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Vector Space Embeddings and Data Maps for Cyber Defense

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Cyber Defense Data

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What is cyber defense?

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Detect threats to

Confidentiality

Integrity

Availability

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Gather forensic evidence of incidents

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Requires data and infrastructure monitoring: telemetry

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Telemetry analysis:
Know the infrastructure
Retrace malicious activity

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Which “the telemetry”

Process command lines
IP traffic flows
Event logs
Malware binaries
Operating system events
etc.

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ACME3 data

24 hosts, 15 days
~137,847 command lines
~31,000 unique command lines

```
c:\windows\system32\conhost.exe 0xffffffff -forcev1
c:\windows\system32\mousocoreworker.exe -embedding
c:\program files (x86)\microsoft\edgeupdate\microsoftedgeupdate.exe /ua /installsource scheduler
c:\windows\system32\svchost.exe -k netsvcs -p -s netsetupsvc
c:\windows\system32\taskhostw.exe
....

c:\programdata\microsoft\windows defender\platform\4.18.23090.2008-0\mpcmdrun.exe -idletask -taskname wdcleanup
c:\programdata\microsoft\windows defender\platform\4.18.23090.2008-0\mpcmdrun.exe -idletask -taskname wdverification
c:\windows\system32\taskhostw.exe keyroaming
c:\windows\system32\fontdrvhost.exe
c:\windows\system32\openssh\sshd.exe -r
c:\windows\system32\openssh\sshd.exe -y
c:\windows\system32\cmd.exe
C:\windows\system32\conhost.exe
....
```

https://gdo168.llnl.gov/data/ACME-2023

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Key constraint: no label

Unsupervised analysis:
examine patterns of similarity

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Every approach is a lense

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Every representation tells a story

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All ~~models~~ Lenses are wrong,
Some are useful

George Box

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A useful lense provides insight and helps with labelling

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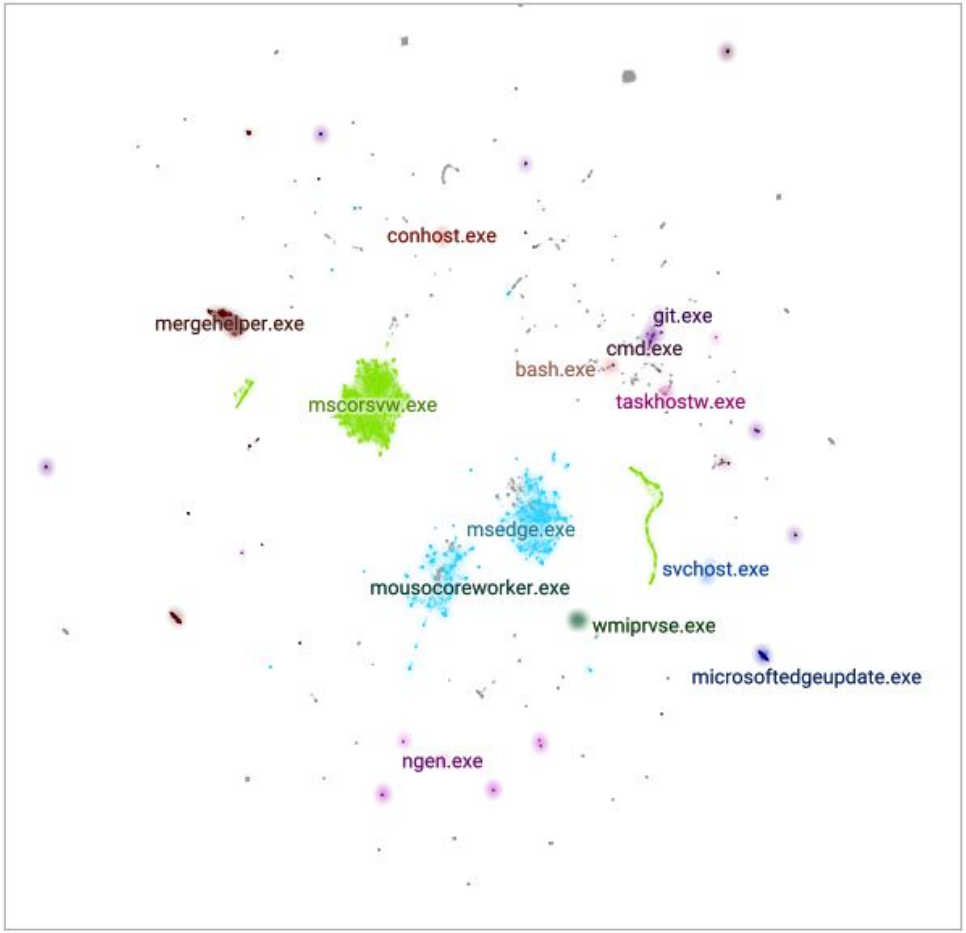
Data map of processes



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Building lenses

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Hugging Face

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[ 0.0021  0.0246 -0.0134  0.0343 ... -0.0103 -0.0008  0.0047  0.0363]
[ 0.0068  0.0098 -0.0079 -0.0006 ... -0.0018  0.0361  0.002   0.0045]
[ 0.021   0.0239  0.0024  0.0087 ... -0.0167 -0.0309 -0.0144 -0.0045]
[-0.0082  0.0234 -0.0166  0.0078 ...  0.0375 -0.03    0.0367 -0.0141]
[-0.0535 -0.002  -0.0141 -0.0198 ... -0.0071 -0.0074  0.0042  0.0034]
[ 0.0233  0.0273 -0.0139  0.0361 ...  0.0036 -0.0334  0.041   0.0253]
[-0.002   0.0076  0.0048 -0.0299 ...  0.0057  0.0089  0.015   0.0169]
[ 0.0066  0.0171 -0.0076 -0.0234 ... -0.0065 -0.0082 -0.0097  0.0065]
[-0.0112  0.0172  0.0051 -0.0432 ...  0.028  -0.0114  0.0481 -0.0051]
[-0.0003  0.0093 -0.0221  0.0302 ... -0.015  -0.0136  0.0012 -0.0205]
[-0.0183  0.011   0.0172 -0.0162 ... -0.0168 -0.003   0.0287  0.0069]
[ 0.0392  0.0106 -0.0003  0.0082 ... -0.0287  0.0081  0.0042  0.026 ]
[-0.0155  0.0163 -0.0126 -0.0035 ...  0.0233  0.0009 -0.028   0.0179]
[-0.0101  0.0118 -0.0006 -0.0225 ... -0.0283 -0.0076  0.0293  0.0114]
[-0.0341  0.0303 -0.0015 -0.0195 ... -0.0459 -0.0501  0.0211  0.0116]
[ 0.0011  0.0125  0.0176 -0.0349 ... -0.0147  0.0016  0.035   0.0386]
[-0.0329  0.0044 -0.0127 -0.0076 ...  0.     -0.008   0.0692 -0.0044]
[-0.0039  0.0214 -0.0231  0.0164 ...  0.0124 -0.005   0.0266 -0.0446]
[-0.0173  0.0227  0.0188 -0.0349 ... -0.0235 -0.0243  0.004  -0.0072]
[-0.0254  0.0279 -0.0279  0.0003 ... -0.0189 -0.0109  0.032   0.0067]
[-0.0196  0.0046  0.0117 -0.0074 ... -0.0047  0.0076  0.0297  0.0075]
[-0.0255  0.0056  0.0052  0.0046 ... -0.0005  0.0038  0.0074  0.0015]
[-0.004   0.0218 -0.024   0.0136 ... -0.0122  0.0158  0.001   0.0139]
[-0.0319  0.0259  0.0051  0.0245 ... -0.0092 -0.0121 -0.0023 -0.026 ]
[ 0.0046  0.0147 -0.033  -0.0037 ... -0.0223  0.0213  0.0352 -0.0205]
[-0.0097  0.0017 -0.0027 -0.0412 ... -0.0039 -0.0041  0.0132  0.0119]
[-0.0043  0.0303 -0.0093 -0.0129 ... -0.0054  0.0176  0.0062  0.011 ]
[ 0.0032 -0.0213 -0.0307 -0.0157 ... -0.0327 -0.007   0.0099 -0.0053]
[ 0.0171 -0.009   0.0408 -0.0232 ... -0.0122  0.0043 -0.0433  0.0164]
[-0.0029  0.0067 -0.0018 -0.0205 ... -0.017   0.0101  0.0083 -0.0049]
[-0.0028  0.0106  0.0173  0.0014 ... -0.0097 -0.0186  0.0058 -0.0031]
[-0.0089  0.0277 -0.014  -0.0308 ...  0.0001  0.0137 -0.0063 -0.0169]
[-0.0099 -0.0112 -0.0366 -0.0169 ... -0.0178  0.0003  0.0122 -0.0082]
[-0.0049  0.0123 -0.0125 -0.0267 ... -0.0284 -0.0124 -0.0069 -0.0086]
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[-0.0414  0.0088 -0.0256  0.0013 ... -0.0255 -0.0297  0.0186  0.0312]
[ 0.0086  0.0071 -0.0162 -0.0069 ... -0.0312  0.0254  0.0032 -0.0135]
[-0.0015  0.0054  0.0004 -0.0261 ...  0.0167 -0.0128 -0.0093  0.0118]
[ 0.0141 -0.0039  0.0078  0.0028 ... -0.0111 -0.0412 -0.0066 -0.0232]
[-0.0002  0.0219 -0.0078  0.0075 ... -0.0385  0.0036 -0.0074 -0.0108]
[-0.0191 -0.003  -0.0061 -0.0098 ... -0.0053 -0.0144  0.0156  0.0071]
[-0.0152  0.0059 -0.     -0.0005 ... -0.0059  0.0006 -0.0383  0.018 ]
[-0.0209  0.0095 -0.0229 -0.0163 ... -0.0211  0.0104 -0.0013  0.006 ]
[ 0.0083  0.0059 -0.0371 -0.0072 ...  0.0056 -0.0122  0.022  -0.0132]
[-0.0393  0.0132 -0.0268 -0.0057 ...  0.0072 -0.0173  0.0238  0.0131]
[-0.0213 -0.0035  0.0078 -0.0224 ...  0.0013 -0.0067 -0.0158 -0.0085]
[-0.0371 -0.019  -0.0137 -0.0019 ... -0.0052 -0.037   0.0164  0.0238]
[ 0.0252 -0.017   0.0041  0.0001 ... -0.0062 -0.0307 -0.0372  0.002 ]
[-0.0395  0.0227 -0.0322 -0.0335 ... -0.0503  0.0124 -0.021  -0.0249]
```

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Tools to vectorize other types of data

Process command lines
IP Traffic Flows
Event logs
Malware Binaries
etc...

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Text to token sequences

