atmosphere.\* →

Climate Change – Department of Environmental Systems Science ...

Logo of ETH Zurich, to homepage ... →



#### 20. Mai. 2020: Can AI help tackle climate change?

Climate change hasn't been hitting the headlines quite as much in recent months – but that's not because the situation has improved. ETH Zurich researchers Lynn Kaack and David Dao spoke to the ETH Podcast back in March about how we can use AI to help in the fight against climate change. →



#### 02. Jan.. 2020: Climate signals detected in global weather

Searched for and found: climate researchers can now detect the fingerprint of global warming in daily weather observations at the global scale. They are thus amending a long-established paradigm: weather is not climate – but climate change can now be detected in daily weather. →



#### 09. Apr.. 2019: Simultaneous heatwaves caused by anthropogenic climate change

Without the climate change caused by human activity, simultaneous heatwaves would not have hit such a large area as they did last summer. This is the conclusion of researchers at ETH Zurich based on observational and model data. →



#### 14. Feb.. 2019: Why the answer to climate change lies in data

We still know very little about how global ecosystems influence our climate. Tom Crowther thinks that the answer to climate change could lie in global ecological datasets. →



#### 30. Juni. 2020: Climate change is altering terrestrial water availability

The amount and location of available terrestrial water is changing worldwide. An international research team led by ETH Zurich has now proved for the first time that human-induced climate change is responsible for the changes observed in available terrestrial water. →

Snapshots from [Search | ETH Zurich](#)

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# Results from our system

Our system is meant to be a component of the search engine

Focused on improving the quality of search results for a given query

## Query = "Climate change"

I lead the climate physics group and do research and teaching on many topics related to climate change.

These include long term projections, scenarios, the 2°C target, uncertainties in projections, climate model evaluation, model weighting, natural climate variab-

### Most relevant publications

"The sensitivity of the modeled energy budget and hydrological cycle to CO<sub>2</sub> and solar forcing"

"Uncertainty partition challenges the predictability of vital details of climate change"

### ETH Experts in the field

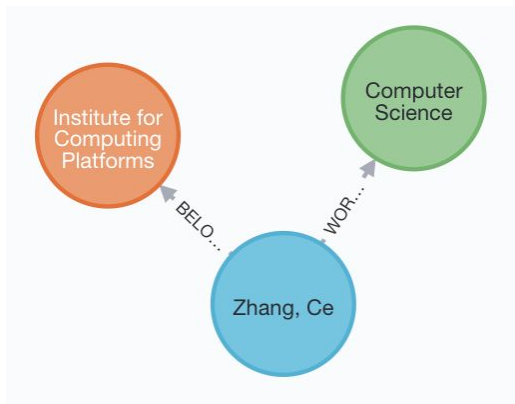
1. Lohmann, Ulrike
2. Knutti, Reto
3. Gruber, Nicolas
4. Peter, Thomas
5. Buchmann, Nina

### Related research areas

1. ice climate
2. climate precipitation
3. climate change cost
4. species biodiversity
5. precipitation water
6. air climate seismic

Query = "Ce Zhang"

## Department & Organisation



## Recent Publications

"CleanML: A Study for Evaluating the Impact of Data Cleaning on ML Classification Tasks"

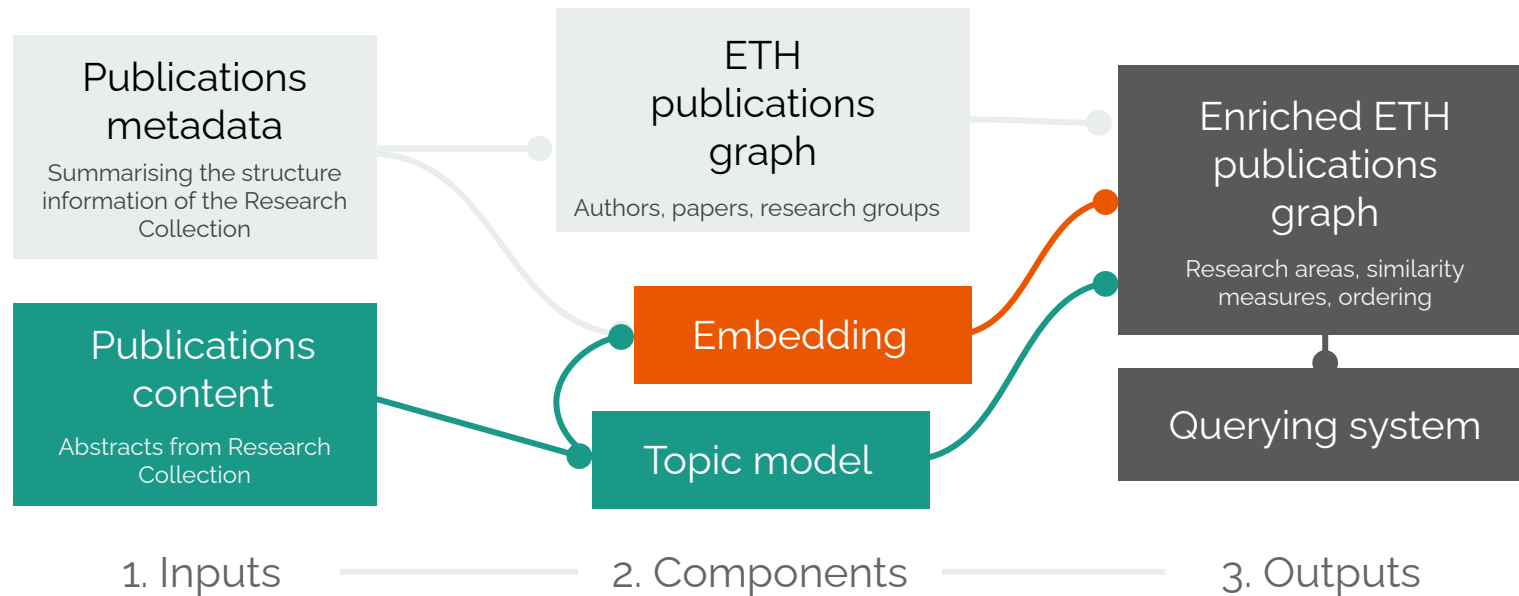
"Distributed Learning Systems with First-Order Methods"

"ColumnSGD: A Column-oriented Framework for Distributed Stochastic Gradient Descent"

## Common Collaborators

1. Wu, Wentao - 10
2. Liu, Ji - 10
3. Schawinski, Kevin - 9
4. Cui, Bin - 8

# Summary of technical approach





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# Data Pipeline



# Initial data

Data sources:

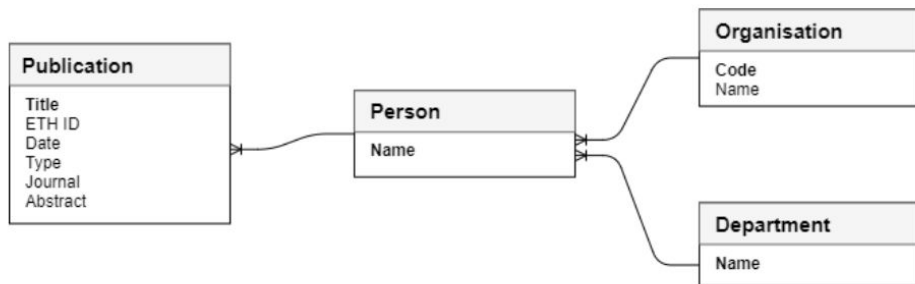
- Research collection 1930-2020
- Professor list
- Organisations mapping
- ETH website content (web crawl result)
- ETH search logs

113 initial attributes only from the first source  
124 MB in zipped version

*Multiple restructurings over the years and data entry not performed centrally caused:*

- Half-empty fields
- Duplicated attributes
- Multiple non-unique identifiers
- Intrinsic variability in the attribute values

# Filtering



Information extracted:

267877 authors  
170284 publications  
17 departments  
383 organisations

21421 publications with abstracts  
in english (Conference papers, journal  
papers, book chapters, ...)



