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Reversing the n-grams searching process

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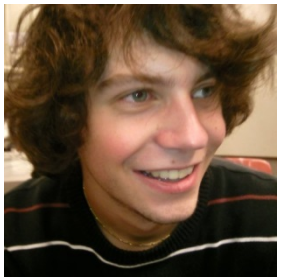
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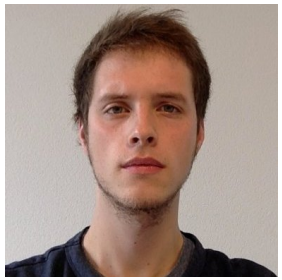
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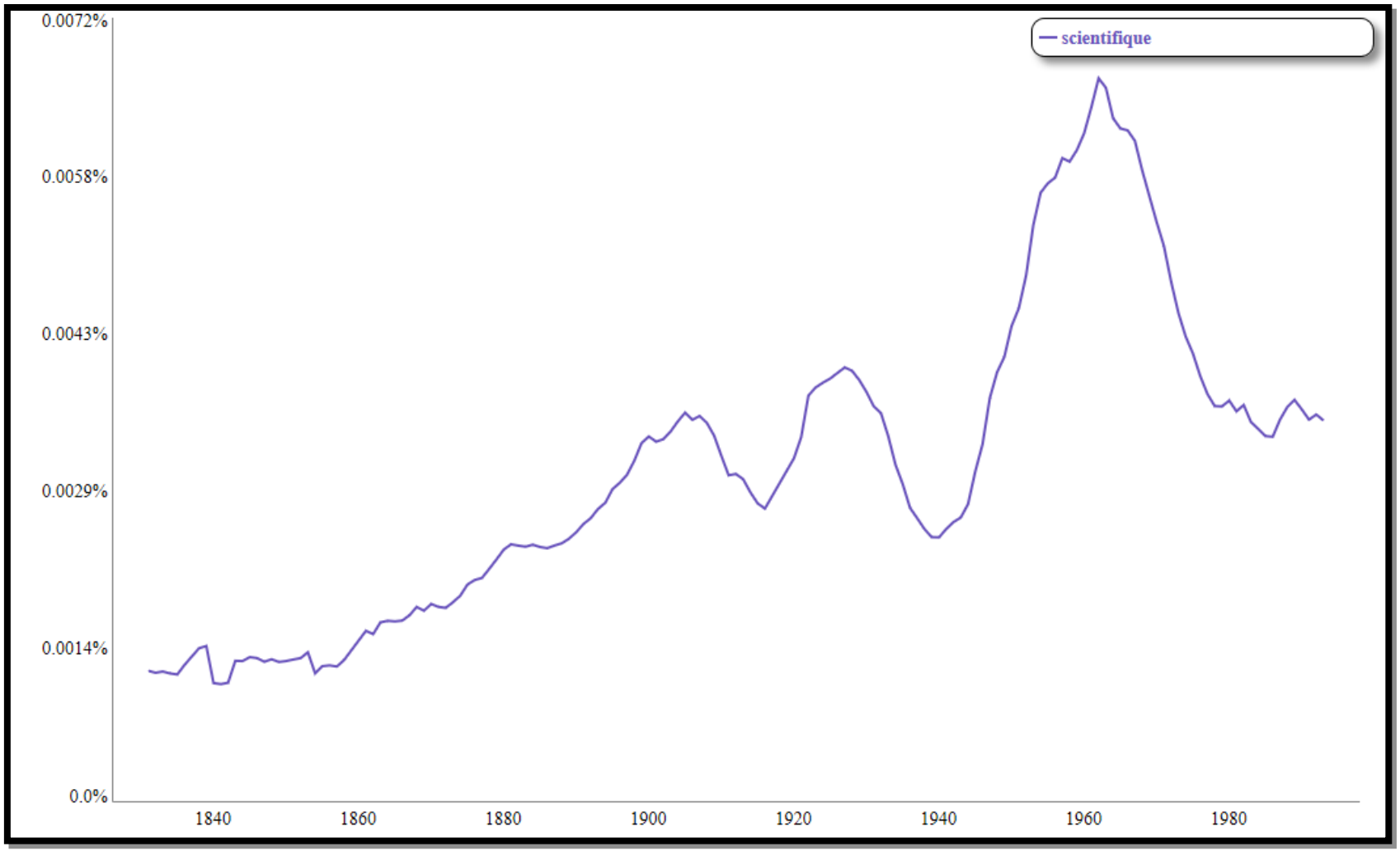
Team

- Le Temps newspaper
  - La Gazette de Lausanne
  - Le Journal de Genève

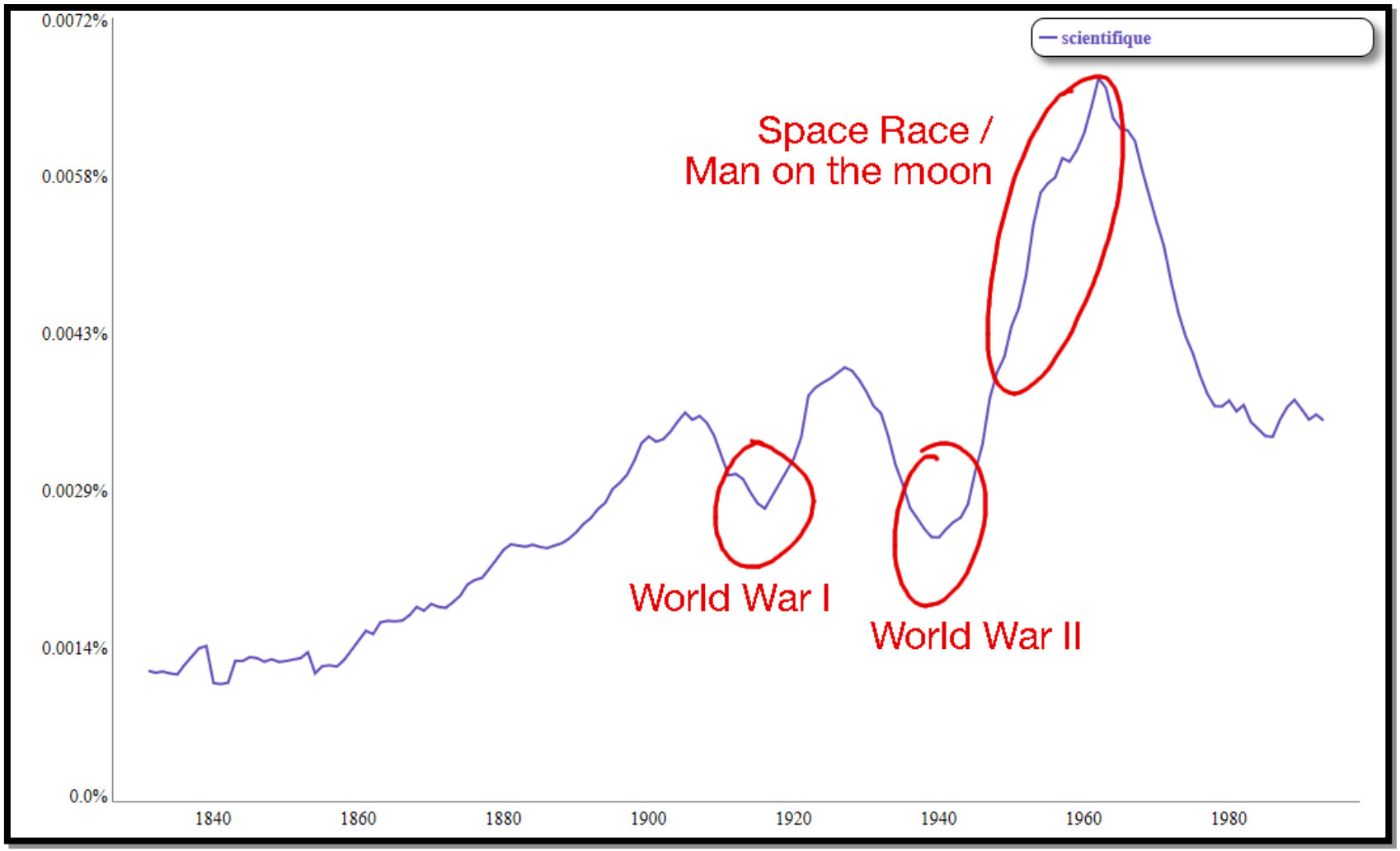
- 159 years of articles (~16 GB)