```
%%time
cmdlines_vec = vz.BytePairEncodingVectorizer(max_vocab_size=600).fit_transform(cmdlines_u.tolist())
cmdlines_vec
```

```
CPU times: user 8.68 s, sys: 21.1 ms, total: 8.7 s
Wall time: 8.66 s
<31046x574 sparse matrix of type '<class 'numpy.float32'>'
        with 823621 stored elements in Compressed Sparse Row format>
```

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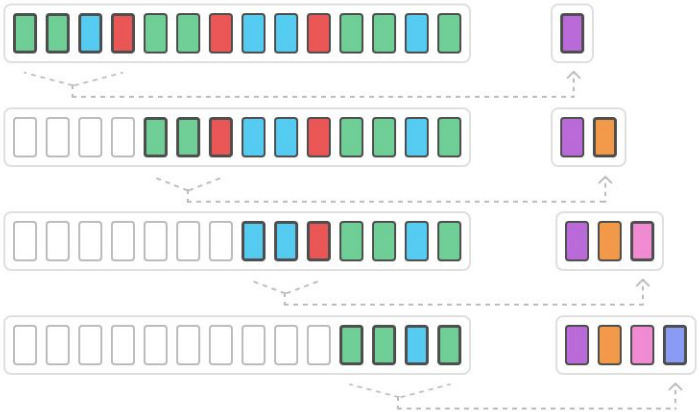
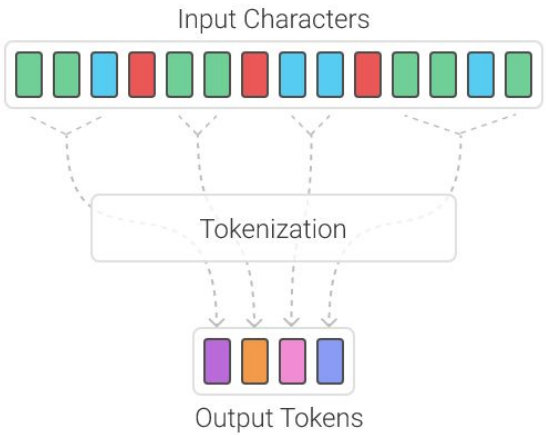
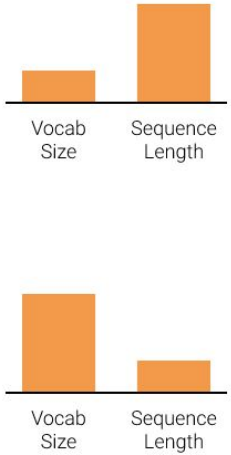
```
1 vz_bpe = vz.BytePairEncodingVectorizer(max_vocab_size=600).fit(cmdlines_u.tolist())
2 [longest for longest in sorted(vz_bpe.tokens_, key=len, reverse=True)][75:100]
```

```
['\\v4.0.30319\\mscorsvw.exe -',
 ' --disable-gpu-compositing',
 ' --enable-main-frame-befor',
 'c:\\windows\\microsoft.net\\',
 ' --lang=en-us --service-s',
 ' --time-ticks-at-unix-epo',
 ' --mojo-platform-channel',
 ' --field-trial-handle=19',
 ' --device-scale-factor=1',
 'c:\\program files\\wintap',
 ' --time-ticks-at-unix-e',
 'c:\\windows\\microsoft.n',
 'tevent 0 -ngenprocess ',
 'c:\\program files (x86)',
 ' --field-trial-handle=',
 ' --lang=en-us --servic',
 ' --num-raster-threads=',
 ' --renderer-client-id=',
 ' --disable-gpu-composi',
 '"ngen worker process"',
 'c:\\program files (x86',
 'device-scale-factor=1',
 ' --launch-time-ticks=',
 ' --time-ticks-at-unix',
 ' --enable-main-frame-']
```







Subword Tokenization - Handling Misspellings and Multilingual Data
https://www.thoughtvector.io/blog/subword-tokenization/

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Text to vectors: bag of words

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Parse command lines into tokens

cmdline	tokens	num
"c:\windows\system32\consent.exe" 8364 316 00000225c123a720	["c:\windows\system32\consent.exe", 8364, 316, 00000225c123a720]	4
"c:\windows\syswow64\msiexec.exe" -embedding dabb2a6d532491a1295e2c3d16e9fdfd	["c:\windows\syswow64\msiexec.exe", -embedding, dabb2a6d532491a1295e2c3d16e9fdfd]	3
"c:\windows\system32\consent.exe" 7040 288 0000019ec8c2a540	["c:\windows\system32\consent.exe", 7040, 288, 0000019ec8c2a540]	4
"c:\windows\system32\curl.exe" --help	["c:\windows\system32\curl.exe", --help]	2
"c:\windows\system32\consent.exe" 1640 318 00000204e5430040	["c:\windows\system32\consent.exe", 1640, 318, 00000204e5430040]	4
"c:\windows\system32\svchost.exe" -k wsappx -p -s appxsvc	["c:\windows\system32\svchost.exe", -k, wsappx, -p, -s, appxsvc]	6
"c:\windows\system32\ping.exe" acme-dc1.acme.com	["c:\windows\system32\ping.exe", acme-dc1.acme.com]	2
"c:\windows\system32\sihclient.exe" /cv sq9lrmw140ena5nxthiida.0.1	["c:\windows\system32\sihclient.exe", /cv, sq9lrmw140ena5nxthiida.0.1]	3
"c:\program files\git\usr\bin\ls.exe" -f --color=auto --show-control-chars 1277	["c:\program files\git\usr\bin\ls.exe", -f, --color=auto, --show-control-chars, 1277]	5
"c:\users\user10\downloads\visualstudiosetup.exe"	["c:\users\user10\downloads\visualstudiosetup.exe"]	1
"c:\windows\system32\svchost.exe" -k unistacksvcgroup	["c:\windows\system32\svchost.exe", -k, unistacksvcgroup]	3
"c:\windows\system32\sihclient.exe" /cv cxixvz5jlemri9ydvjhbea.0.1	["c:\windows\system32\sihclient.exe", /cv, cxixvz5jlemri9ydvjhbea.0.1]	3
"c:\windows\system32\systeminfo.exe" /?	["c:\windows\system32\systeminfo.exe", /?]	2
"c:\program files\git\usr\bin\ls.exe" -f --color=auto --show-control-chars 953	["c:\program files\git\usr\bin\ls.exe", -f, --color=auto, --show-control-chars, 953]	5
"c:\windows\system32\wbem\wmic.exe" product list brief	["c:\windows\system32\wbem\wmic.exe", product, list, brief]	4

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```
%%time
vz_ngram = vz.NgramVectorizer().fit(cmdlines_tokenized.tolist())
cmdlines_tc = vz_ngram._train_matrix.tocsr()
cmdlines_tc
```

```
CPU times: user 771 ms, sys: 35.8 ms, total: 807 ms
Wall time: 812 ms
```

```
<31029x20887 sparse matrix of type '<class 'numpy.float32'>'
        with 236570 stored elements in Compressed Sparse Row format>
```