# Cleaning

Main goal of cleaning operation: unify the publication date and author fields to a single format.

Fundamental for successful data integration step.

**Date:** reduced to YYYY format

**Name:** reduced to *Name, First Name*

Starting point: **Coverage = 49086**

```
def separate_names(names):  
    """ Separates a string of names of the form name1||name2||name3||... into a list of names."""  
    # ...  
org_df["Professor"] = org_df["Name"] + ", " + org_df["First name"]
```

End point: **Coverage = 68999**

Integrate different sources of organisational data

```
def delete_parenthesis(name):  
    if isinstance(name, str):  
        return re.split('(\s\[a-zA-Z.\]+\))', name)[0]  
  
delete_parenthesis('Baccini, Peter (em.)')  
Baccini, Peter
```



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# Modelling



# Topic Model Requirements

1. High performance
2. Lifelong/online learning
3. Not fixed # of topics
4. Automatic topic name inference
5. Topic correlation & hierarchy

Models implemented:

- LDA (Latent Dirichlet Allocation)
- CTM (Correlated Topic Model)
- PAM (Pachinko Allocation Model)
- HDP (Hierarchical Dirichlet Process)
- online-HDP
- ETM (Embedded Topic Model)

# Preprocessing Text data

Always applied:

- Tokenisation
- Lower-casing
- Accent marks removal
- Stop-words removal

Varying depending on the model:

- Stemming
- Lemmatisation

Additionally: bigrams/trigrams

```
gensim.utils.simple_preprocess(doc, deacc=False, min_len=2, max_len=15)
```

Convert a document into a list of lowercase tokens, ignoring tokens that are too short or too long.

Uses `tokenize()` internally.

[NLTK's list of english stopwords](#)

```
1 i
2 me
3 my
4 myself
5 we
```

```
>>> plurals = ['caresses', 'flies', 'dies', 'mules', 'denied',
...           'died', 'agreed', 'owned', 'humbled', 'sized',
>>> singles = [stemmer.stem(plural) for plural in plurals]

>>> print(' '.join(singles)) # doctest: +NORMALIZE_WHITESPACE
caress fli die mule deni die agre own humbl size meet
```

```
>>> wnl = WordNetLemmatizer()
>>> print(wnl.Lemmatize('dogs'))
dog
>>> print(wnl.Lemmatize('churches'))
church
```





# Metrics

- Log-likelihood
  - Quantity maximised during training
  - Not well-correlated with human judgement
- Perplexity
  - Proportional to log-likelihood
  - Easily interpretable


$$PP(p) := 2^{H(p)} = 2^{-\sum_x p(x) \log_2 p(x)}$$

- Coherence
  - Computationally intensive
  - Measures degree of semantic similarity between high scoring words in each topic
- Eyeballing topics
  - Infeasible
  - Optimal



# Metrics

Final model selection and assessment process:

1. Grid search over hyperparameters
  2. Top 3 models selected based on perplexity on test set
  3. Compare best models by human judgment
  4. Assess final performance with coherence
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# Baselines

## Code base

All the code for the baseline models is based on the tomotopy APIs

Features:

- Slower convergence of the algorithm but faster iterations (iterates 20 times more than gensim but overall running time is still 5-10 times faster)
- Automatic parallelisation when run on multi-core CPUs
- Easy to use
- Qualitatively and quantitatively better results on LDA compared to gensim

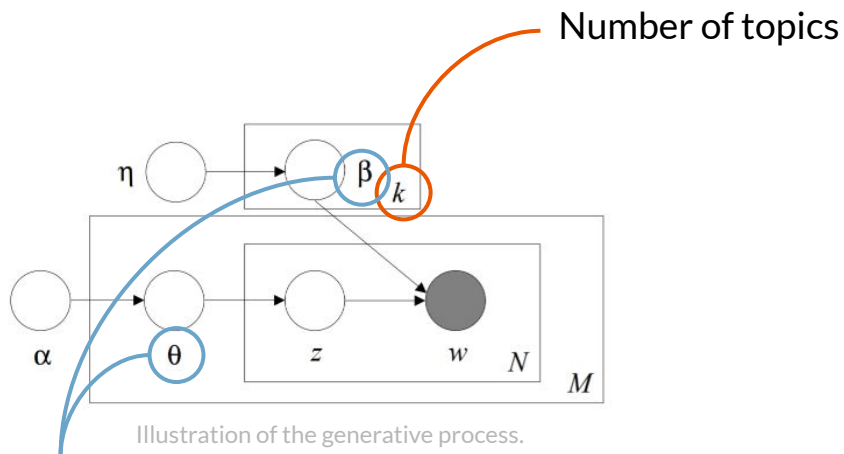


tomotopy is a Python extension of tomoto (Topic Modeling Tool) which is a Gibbs-sampling based topic model library written in C++. It utilizes a vectorization of modern CPUs for maximizing speed. T

- Latent Dirichlet Allocation ( LDAModel )
- Labeled LDA ( LLDAModel )
- Partially Labeled LDA ( PLDAModel )
- Supervised LDA ( SLDAModel )
- Dirichlet Multinomial Regression ( DMRModel )
- Generalized Dirichlet Multinomial Regression ( GDMRModel )
- Hierarchical Dirichlet Process ( HDPModel )
- Hierarchical LDA ( HLDAModel )
- Multi Grain LDA ( MGLDAModel )
- Pachinko Allocation ( PAModel )
- Hierarchical PA ( HPAModel )
- Correlated Topic Model ( CTModel )
- Dynamic Topic Model ( DTModel ).

# Baselines

## LDA



Requirements satisfied:

1. High performance
2. Lifelong/online learning
3. Not fixed # of topics
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5. Topic correlation & hierarchy

Parameters to be tuned:

- $k \in \{50, 100, 150, 200, 300, 350, 450\}$
- $\alpha \in \{10/k, 1/k, 0.1/k\}$
- $\eta \in \{10/w, 1/w, 0.1/w\}$

Sparsity assumption



# Baselines

## CTM

### Correlated Topic model:

- Change in choice of prior distribution
- Allows discovery of correlations between topics
- Higher computational costs

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# Baselines

## PA

### Pachinko allocation model:

- Modelling a DAG of topics
- Words are leaf nodes, higher level topics as mixtures over topics
- Allows discovery of arbitrary hierarchy
- Explosion in number of parameters

### Requirements satisfied:

1. High performance
2. Lifelong/online learning
3. Not fixed # of topics
4. Automatic topic name inference
5. Topic correlation & hierarchy