- Provided by *DHLab* in association with *Le Temps* and the *Bibliothèque nationale suisse*

Corpus



Understand a profile



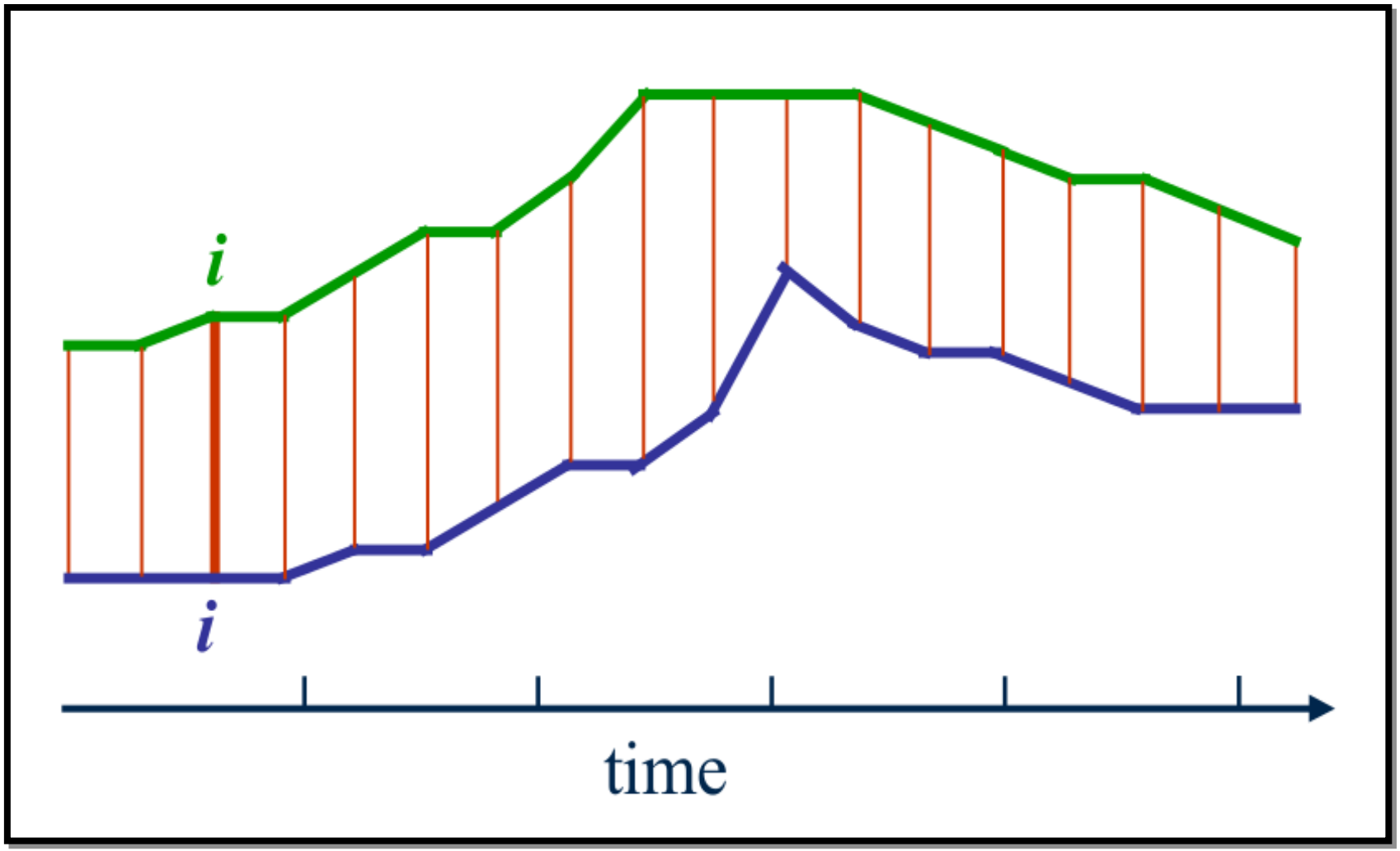
Understand a profile

- Studies based on n-grams have become popular
- Most of them relied on researcher's intuition
- We provide a way to reverse the process
  - Look for interesting words
  - Find similar temporal profiles
  - Understand why