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Bag of words: vectorize by counting tokens

tokens	"c:\windows\system32\svchost.exe"	-k	-p	-s	appxsvc	unistacksvcgroup	waasmedicsvc	wersvcgroup	wsappx	wusvcs
cmdline										
"c:\windows\system32\svchost.exe" -k unistacksvcgroup	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
"c:\windows\system32\svchost.exe" -k wersvcgroup	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
"c:\windows\system32\svchost.exe" -k wsappx -p -s appxsvc	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
"c:\windows\system32\svchost.exe" -k wusvcs -p -s waasmedicsvc	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0

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Information weight transform: downweight tokens with low similarity information contribution

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```
cmdlines_iwt = vzt.InformationWeightTransformer().fit_transform(cmdlines_mnom)
cmdlines_iwt
```

```
<31029x20907 sparse matrix of type '<class 'numpy.float64'>'
        with 259822 stored elements in Compressed Sparse Row format>
```

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Classical TF-IDF

$$\mathsf{IDF}(t) = \log\left(\frac{|D|}{|\{d \in D : t \in d\}|}\right)$$

Information Weight

$$\mathsf{Info}(t) = \sum_{d \in D} P_t(d) \log\left(\frac{P_t(d)}{Q(d)}\right)$$

where

$$P_t(d) = \frac{f_{t,d}}{\sum_{d \in D} f_{t,d}} \qquad Q(d) = \frac{|d|}{\sum_{d' \in D} |d'|}$$

An Information Theoretic Perspective of tf-idf measures, Aizawa 2003

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Reduce dimensionality while preserving local similarity structure

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```
%%time
bagofwords_dmap = umap.UMAP(metric="hellinger").fit_transform(cmdlines_vec)
bagofwords_dmap.shape
```

```
CPU times: user 1min 50s, sys: 3.08 s, total: 1min 53s
Wall time: 19.1 s
(31029, 2)
```

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Hellinger distance

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sqrt{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{d} \sqrt{\frac{x_i, y_i}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \|\mathbf{y}\|_1}}}$$

Approximated by cosine distance

$$d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{d} \frac{x_i, y_i}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \|\mathbf{y}\|_2}$$

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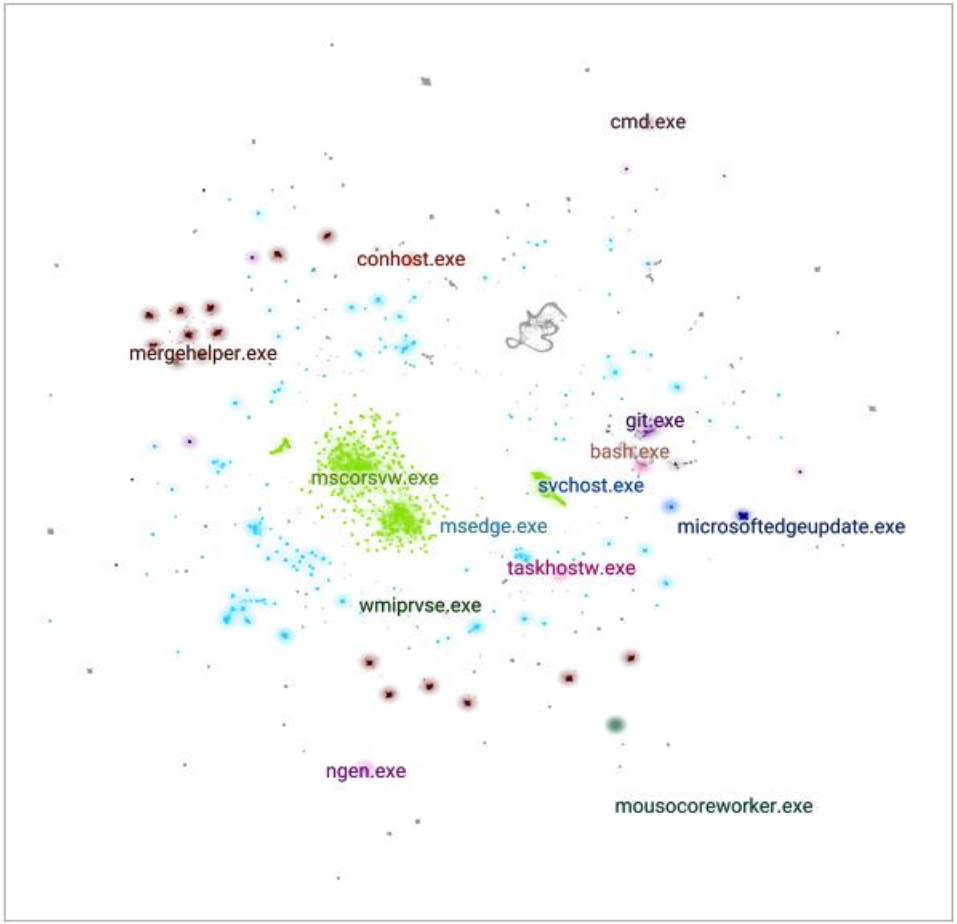
Process instances

as bags of information-reweighted parsed command line tokens



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Document vectorization strategies

Bag of tokens

Discard order, count how often each word occurs

Sequence

similarities?

Optimal transport on **token vector** distributions

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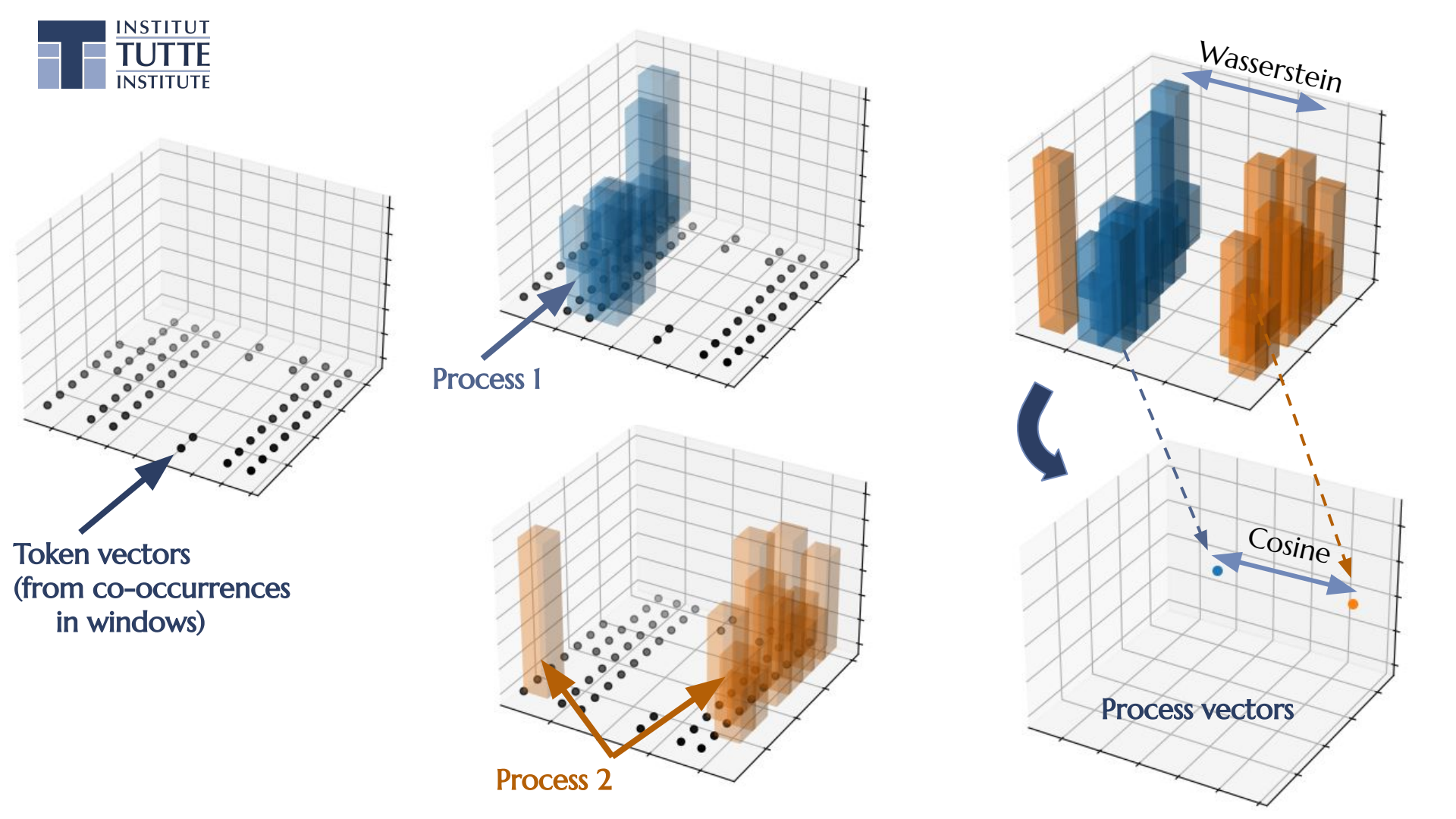
Tokens to vectors: distributions on point clouds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Token vectors
(from co-occurrences
in windows)
Process 1
Process 2
Wasserstein
Cosine
Process vectors