### Parameters to be tuned:

- $k_1 \in \{0.2 k_2, 0.1 k_2, 0.05 k_2\}$
- $k_2 \in \{100, 150, 200, 300, 350\}$
- $\alpha \in \{1/k_1, 0.1/k_1, 0.01/k_1\}$
- $\eta \in \{10/w, 1/w, 0.1/w\}$



# Baselines Results

## Error in CTM #81



danielgarel opened this issue on 2 Nov 2020 · 3 comments

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Solved in version 0.10.2 - released 6 days ago



# Baselines

## Results

Table 1: Baseline Grid Search results

Model	Description	PP	Training time
LDA 1	$k = 450, \alpha = 1/k, \eta = 10/w$	1.000023416	461 s
LDA 2	$k = 450, \alpha = 10/k, \eta = 10/w$	1.000023435	461 s
LDA 3	$k = 350, \alpha = 0.1/k, \eta = 10/w$	1.000023437	361 s
PAM 1	$k_2 = 300, k_1 = k_2/20, \alpha = 0.01/k_1, \eta = 0.1/w$	1.00156366	4,975 s
PAM 2	$k_2 = 350, k_1 = k_2/5, \alpha = 0.01/k_1, \eta = 0.1/w$	1.00156373	34,144 s
PAM 3	$k_2 = 300, k_1 = k_2/5, \alpha = 0.01/k_1, \eta = 0.1/w$	1.00156426	23,042 s

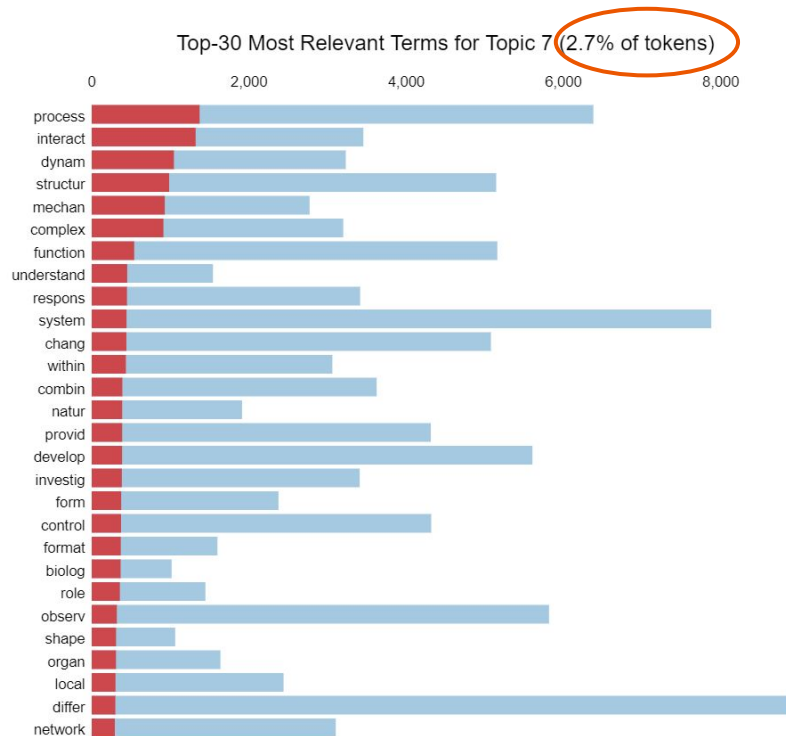


# LDA1

pyLDAvis tool for visualisation  
(only for LDA)

High coherence

Small set of general topics and a  
constellation of narrow but sensible topics

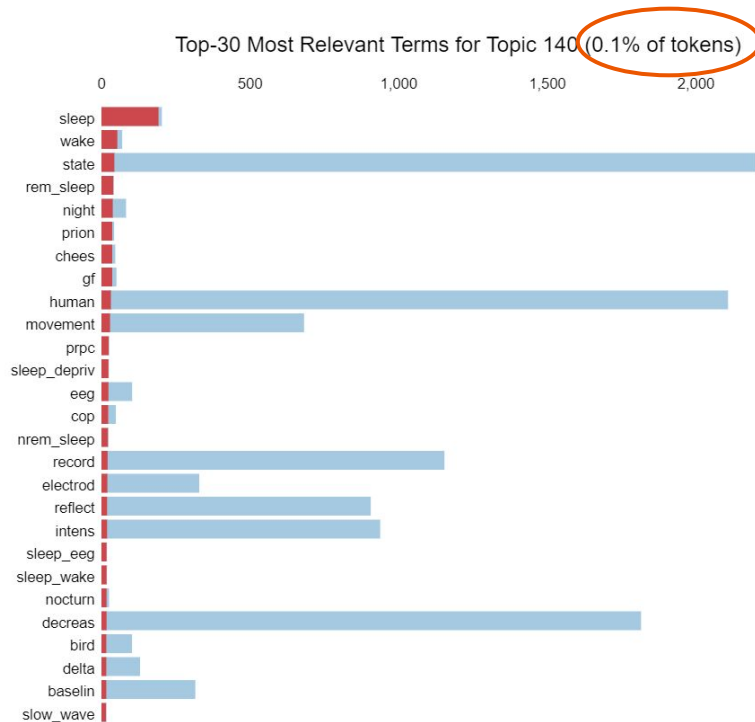


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## Experiments I

### HDP and O-HDP

**Target of experiments I:** continual learning and flexibility in the number of topics

#### HDP

- HDP infers the number of topics from the data
- Highly sensible to the hyperparameters values



#### O-HDP

- Extension of HDP to online inference
- Better for larger datasets
- No flexibility in the vocabulary (adapted library code)

# Experiments I

## Results HDP

Low coherence

Noise

Estimate of the optimal number of  
topics 133/150 topics used

<Topics>

```
| #0 (2304) : differ stimul increas tremor impuls  
| #1 (1129) : cr water bell age self_injuri  
| #2 (2838) : particip vr two group compar  
| #3 (19549) : treatment effect differ data infect  
| #4 (1453) : agnp teamwork se electrod particl  
| #5 (8421) : data map design research project  
| #6 (1914) : chemic concentr effect system measur  
| #7 (1357) : h differ explos crisi_map detect  
| #8 (2735) : child rotor peak increas patient  
| #9 (2831) : cell activ human effect product  
| #10 (3096) : water alloy age increas coupl  
| #11 (4133) : biofilm diffus snow water system  
| #12 (2694) : cassava show transform product r  
| #13 (25139) : gene plant protein genom differ  
| #14 (1989) : fossil sampl estim speci differ  
| #15 (1299) : particl tqi simul land_use trial  
| #16 (3816) : effect snail temperatur individu trait  
| #17 (16752) : neuron function cell network activ  
| #18 (2418) : exposur ec insect trend differ  
| #19 (1893) : read develop lago allerg differ  
| #20 (1484) : ratt potenti correl migrant hf  
| #21 (2095) : measur patient paint sampl date  
| #22 (3908) : ferment yeast wine associ product
```



# Experiments I

## Results OHDP

Topics from 0 to 6 hardly distinguishable and generic

Most of the documents in the collection strongly or exclusively associated with one topic in the first 8