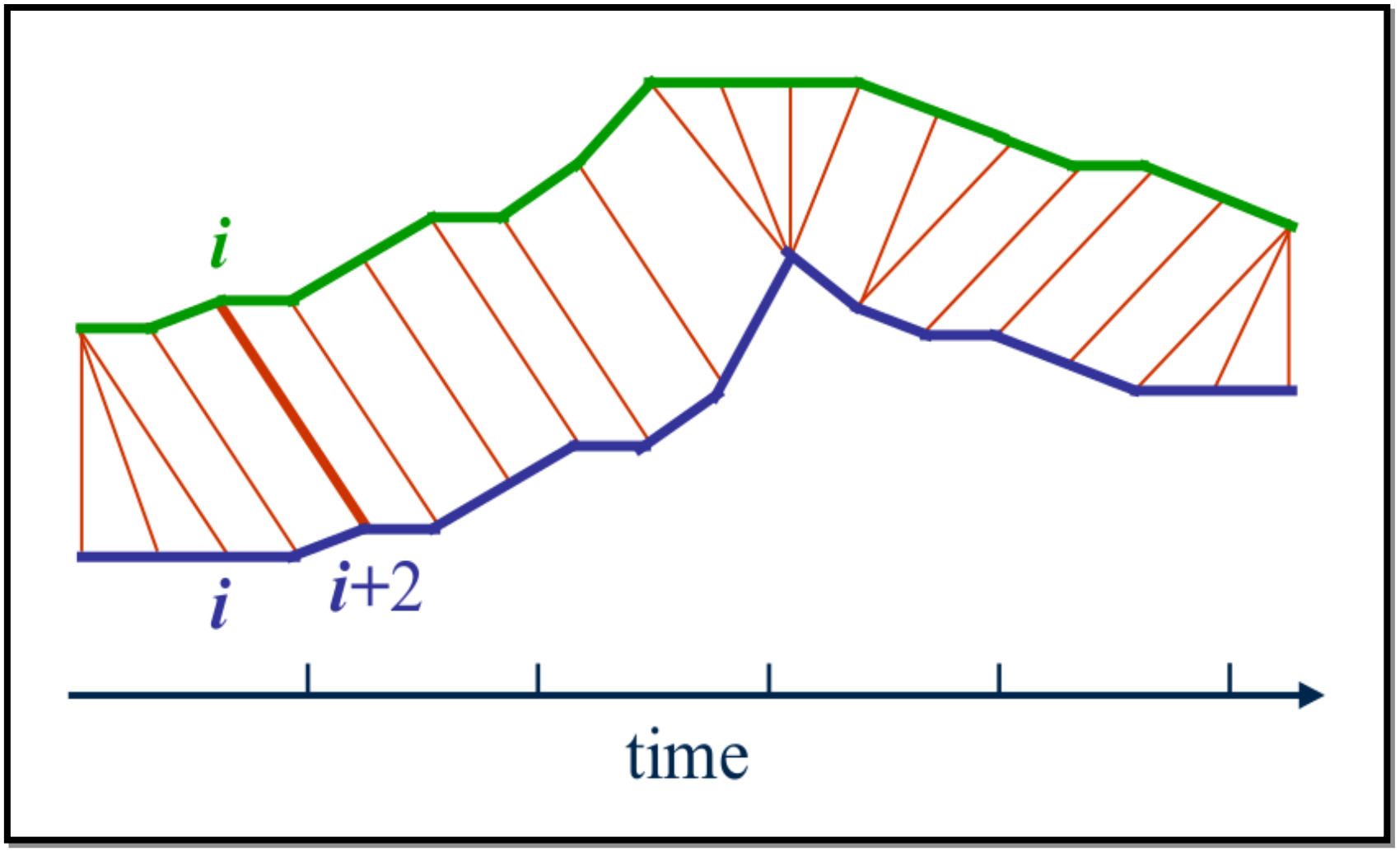
Motivation

- Different comparison techniques implemented
  - Naive comparison
  - Dynamic Time Warping
  - Peak detection
  - (many other unsuccessful attempts)