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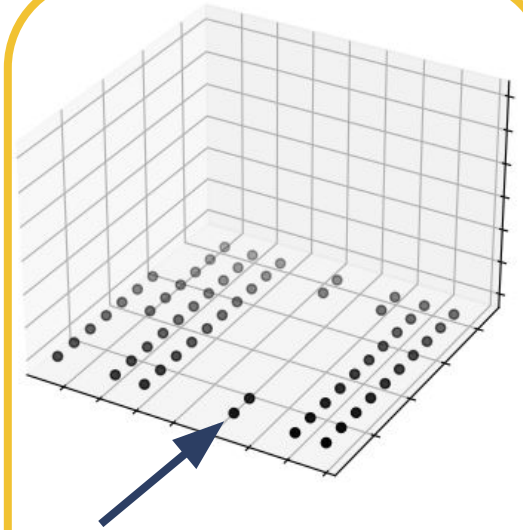

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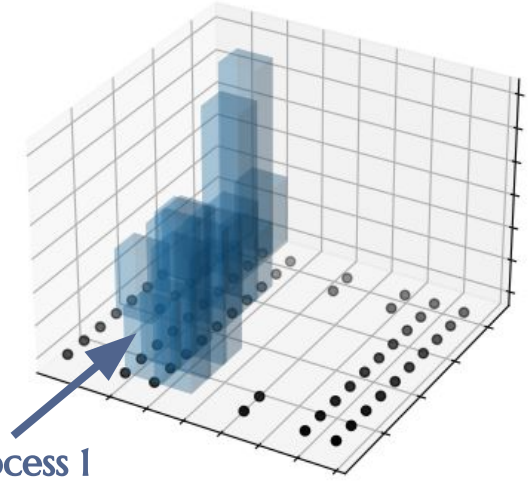
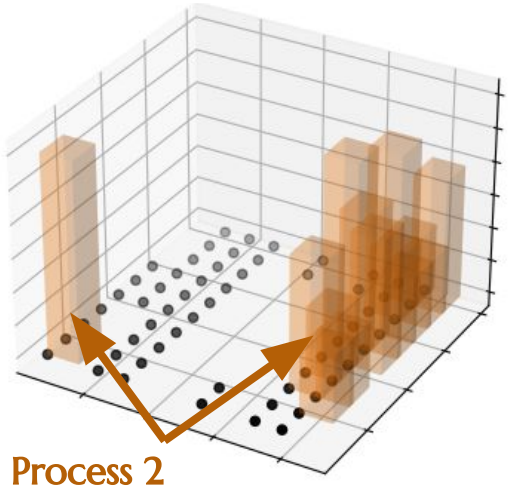
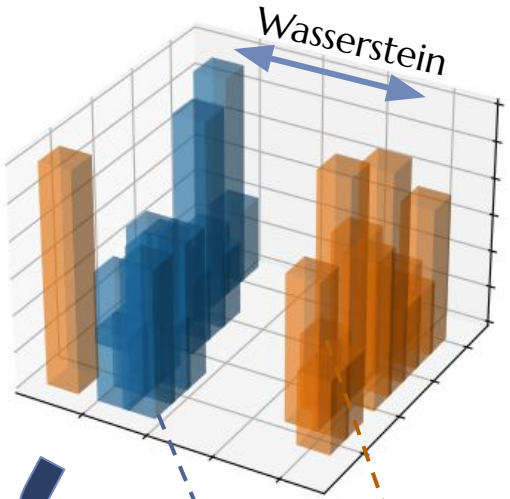
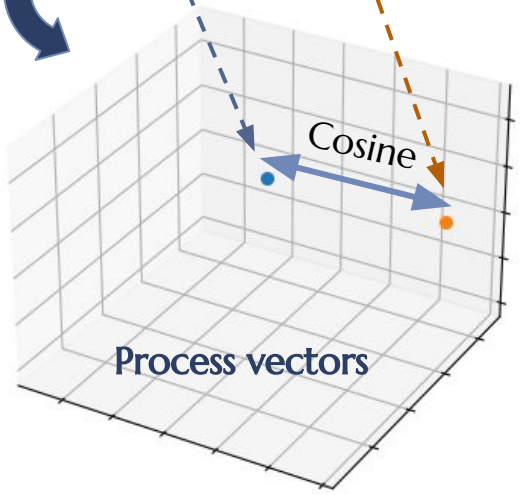


Process 1



Process 2





```
%%time
vz_cooc = vz.TokenCooccurrenceVectorizer(n_threads=os.cpu_count(), n_iter=3)\
    .fit(cmdlines_tokenized.tolist())
cooc_vec = vz_cooc.reduce_dimension(512)
cooc_vec.shape
```

```
CPU times: user 2min 1s, sys: 7.18 s, total: 2min 8s
Wall time: 25.9 s
(20887, 512)
```

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Tokens aren’t independent

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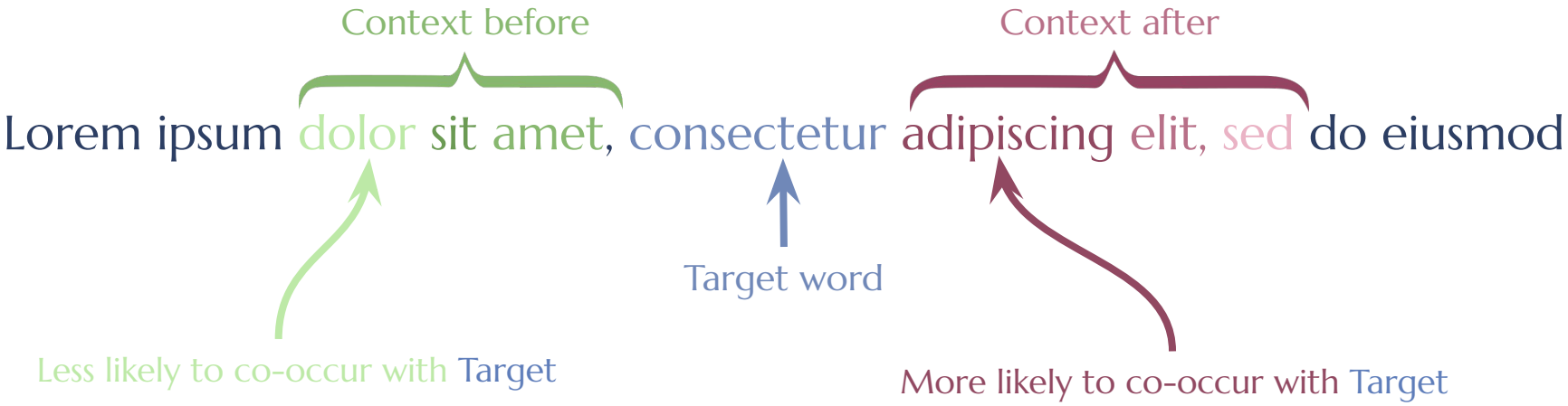
Count local cooccurrences of tokens to generate vector representation of tokens