Low coherence and noise like in HDP for the remaining topics

### Experiment setup

1. Same hyperparameters used for HDP
2. Test both inference and update steps

```
Topic 0 -----
use - model - result - measur - system - base - data - studi - develop - differ - effect - method - user - test - design - increas - process - ass - approach - show

Topic 1 -----
use - model - studi - data - measur - result - base - differ - effect - show - system - increas - process - develop - st - observe - gener - also - compar - perform

Topic 2 -----
use - model - result - cpc - studi - concentr - chang - differ - activ - measur - base - effect - system - show - data - process - ec - howev - present - method

Topic 38 -----
urban - analys - park - indic - studi - photograph - result - map - use - cdad - differ - measur - time - two - locat - pmmo - definit - chang - pion - cancer - tumour

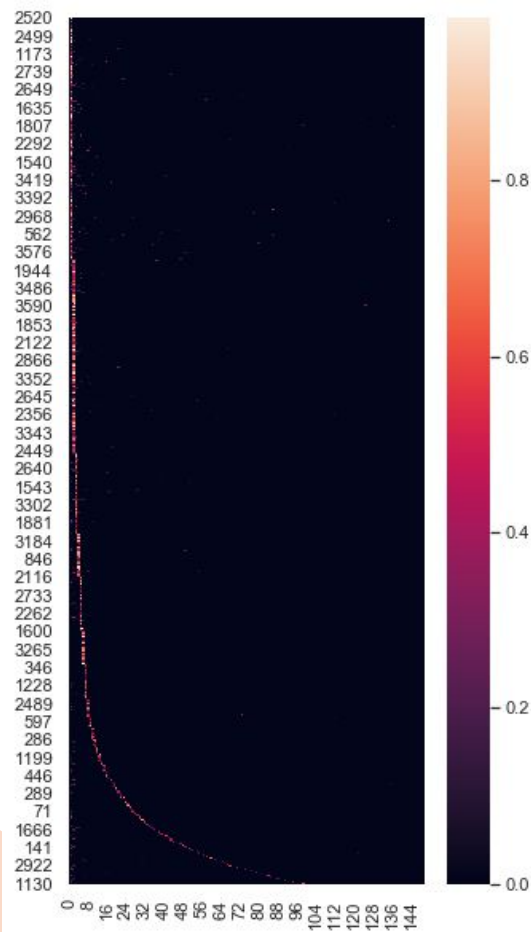
Topic 39 -----
product - qubit - effect - result - use - logic - input - voltag - growth - process - countri - show - sophist - ass - anomal - isotop - taxat - overgraz - produc - orthorhomb - map

Topic 40 -----
base - high - iron - decomposit - neuropath - pain - algorithm - nerv - injuri - distribut - hemogen - object - three - transmiss - optim - iq - ferment - mouse - studi - age - mouse - progranulin - problem - price
```

Inference step results - performed on 70% of the training data

# Experiments I

## Results OHDP



Document to topics  
distribution heatmap

Inference step results  
performed on 70% of the data



# Experiments I

## Results OHDP

Topics from 0 to 6 stay the same

Substantial change at the semantic level for the rest of the topics

```
Topic 0 -----  
use - model - result - measur - studi - data - differ - effect - system - base  
  
Topic 1 -----  
use - model - data - system - base - result - studi - differ - measur - effect  
  
Topic 2 -----  
use - model - base - data - measur - result - studi - differ - system - effect  
  
Topic 38 -----  
np - energi - system - chang - ion - cost - product - process - household - use  
  
Topic 39 -----  
hon - use - approxim - observ - format - heartwood - model - glacier - chang - particl - possibl  
  
Topic 40 -----  
use - protein - express - scatter - strain - glacier - shop - trip - control - ascent - region
```

Update step results - performed on 30% of the data  
(same topics as in inference step shown above)

## Experiments II

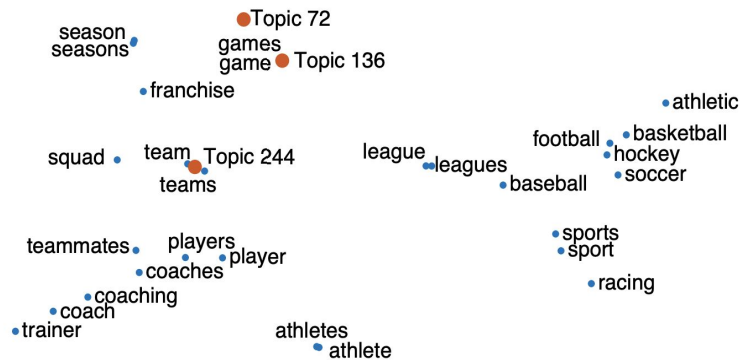
# Embedding Approach

**Target of experiments II:** continual learning and flexibility in the number of topics

Embedding-based topic models incorporate topics in the vocabulary vector space

### ETM

- Generative process similar to LDA
- Words sampled according to proximity to topic vectors
- Deals with “heavy-tailed” vocabularies



Dieng et al, 2019

**Idea:** run topic model inference on every streaming batch and integrate the results in the embedding space

Also obtain automatic topic-name inference



## Experiments II

# Word Embeddings

*Learn with ETM or use pre-trained?*

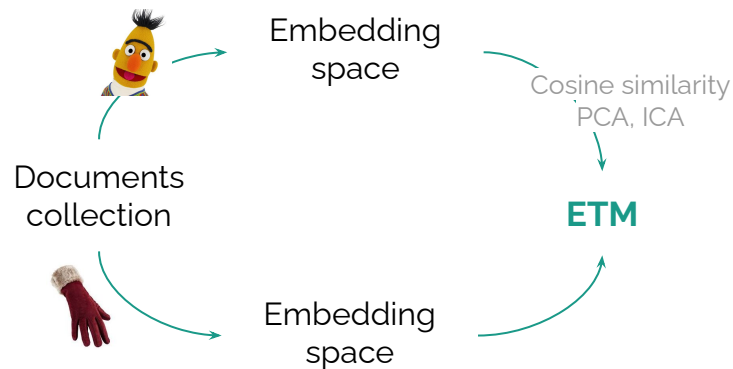
- Pre-trained embedding space for global use across batches

2 ways to feed (fixed) embeddings into ETM:

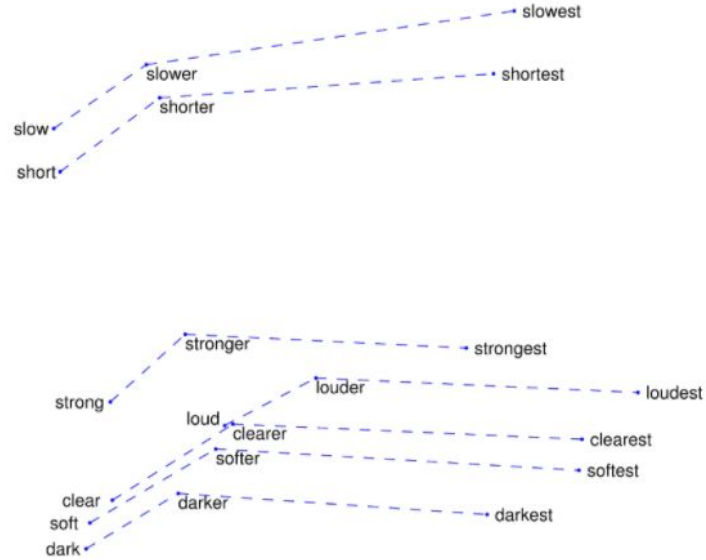
- Leverage contextualized embeddings (BERT)
- Static word embeddings (GloVe)

Experiments:

1. DistilBERT + cosine similarity filtering
2. DistilBERT + PCA reduction
3. GloVe



# Expectations



# Reality

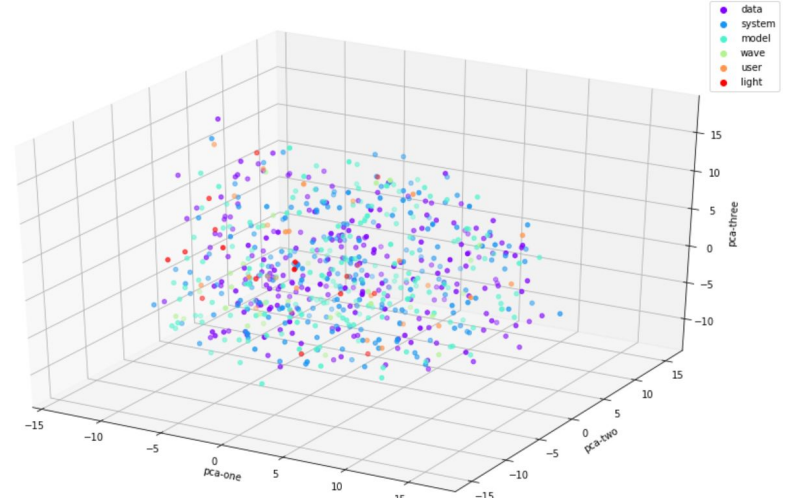


Image on the left taken from [GloVe: Global Vectors for Word Representation \(stanford.edu\)](https://stanford.edu/~jbrunel/glove/)



## Experiments II

### Results - word similarities

Visualize word embeddings by using output embedding matrix

```
word: insurance .. neighbors: ['mimic', 'daily', 'trace', 'cost', 'n', '(', 'determined', 'data', 'glacier', 'even']
word: weather .. neighbors: ['mimic', 'cost', 'n', 'daily', 'trace', 'progress', 'biology', 'negotiation', 'determined', 'even']
word: particles .. neighbors: ['daily', 'mimic', 'arab', 'n', 'trace', '(', 'runoff', '.', 'glacier', '.']
word: religion .. neighbors: ['mimic', 'question', 'interference', 'progress', 'trace', 'daily', '(', 'n', 'cost', 'negotiation']
word: man .. neighbors: ['mimic', 'n', 'cost', '(', 'negotiation', 'daily', 'energies', 'models', 'determined', 'even']
word: love .. neighbors: ['mimic', 'n', 'daily', 'cost', 'progress', 'negotiation', 'trace', '(', 'energies', 'determined']
word: intelligence .. neighbors: ['mimic', 'daily', 'trace', 'energies', 'n', 'arab', 'data', 'pathways', 'question', 'cost']
word: money .. neighbors: ['mimic', 'question', 'daily', 'n', 'cost', 'energies', '(', 'trace', 'interference', 'negotiation']
word: politics .. neighbors: ['(', 'question', 'interference', '-', 'mimic', 'although', 'evaluate', 'daily', '-', 'n']
word: health .. neighbors: ['question', 'interference', 'flux', 'evaluate', ')', 'train', 'van', ',', 'chi', 'data']
word: people .. neighbors: ['mimic', 'n', 'daily', 'trace', '(', 'energies', 'negotiation', 'cost', 'determined', 'runoff']
word: family .. neighbors: ['mimic', 'n', '(', 'daily', 'cost', 'negotiation', 'determined', 'energies', 'trace', 'even']
```

Nearest neighbor visualisation of the embedding space for DistilBERT+PCA embedding

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```
word: insurance .. neighbors: ['insurance', 'insurers', 'premiums', 'insurer', 'pension', 'insured', 'care', 'savings', 'benefits', 'liability']
word: weather .. neighbors: ['weather', 'inclement', 'rain', 'temperatures', 'rainy', 'conditions', 'storms', 'winter', 'winds', 'rains']
word: particles .. neighbors: ['particles', 'particle', 'molecules', 'electrons', 'photons', 'subatomic', 'atoms', 'protons', 'droplets', 'microscopic']
word: religion .. neighbors: ['religion', 'religions', 'religious', 'christianity', 'beliefs', 'faith', 'belief', 'spirituality', 'catholicism', 'islam']
word: man .. neighbors: ['man', 'woman', 'person', 'boy', 'he', 'men', 'himself', 'one', 'another', 'who']
word: love .. neighbors: ['love', 'loves', 'passion', 'loved', 'romantic', 'lovers', 'lover', 'you', 'me', 'affection']
word: intelligence .. neighbors: ['intelligence', 'cia', 'information', 'security', 'counterterrorism', 'operatives', 'fbi', 'military', 'secret', 'spy']
word: money .. neighbors: ['money', 'funds', 'cash', 'fund', 'donations', 'pay', 'amount', 'paying', 'paid', 'millions']
word: politics .. neighbors: ['politics', 'political', 'politicians', 'religion', 'culture', 'ideology', 'partisan', 'liberal', 'debate', 'social']
word: health .. neighbors: ['health', 'care', 'healthcare', 'education', 'medical', 'hospitals', 'welfare', 'nutrition', 'benefits', 'social']
word: people .. neighbors: ['people', 'others', 'those', 'least', 'many', 'some', 'all', 'them', 'thousands', 'hundreds']
word: family .. neighbors: ['family', 'families', 'relatives', 'father', 'parents', 'mother', 'friends', 'daughter', 'son', 'wife']
```

Nearest neighbor visualisation of the embedding space for GloVe embedding



# Experiments II

## Results - topics

Two evolution patterns:

Collapse to single topic

Overlapping & noisy topics