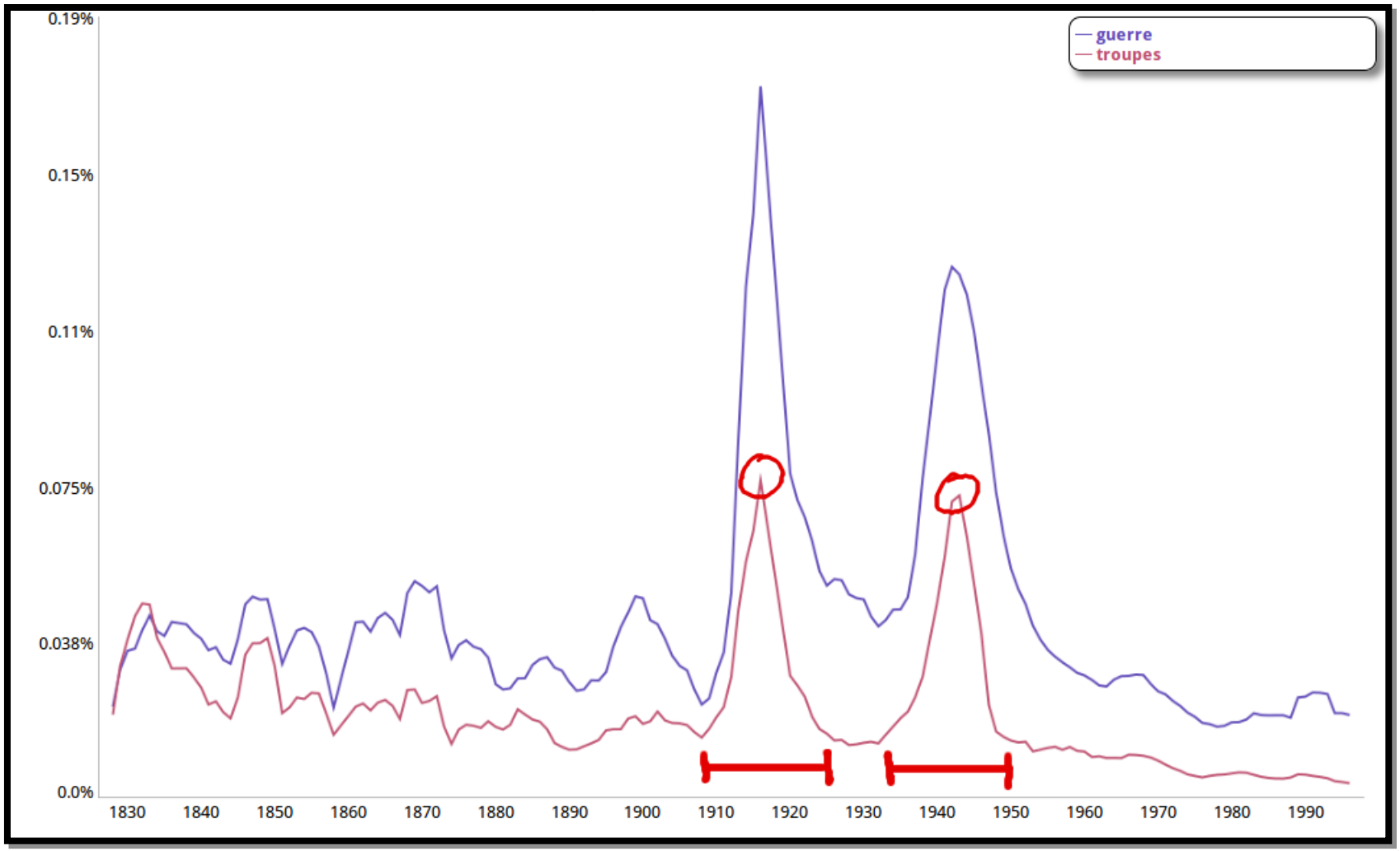
How smargn works



Naive comparison



Dynamic Time Warping



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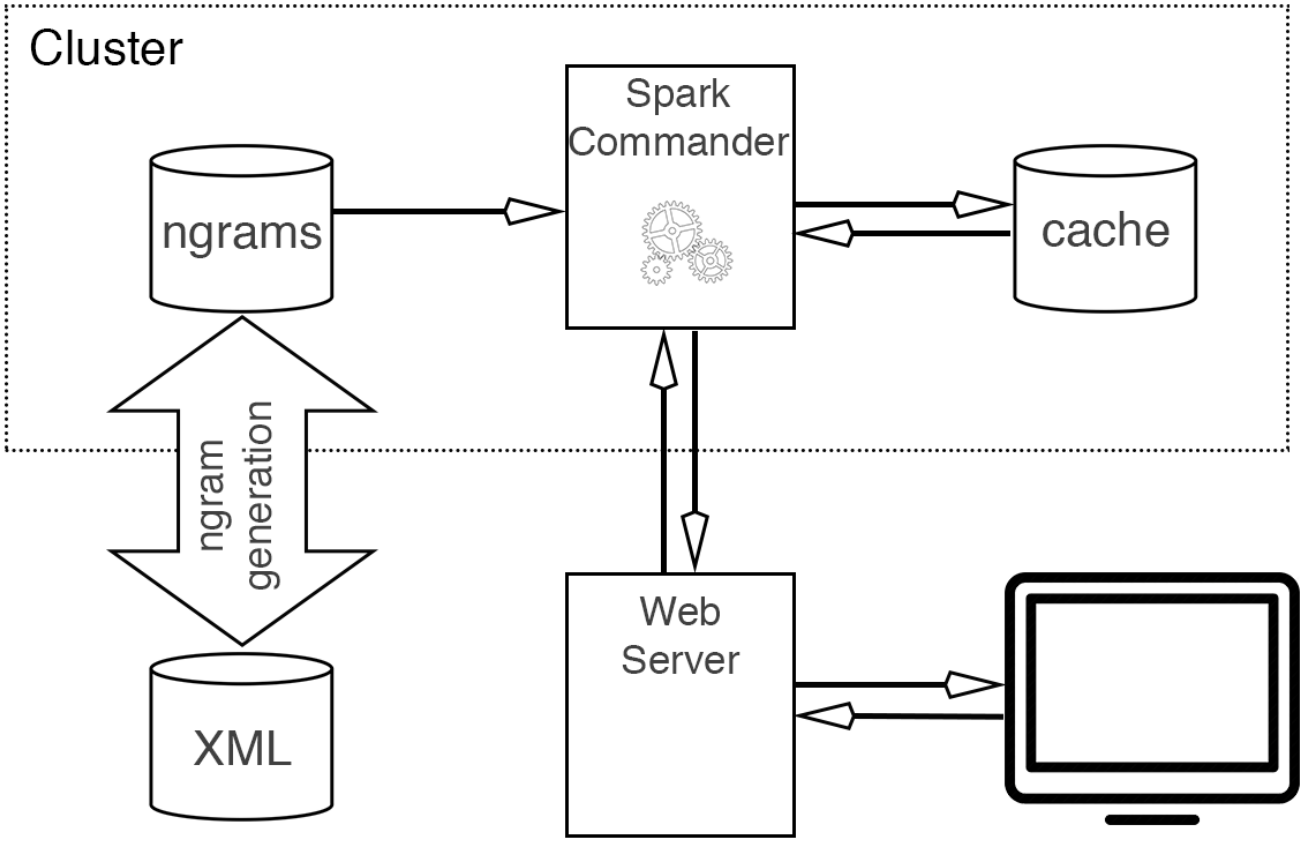

Software architecture

Smargn seach for similar words

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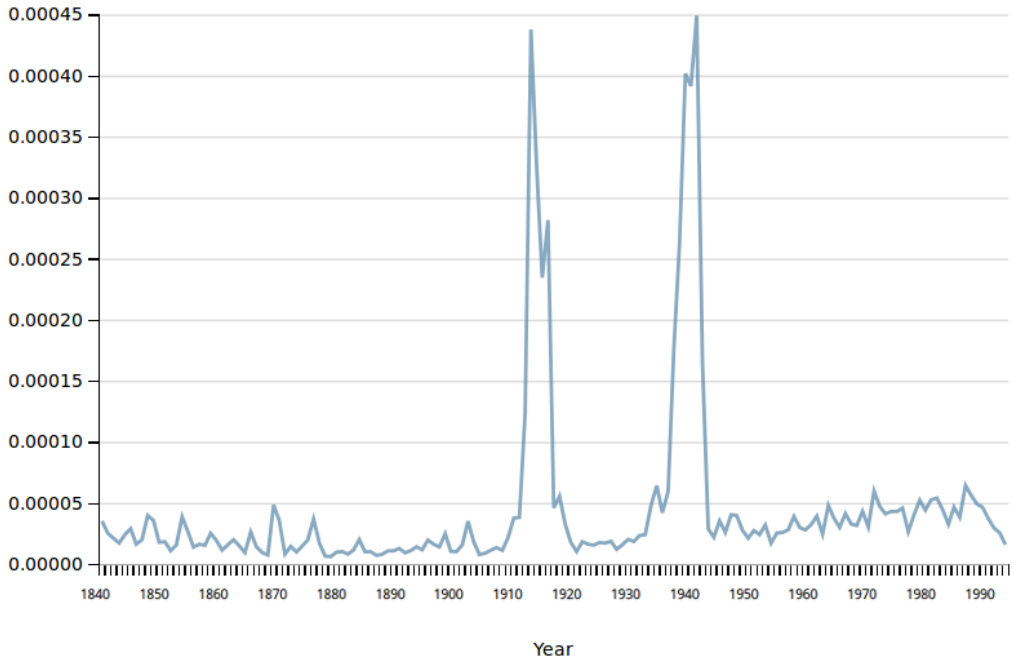
word3

word4

Smargn 'em all!