Context before
Context after
Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, sed do eiusmod
Target word
Less likely to co-occur with Target
More likely to co-occur with Target

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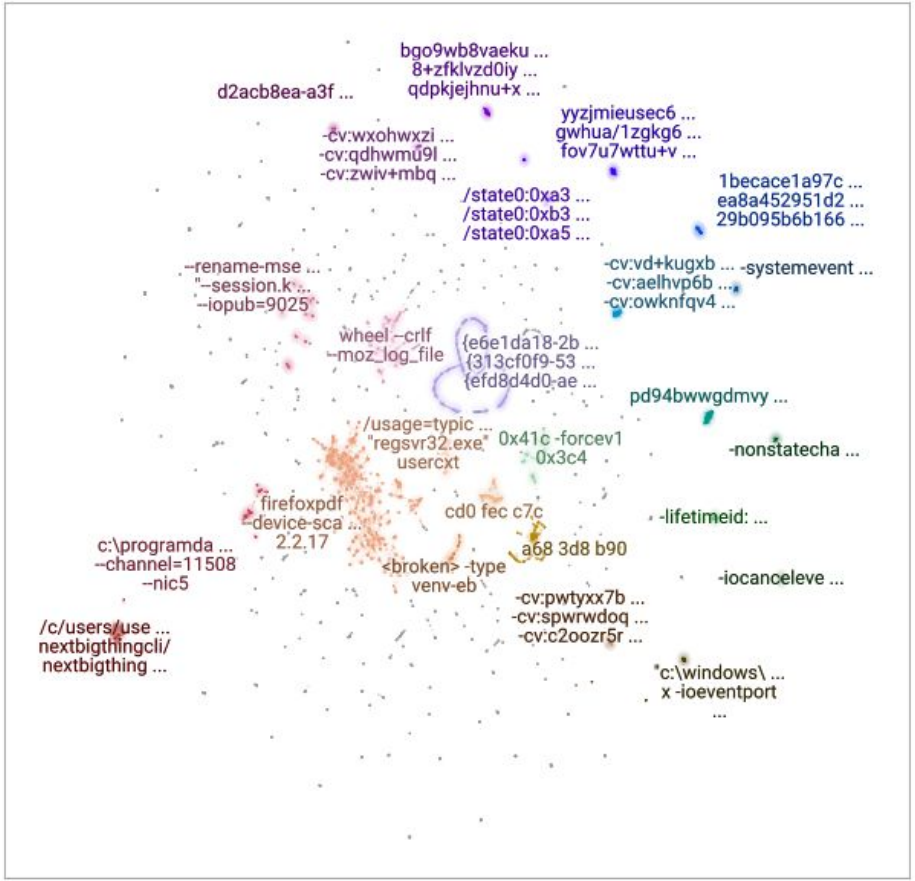
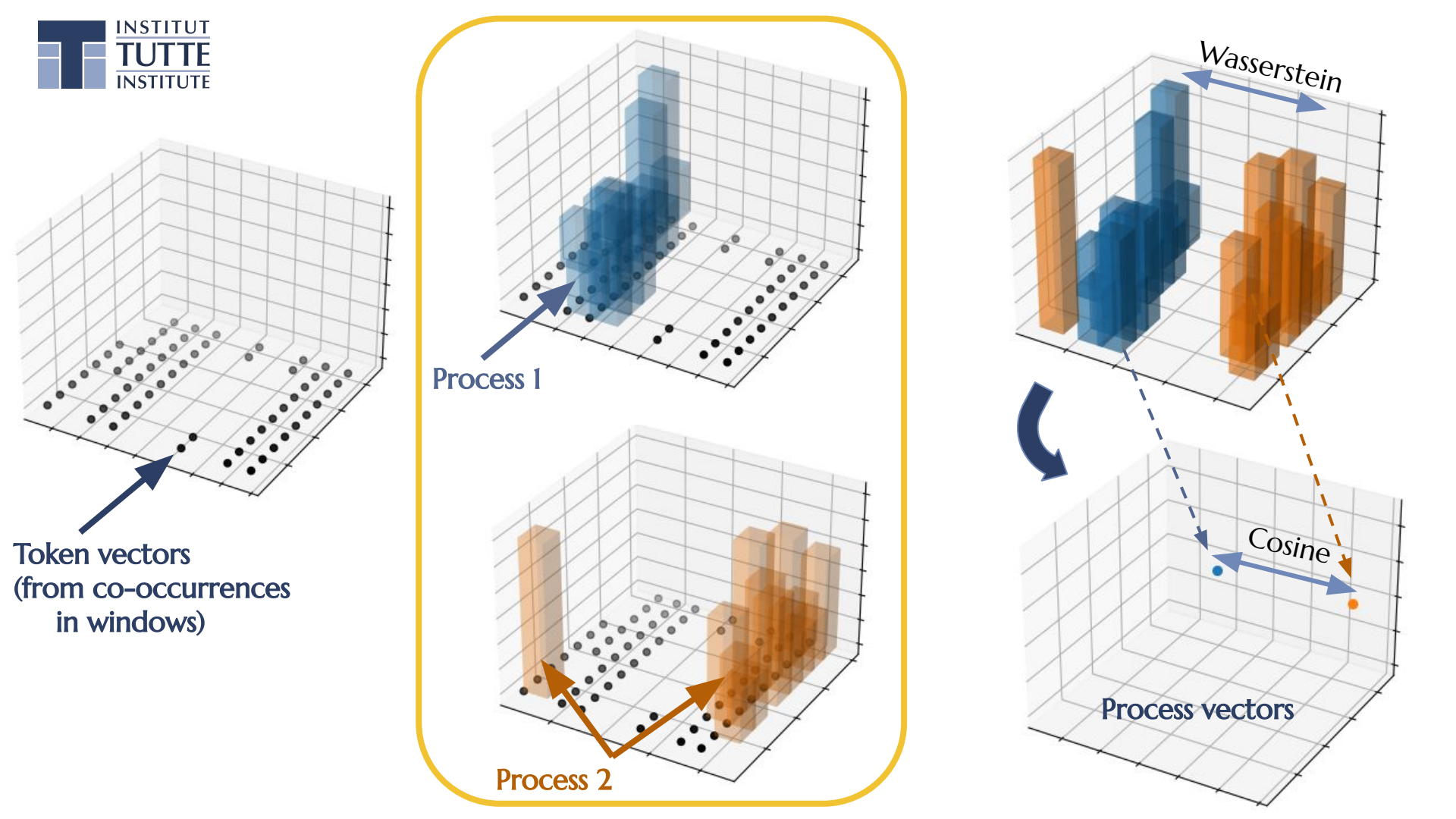
Token vectors

composed from cooccurrence with other tokens across command lines

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Token vectors
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Process 1
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Process vectors

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Wasserstein vectorization

Via linear optimal transport

WASSERSTEIN EMBEDDING FOR GRAPH LEARNING

Soheil Kolouri* †, Navid Naderializadeh*†, Gustavo K. Rohde‡ , & Heiko Hoffmann†, 2021

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```
%%time
cmdlines_wass = vz.WassersteinVectorizer().fit_transform(cmdlines_iwt, vectors=cooc_vec)
cmdlines_wass.shape
```