```
Visualize topics...
Topic 0: ['proteins', 'protein', 'molecules', 'cells', 'receptor', 'membrane', 'receptors', 'enzyme', 'genes']
Topic 1: ['proteins', 'cells', 'protein', 'membrane', 'data', 'human', 'molecules', 'density', 'systems']
Topic 2: ['protein', 'proteins', 'membrane', 'molecules', 'receptor', 'density', 'cells', 'particles', 'acids']
Topic 3: ['proteins', 'protein', 'membrane', 'receptor', 'cells', 'molecules', 'receptors', 'particles', 'acids']
Topic 4: ['protein', 'proteins', 'membrane', 'cells', 'molecules', 'function', 'receptor', 'particles', 'electrons']
Topic 5: ['protein', 'proteins', 'molecules', 'receptor', 'cells', 'membrane', 'particles', 'enzyme', 'molecular']
Topic 6: ['proteins', 'protein', 'cells', 'particles', 'molecules', 'membrane', 'electrons', 'data', 'electron']
Topic 7: ['protein', 'proteins', 'receptor', 'membrane', 'molecules', 'cells', 'enzyme', 'function', 'rna']
Topic 8: ['proteins', 'protein', 'cells', 'molecules', 'membrane', 'acids', 'receptor', 'particles', 'molecular']
Topic 9: ['protein', 'proteins', 'membrane', 'molecules', 'receptor', 'cells', 'particles', 'density', 'molecular']
Topic 10: ['proteins', 'protein', 'membrane', 'cells', 'receptor', 'molecules', 'density', 'systems', 'system']
Topic 11: ['protein', 'proteins', 'receptor', 'membrane', 'molecules', 'cells', 'particles', 'acids', 'density']
Topic 12: ['protein', 'proteins', 'receptor', 'membrane', 'cells', 'molecules', 'enzyme', 'acids', 'genes']
Topic 13: ['proteins', 'protein', 'membrane', 'cells', 'molecules', 'receptor', 'enzyme', 'molecular', 'electrons']
Topic 14: ['proteins', 'protein', 'cells', 'molecules', 'membrane', 'receptor', 'systems', 'system', 'function']
Topic 15: ['protein', 'proteins', 'cells', 'molecules', 'membrane', 'density', 'receptor', 'system', 'particles']
Topic 16: ['protein', 'proteins', 'molecules', 'receptor', 'cells', 'membrane', 'data', 'enzyme', 'acids']
Topic 17: ['protein', 'proteins', 'cells', 'receptor', 'membrane', 'molecules', 'function', 'particles', 'systems']
Topic 18: ['proteins', 'protein', 'cells', 'membrane', 'molecules', 'receptor', 'function', 'tissue', 'particles']
Topic 19: ['proteins', 'protein', 'receptor', 'molecules', 'cells', 'membrane', 'systems', 'molecular', 'genes']
Topic 20: ['proteins', 'protein', 'cells', 'system', 'membrane', 'molecules', 'particles', 'density', 'temperature']
Topic 21: ['proteins', 'protein', 'molecules', 'membrane', 'cells', 'particles', 'density', 'receptor', 'electrons']
Topic 22: ['protein', 'proteins', 'cells', 'membrane', 'molecules', 'receptor', 'density', 'particles', 'molecular']
Topic 23: ['protein', 'proteins', 'cells', 'system', 'systems', 'membrane', 'molecules', 'particles', 'density']
Topic 24: ['proteins', 'protein', 'membrane', 'molecules', 'cells', 'receptor', 'electrons', 'electron', 'particles']
```



# Experiments II

## Results - topics

Two evolution patterns:

Collapse to single topic  
Overlapping & noisy topics