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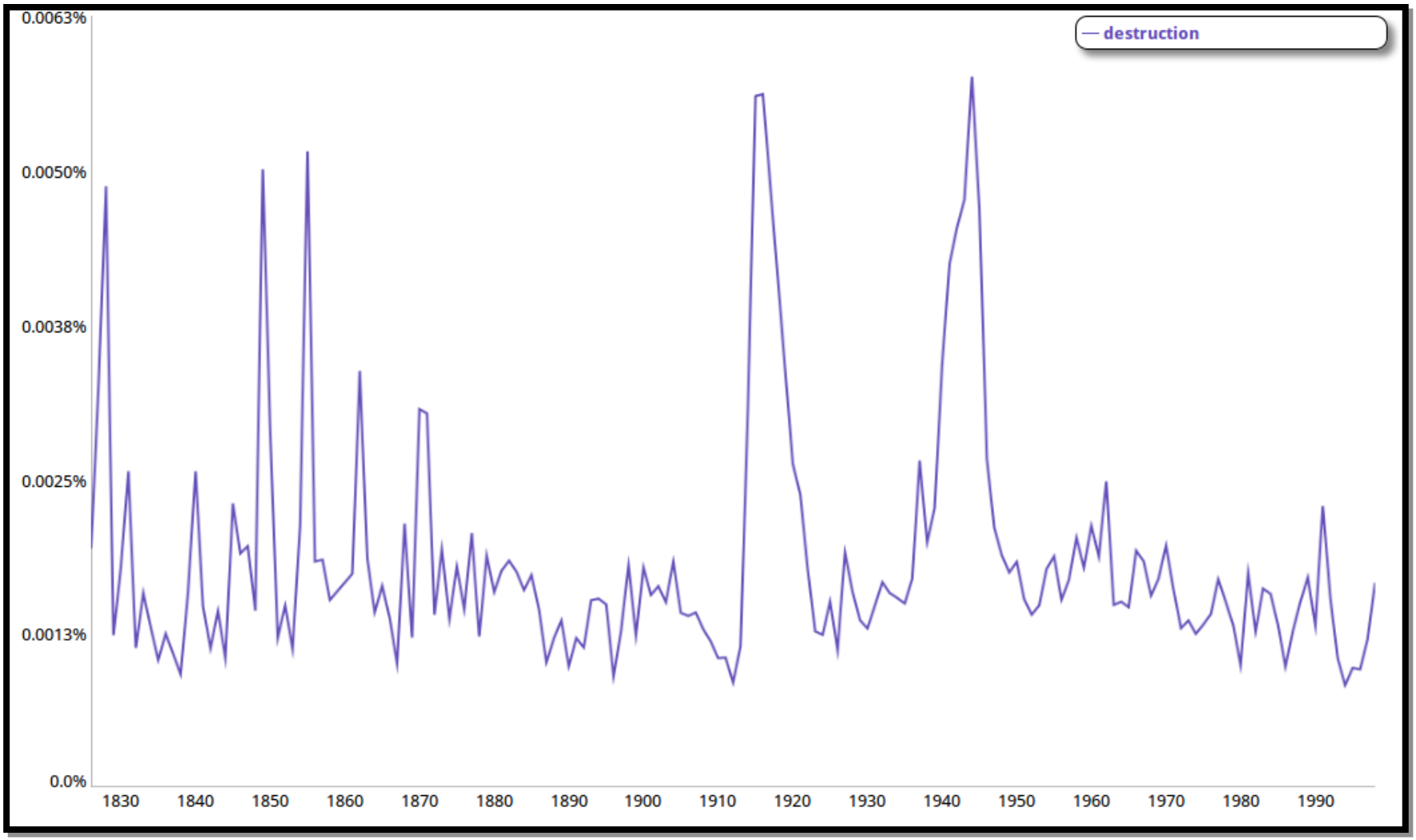