```
CPU times: user 1min 33s, sys: 5.9 s, total: 1min 39s
Wall time: 17 s
(31029, 128)
```

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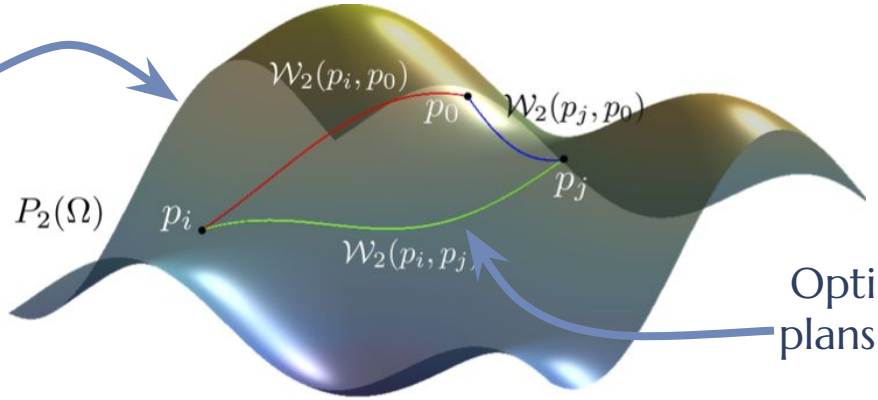
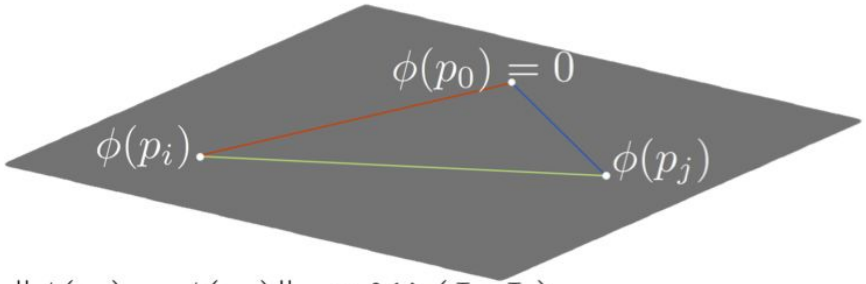
Each process is
a distribution
over a
point cloud
(of token cooccurrence vectors)

Theory

Manifold of probability distributions



Optimal transport plans are geodesics



Tangent space of the manifold at p_0

$$\|\phi(p_i) - \phi(p_j)\|_2 \approx \mathcal{W}_2(I_i, I_j)$$

$$\|\phi(p_i) - \phi(p_0)\|_2 = \|\phi(p_i)\|_2 = \mathcal{W}_2(I_0, I_i)$$

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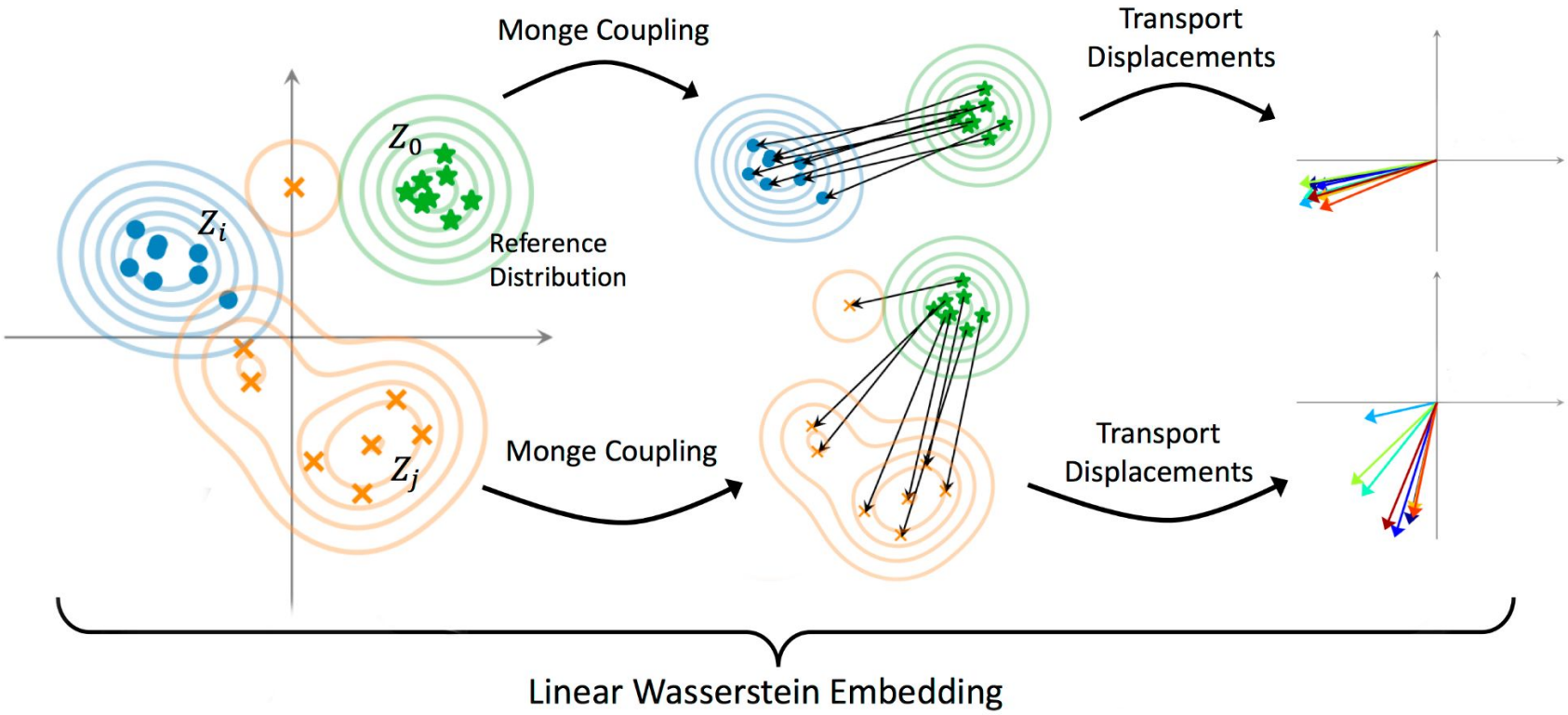
Practice



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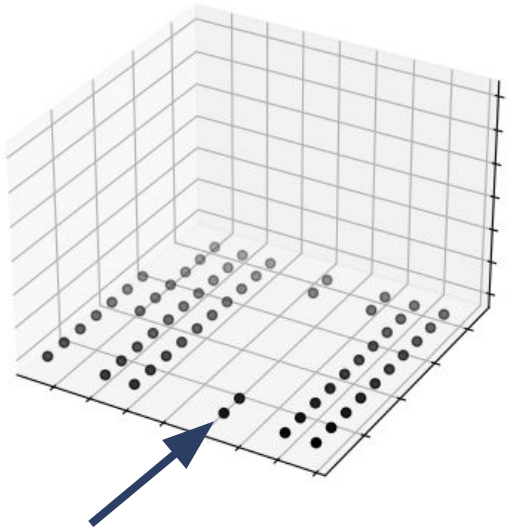
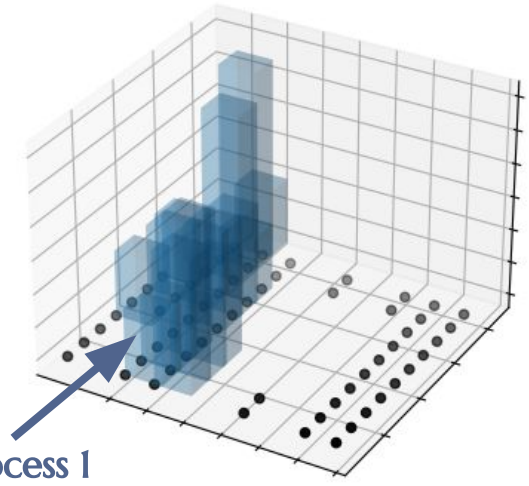


Token vectors
(from co-occurrences
in windows)



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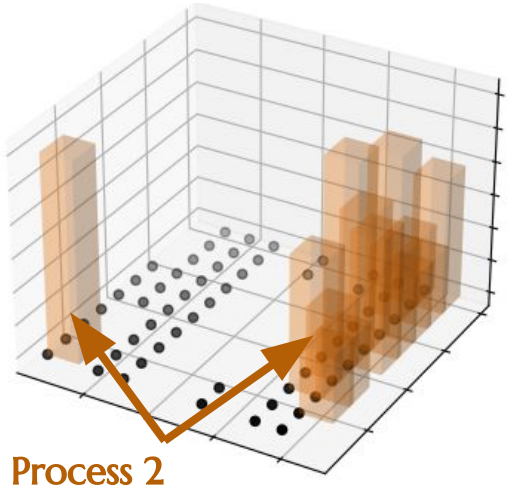

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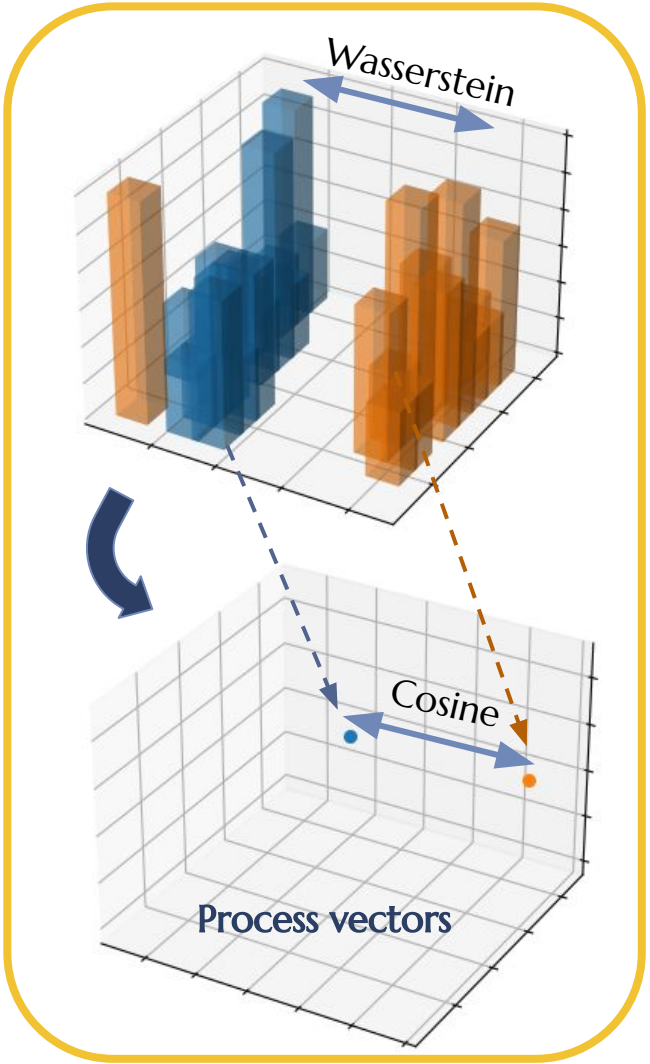

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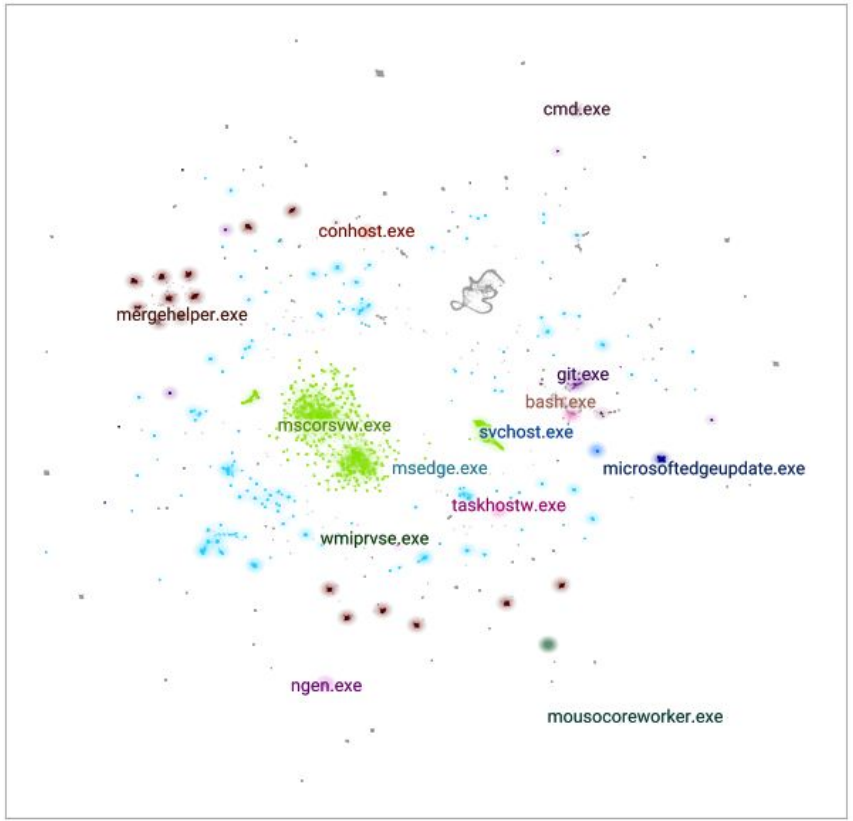