```
Topic 0: ['membrane', 'proteins', 'molecular', 'species', 'protein', 'electron', 'equilibrium', 'organisms', 'molecules']
Topic 1: ['impedance', 'forewings', 'cauchy', 'polynomial', 'nucleotide', 'eukaryotic', 'lagrangian', 'density', 'capacitance']
Topic 2: ['receptor', 'protein', 'proteins', 'rna', 'extracellular', 'membrane', 'chromosome', 'molecules', 'mutations']
Topic 3: ['system', 'water', 'n't', '-', 'surface', 'level', 'open', 'china', 'air']
Topic 4: ['endothelial', 'phenotype', 'synaptic', 'neuronal', 'capacitance', 'polynomial', 'metabolic', 'proteins', 'triglycerides']
Topic 5: ['-', 'system', 'foreign', 'country', 'n't', 'level', 'low', 'high', 'economic']
Topic 6: ['protein', 'proteins', 'acids', 'tissue', 'molecules', 'membrane', 'layer', 'calcium', 'cells']
Topic 7: ['receptor', 'eukaryotic', 'neural', 'metabolic', 'density', 'protein', 'molecular', 'neuronal', 'trophic']
Topic 8: ['security', 'government', 'countries', 'iraq', 'weapons', 'n't', 'people', 'measures', 'china']
Topic 9: ['surface', 'systems', 'temperature', 'electron', 'electrons', 'particle', 'particles', '-', 'system']
Topic 10: ['polynomial', 'paginated', 'coefficients', 'eukaryotic', 'non-linear', 'receptor', 'vowel', 'subunits', 'impedance']
Topic 11: ['countries', '-', 'n't', 'human', 'make', 'china', 'people', 'system', '']
Topic 12: ['tensor', 'membrane', 'bushel', 'bacterial', 'protein', 'proteins', 'necrosis', 'neuronal', 'isomorphic']
Topic 13: ['weapons', 'cells', 'countries', 'system', 'systems', '-', 'products', 'human', 'electron']
Topic 14: ['polynomial', 'protein', 'proteins', 'extracellular', 'sedimentary', 'eukaryotic', 'non-linear', '%', 'nonlinear']
Topic 15: ['system', 'nuclear', 'data', 'information', 'weapons', 'security', 'military', 'systems', 'nato']
Topic 16: ['transmembrane', 'polynomial', 'receptor', 'membrane', 'proteins', 'tensor', 'hamiltonian', 'amino', 'receptors']
Topic 17: ['good', 'countries', 'make', 'n't', 'system', 'air', 'level', '-', 've']
Topic 18: ['protein', 'membrane', 'particle', 'proteins', 'electrons', 'particles', 'electron', 'neutron', 'molecules']
Topic 19: ['-', 'information', 'system', 'high', 'data', 'systems', 'human', 'energy']
Topic 20: ['coxeter', 'polynomial', 'extracellular', 'baronetcies', 'eigenvalues', 'formula_15', 'formula_2', 'transmembrane', 'subunit']
Topic 21: ['density', 'diameter', 'equations', 'protein', 'gravitational', 'membrane', 'polynomial', 'taxonomic', 'extracellular']
Topic 22: ['forewings', 'morphological', 'paginated', 'impedance', 'gradient', 'equations', 'nonlinear', 'nucleotide', 'phylogenetic']
Topic 23: ['polynomial', 'extracellular', 'intracellular', 'phenotype', 'receptor', 'membrane', 'tensor', 'proteins', 'necrosis']
Topic 24: ['non-linear', 'paginated', 'extracellular', 'necrosis', 'polynomial', 'sedimentary', 'equations', 'ecoregions', 'taxonomic']
```

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# Final model and querying

How to make use of our model to get better search results



## Final Model: Streaming LDA

### Beyond Topic Modelling

Tested topic models had limitations:

→ Augment using data already in graph!

**LDA** outperforms other models

→ Train LDA on batches of ~5000 publications

→ Use **graph and embeddings** to link topics across batches



# Final Model: Streaming LDA -

LDA outperforms other models

→ Train LDA on batches of ~5000 publications

Only assumption:  
Fixed number of topics  
per batch

- High performance
- Lifelong/online learning
- Not fixed # topics
- Automatic topic name inference
- Topic correlation & hierarchy

## Component 1 - Graph

*Move topics and words into graph*

Matching scores on the edges (experts)

Can use least-cost-path algorithms to match complicated relational patterns

## Component 2 - Embedding Space

*Move graph into embedding space*

Leverage embedding vocabulary

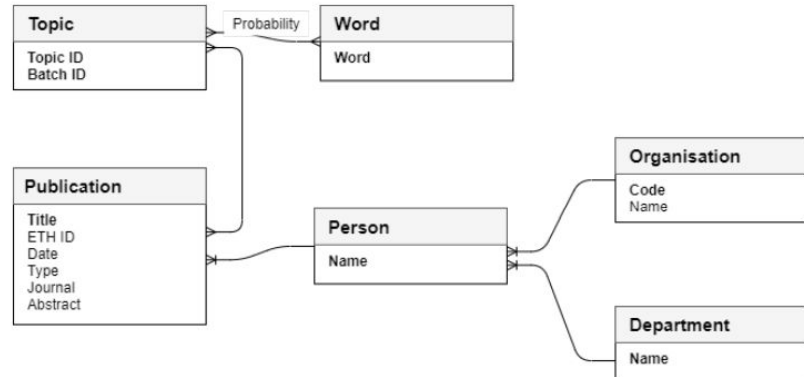
Enjoy flexibility in term-matching and similarity measures

# Enriched graph

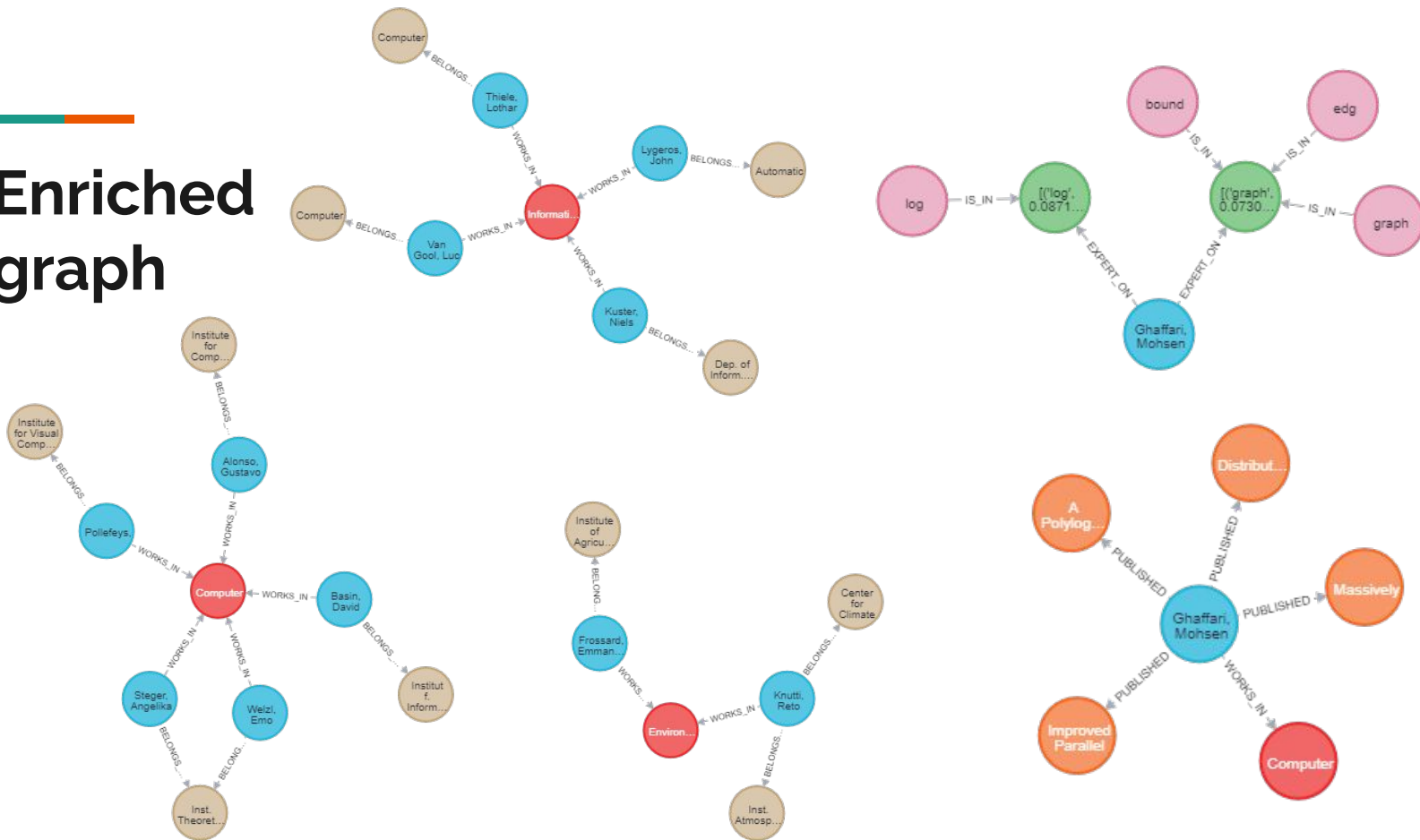
**267,877** Person nodes  
**170,284** Publication nodes  
**17** Department nodes  
**383** Organisation nodes  
**500** Topic nodes  
**5,057** Word nodes

**1,100,000** Relationships

→ **285MB**



# Enriched graph

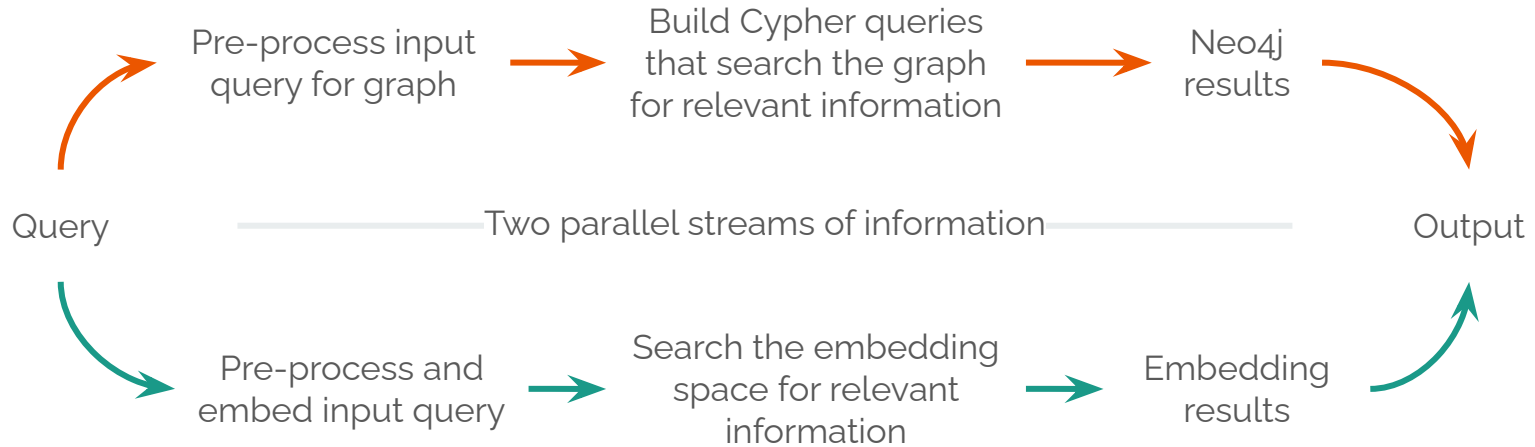




# How do we query this?

# The query pipeline

A bird's eye view





# The query pipeline

Example

User query: “*climate change*”

Search results for «climate change »

climate change



## The Graph side “Experts”

Score function to quantify expertise

→ Recency of publications

→ Quantity of publications

→ Penalty for general topics

$$r_p = 1 - \frac{\text{publication year}}{2020 - 1930},$$

$$tsw = \text{count}(w_t)$$

$$tsp = \text{count}(p_t),$$

$$a_t = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \text{count}(p_{a,t}) \geq 10 \\ \left( \frac{\text{count}(p_{a,t})}{10} \right)^{0.75} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{EXPERT\_ON weight} = \text{AVG}(r_p \cdot p_t) \times \left( \frac{9}{tsw} \right)^{0.75} \times \left( \frac{63}{tsp} \right) \times a_t$$

# The Graph side

Pre-process input  
query for graph

```
preprocess('Climate Change')
```

```
['climat', 'chang']
```

Build Cypher queries that  
search the graph for  
relevant information