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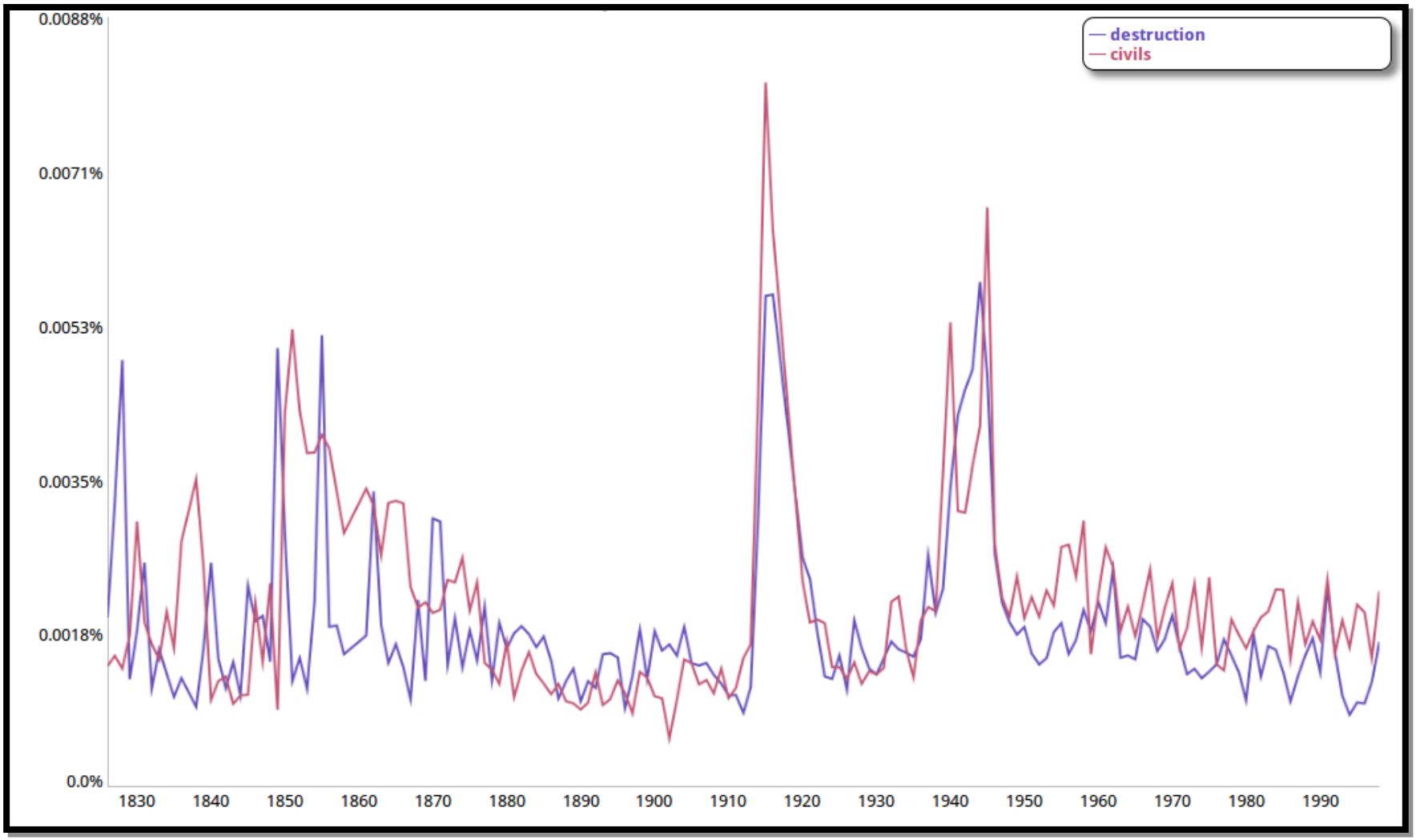
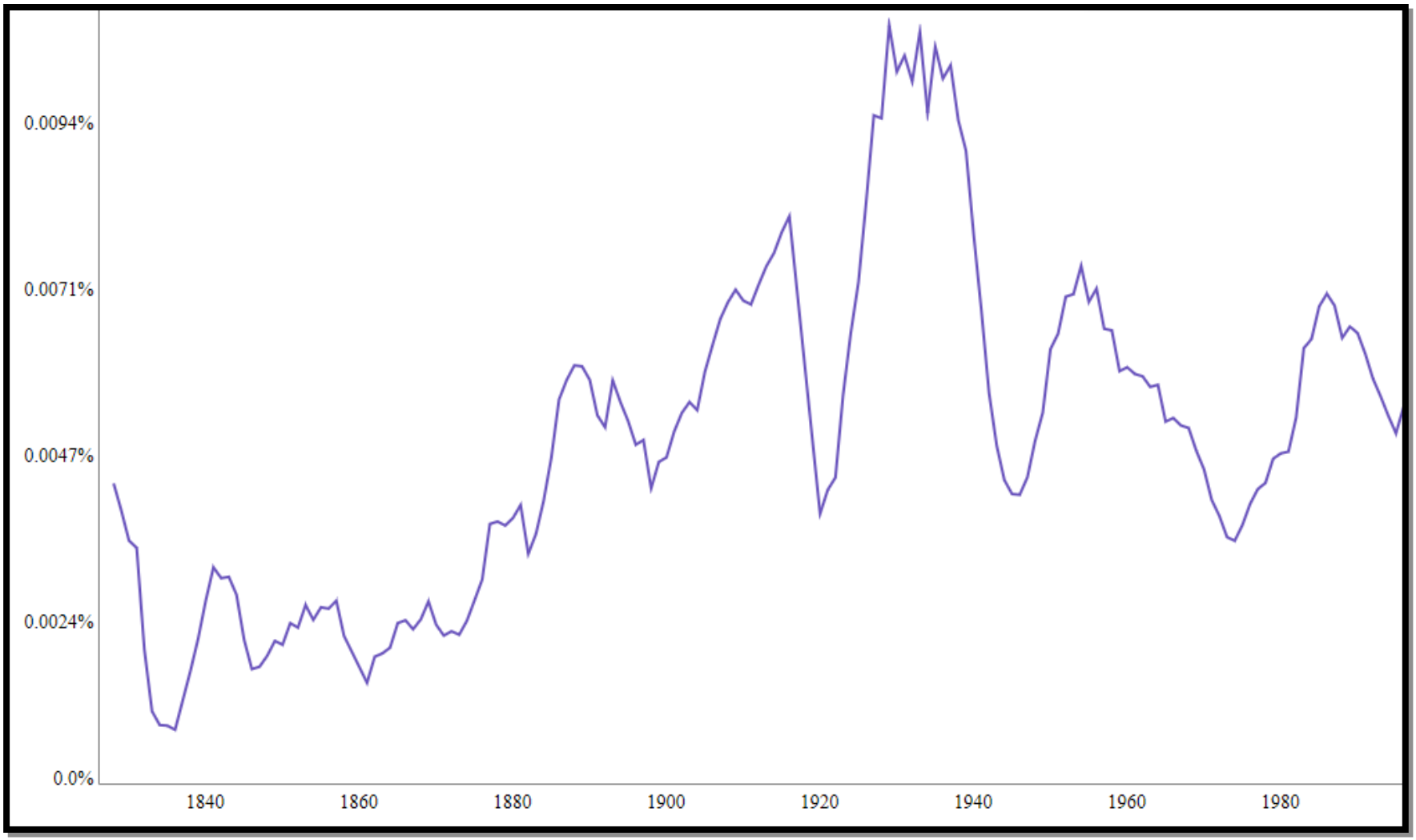