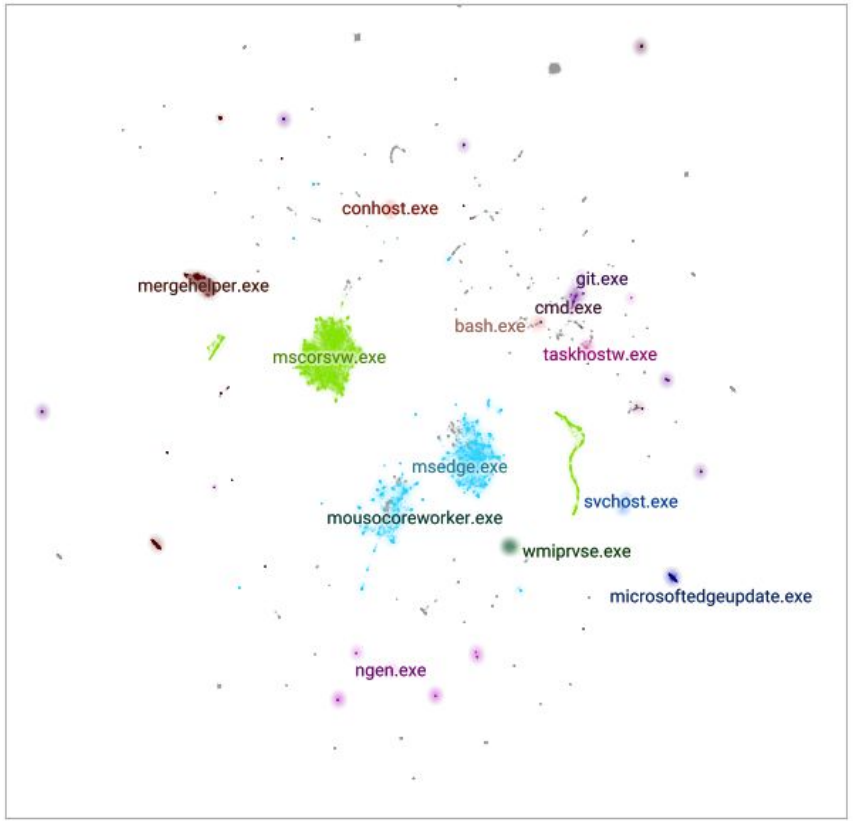
Process instances

as bags of information-reweighted parsed command line tokens



Process instances

as distributions over a cloud of command line token cooccurrence vectors



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DataMapPlot

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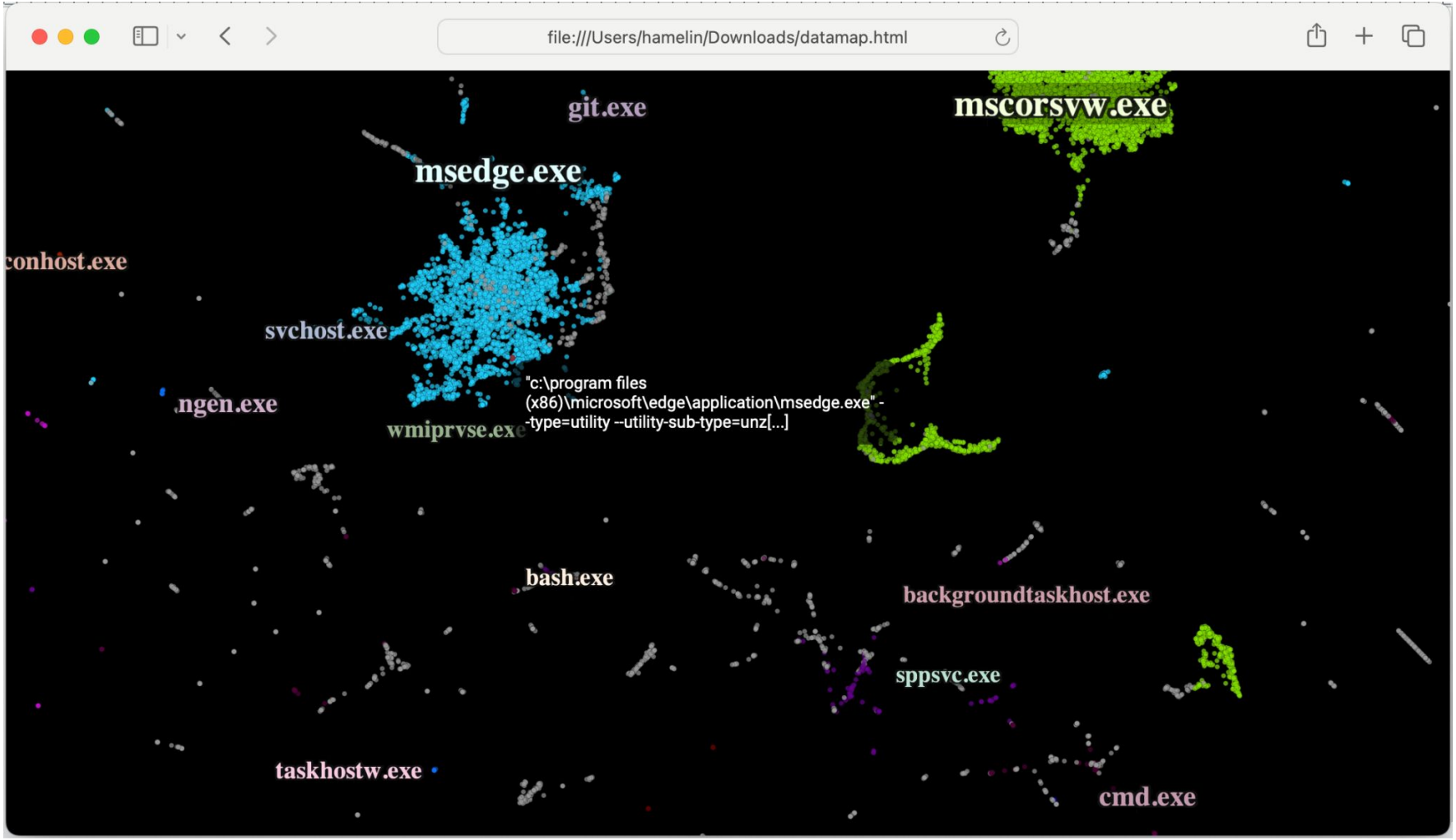
```
plot_interactive = dmp.create_interactive_plot(
    datamap,
    metadata_cmdlines["label"],
    hover_text=metadata_cmdlines["hover_text"],
    darkmode=True,
    label_color_map=label_color_map,
)
plot_interactive.save("datamap.html")
```


file:///Users/hamelin/Downloads/datamap.html
git.exe
mscorsvw.exe
msedge.exe
conhost.exe
svchost.exe
ngen.exe
wmiprvse.exe
"c:\program files (x86)\microsoft\edge\application\msedge.exe" --type=utility --utility-sub-type=unz[...]
bash.exe
backgroundtaskhost.exe
sppsvc.exe
taskhostw.exe
cmd.exe

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TNT
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Easily build interactive map web applications

Built on top of the Panel library

Panel