```
1 WITH ['climat', 'chang'] as words
2 MATCH (w:Word)-[r1:IS_IN]-(t:Topic)
3 WHERE w.name in words
4 WITH t, size(words) as inputCnt,
5      count(DISTINCT w) as cnt, AVG(r1.weight) as s
6 WHERE cnt = inputCnt
7 WITH t, s
8 MATCH (t:Topic)-[r3:EXPERT_ON]-(p:Person)-[r8]
9                                     -(o:Organisation)
10 WITH p, SUM(r3.score_ipf*s) as s2, o
11 RETURN p.name, s2, o.name
12 ORDER BY s2 DESC
```

Neo4j  
results

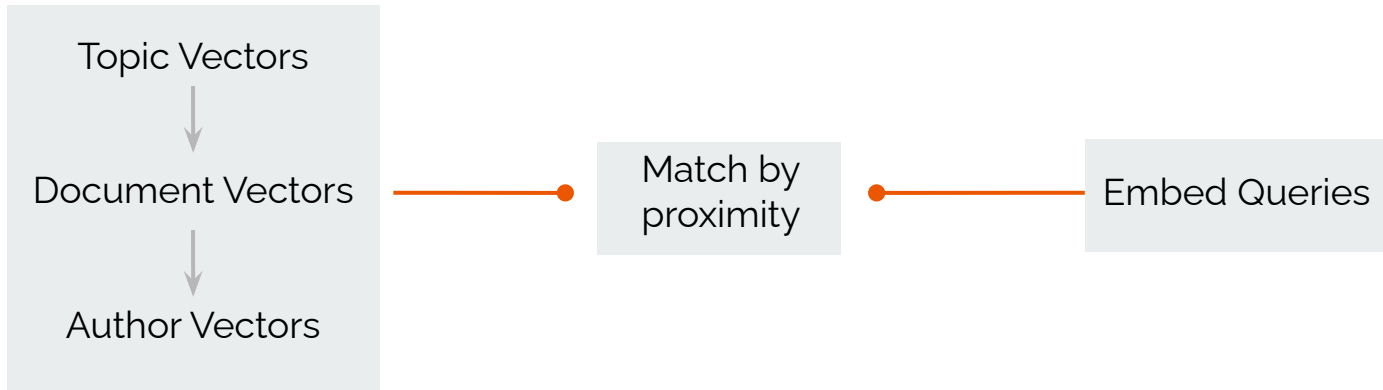
1. Lohmann, Ulrike
2. Knutti, Reto
3. Gruber, Nicolas
4. Peter, Thomas
5. Buchmann, Nina

I lead the climate physics group and do research and teaching on many topics related to climate change.

These include long term projections, scenarios, the 2°C target, uncertainties in projections, climate model evaluation, model weighting, natural climate variab-



## The Embedding side





# The Embedding side

1. Words: GloVe embeddings
2. Topics: Convex combination of word embeddings
3. Documents: Convex combination of topic embeddings
4. Authors: Convex combination of document embeddings
5. Queries: Average of word embeddings

Combination of weights given  
by topic modelling

Custom-made scoring function  
describing the relevance of a  
publication to a given author

Scoring function based on:

- publication type
- publishing date
- number of authors

# The Embedding side

Pre-process and  
embed input query



Search the embedding  
space for relevant  
information



Embedding  
results

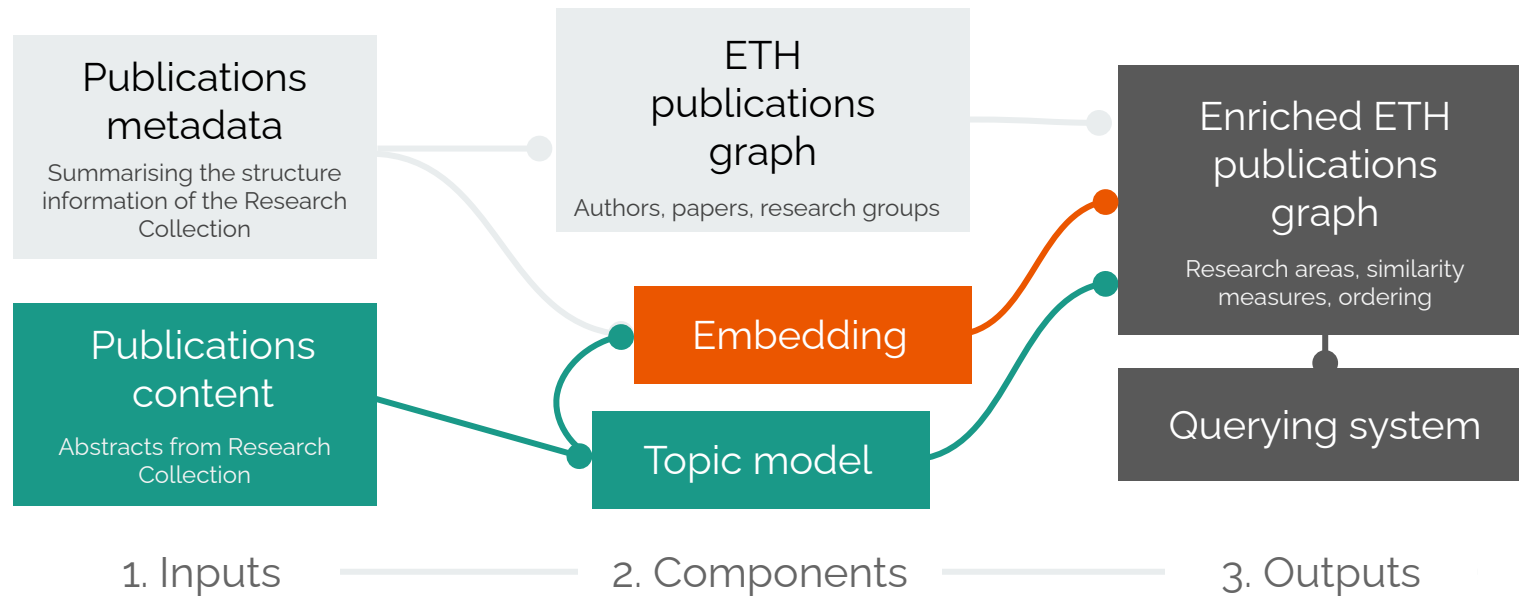
```
query = "climate change"
query_embs = get_list_embeddings_query(query, glove_vocab, glove_embedding)
# aggregating the query embeddings with a mean
query_emb = np.mean(query_embs, axis=0)
```

```
def visualise_most_similar_docs_query
```

```
Query: climate change
-----
10 most similar documents in the collection
```

```
Document 6540
Determining the time of emergence of climates altered from their natural state by anthropogenic influences can help inform the development of adaptation and mitigation strategies to climate change. Previous studies have examined the time of emergence of climate averages. However, at the global scale, the emergence of changes in extreme events, which have the greatest societal impacts, has not been investigated before. Based on state-of-the-art climate models, we show that temperature extremes gen
```

# Summary of technical approach



# Future Work

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- Handle bi- and trigrams
- Clustering of topics
- Refining score function
- Representation Learning instead of convex combination
- Improve Quantity and Quality of Data
- Extend use of Embedding Space (Querying and beyond LDA)
- NER (Named-Entity Recognition) for querying

Thank you

Questions?

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