destruction & civils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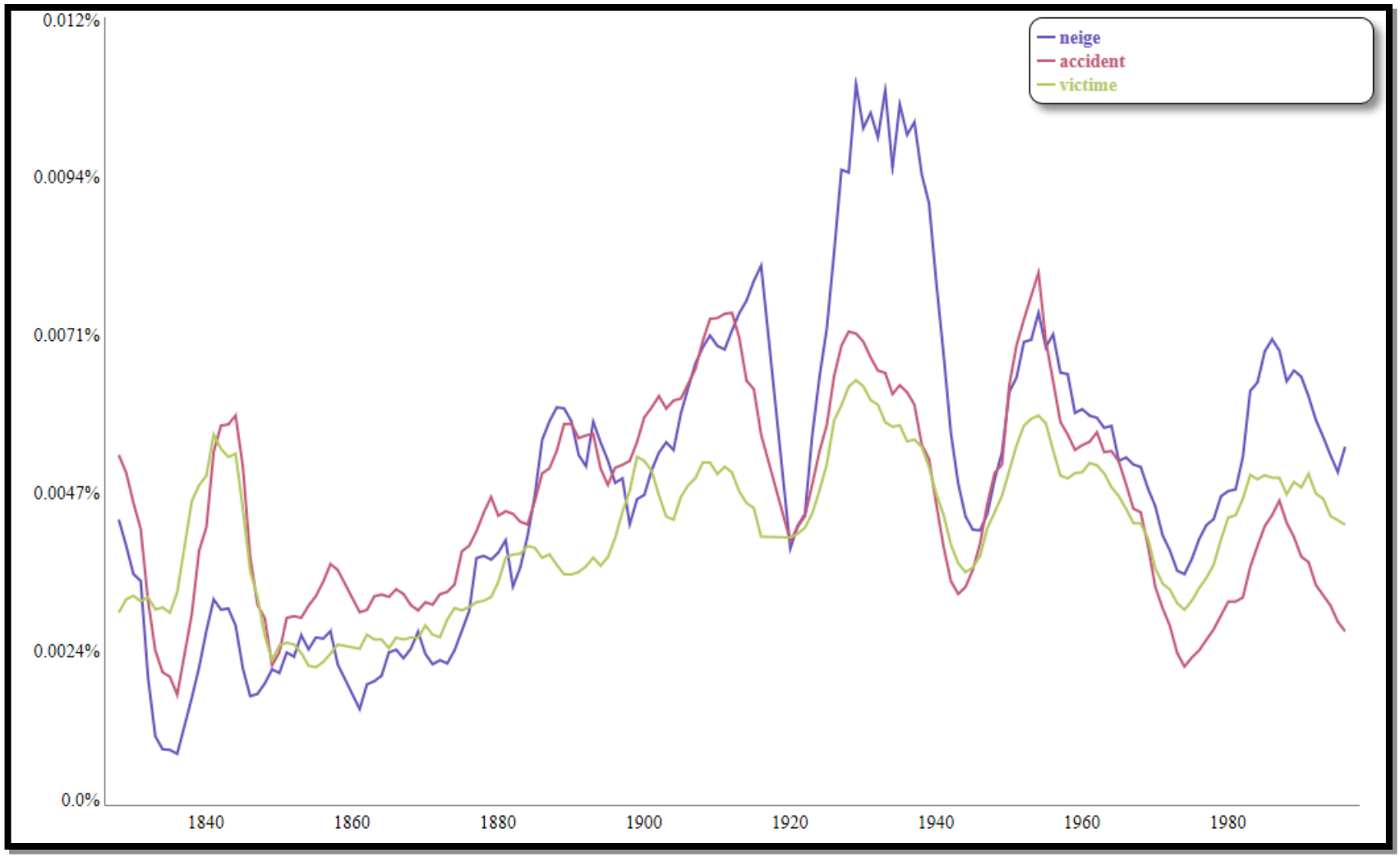

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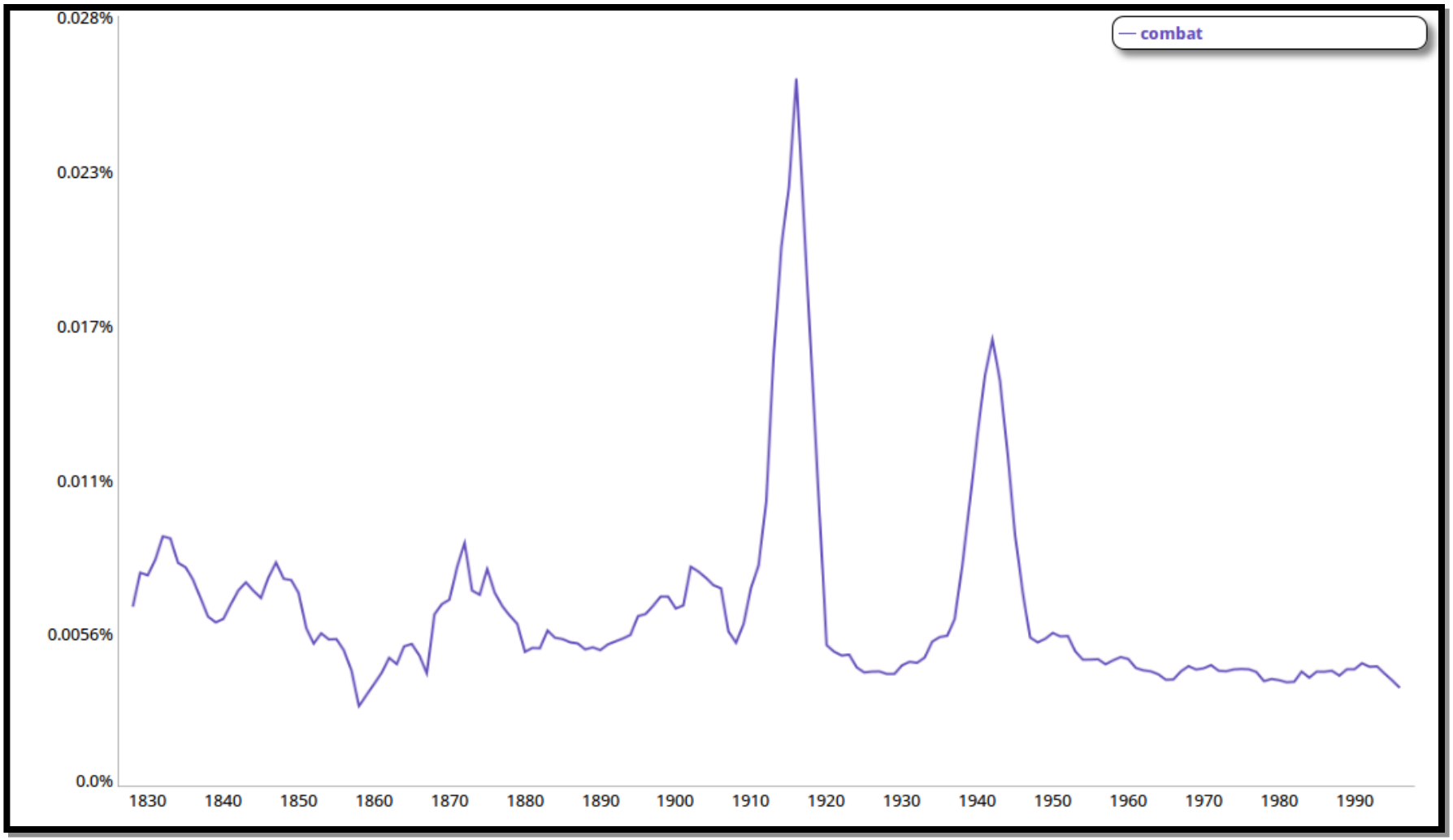
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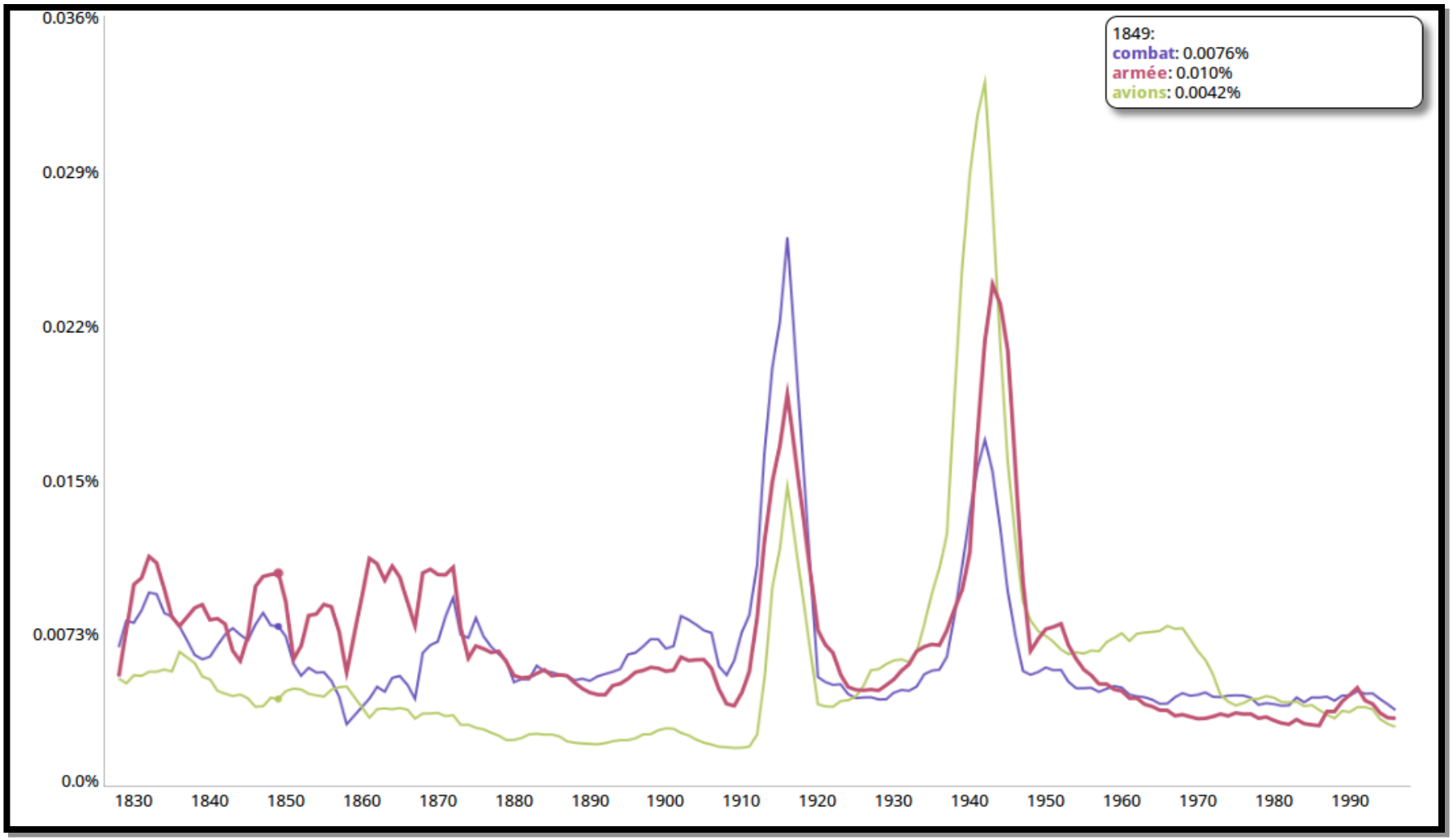
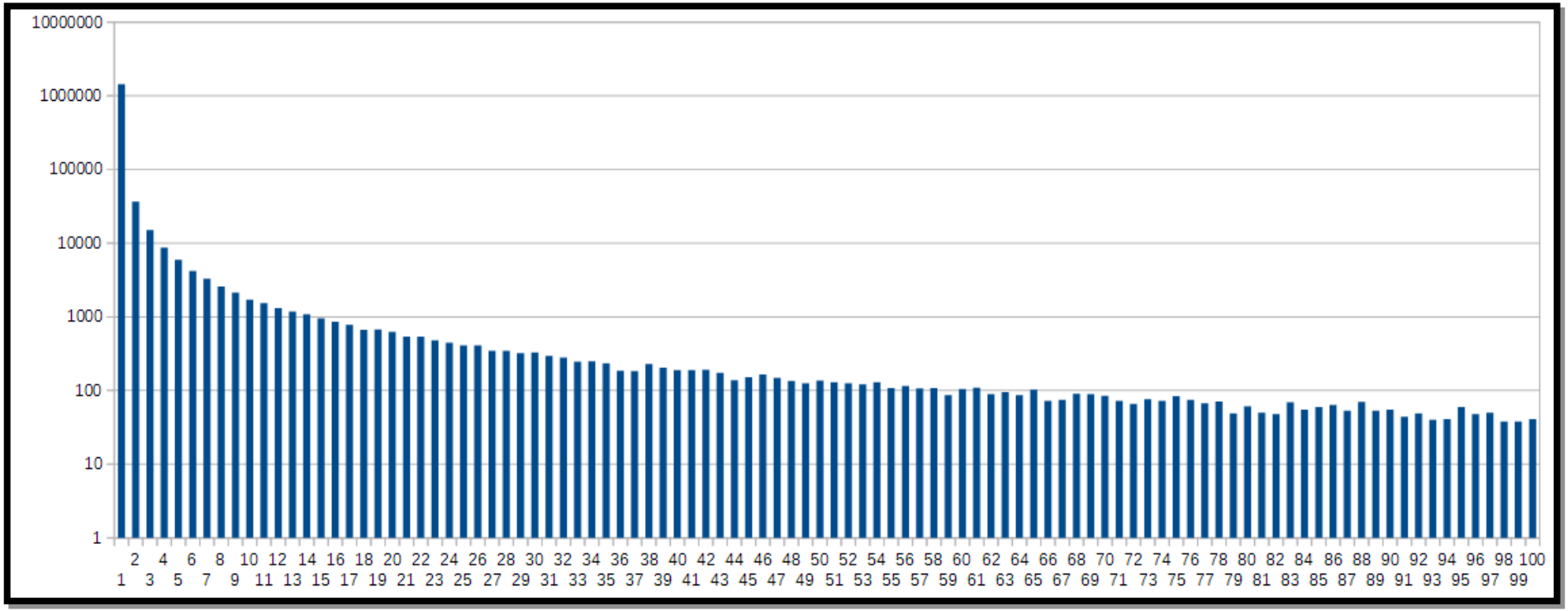


combat, armée, allemande, avions

- Can greatly help linguistic and historical studies
- Gives hints on where to look at
- Makes sure no words are forgotten

Conclusion

Thank you!



Data histogram