```
plot = tnt.BokehPlotPane(
    xy,
    labels=metadata_processes_short["description_topK"],
    hover_text=metadata_processes_short["description"],
    width=900,
    height=900,
    show_legend=False
)
summ_common = tnt.DataSummaryPane(FeatureCommonSummarizer())
summ_common.link_to_plot(plot)
summ_ts = tnt.PlotSummaryPane(tnt.summary.plot.TimeSeriesSummarizer(
    metadata_processes_short.assign(ones=1.),
    time_column="time_first",
    count_column="ones",
    freq="12H"
))
summ_ts.link_to_plot(plot)
editor = tnt.LabelEditorWidget(labels=metadata_processes_short["description_topK"])
editor.link_to_plot(plot)
pn.Row(editor, plot, pn.Column(summ_ts, summ_common, height=900))
```

Fuller process prediction.ipy

Code

OpTC mapping

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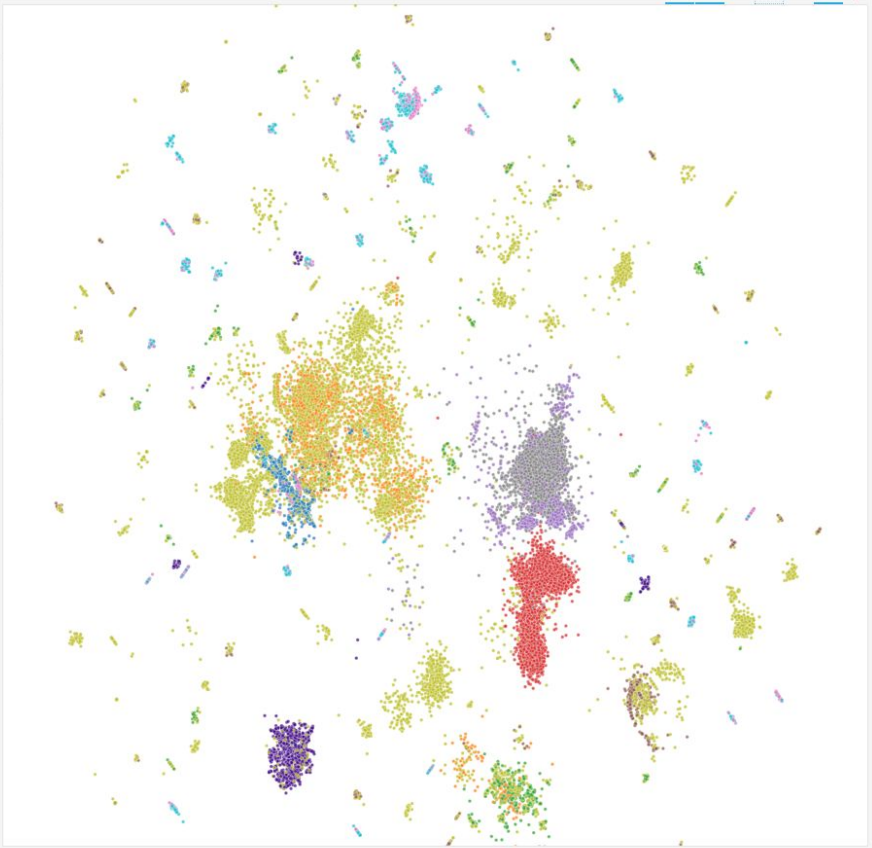
Label Editor

- cmd.exe /c netstat -n
- C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe /c
- tasklist
- C:\Windows\SYSTEM32\cmd.exe /
- \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windov
- \Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windov
- NETSTAT.EXE
- \??\C:\Windows\system32\conhost
- (other)
- netstat -n
- ping -w 2000 -n 2 127.0.0.1

New Label



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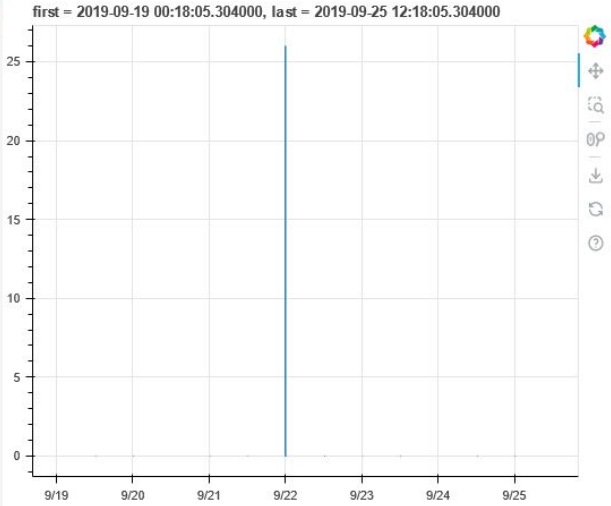

	kind	value	power	frac
9	user	bantonio	5.392885	0.576923
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11	fspath	\Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows\system32	1.731230	0.461538
3	fspath	\Windows\System32	0.672531	0.653846
0	fspath	\Device\HarddiskVolume1\Windows	0.540241	0.807692
5	fspath	\Windows	0.301822	0.653846
2	fspath	\Windows\System32\kernel32.dll	0.125992	0.653846
1	fspath	\Device\HarddiskVolume1	0.112125	0.692308
6	fspath	\SystemRoot\System32\ntdll.dll	0.071127	0.653846
8	fspath	\Windows\System32\user32.dll	0.070582	0.653846
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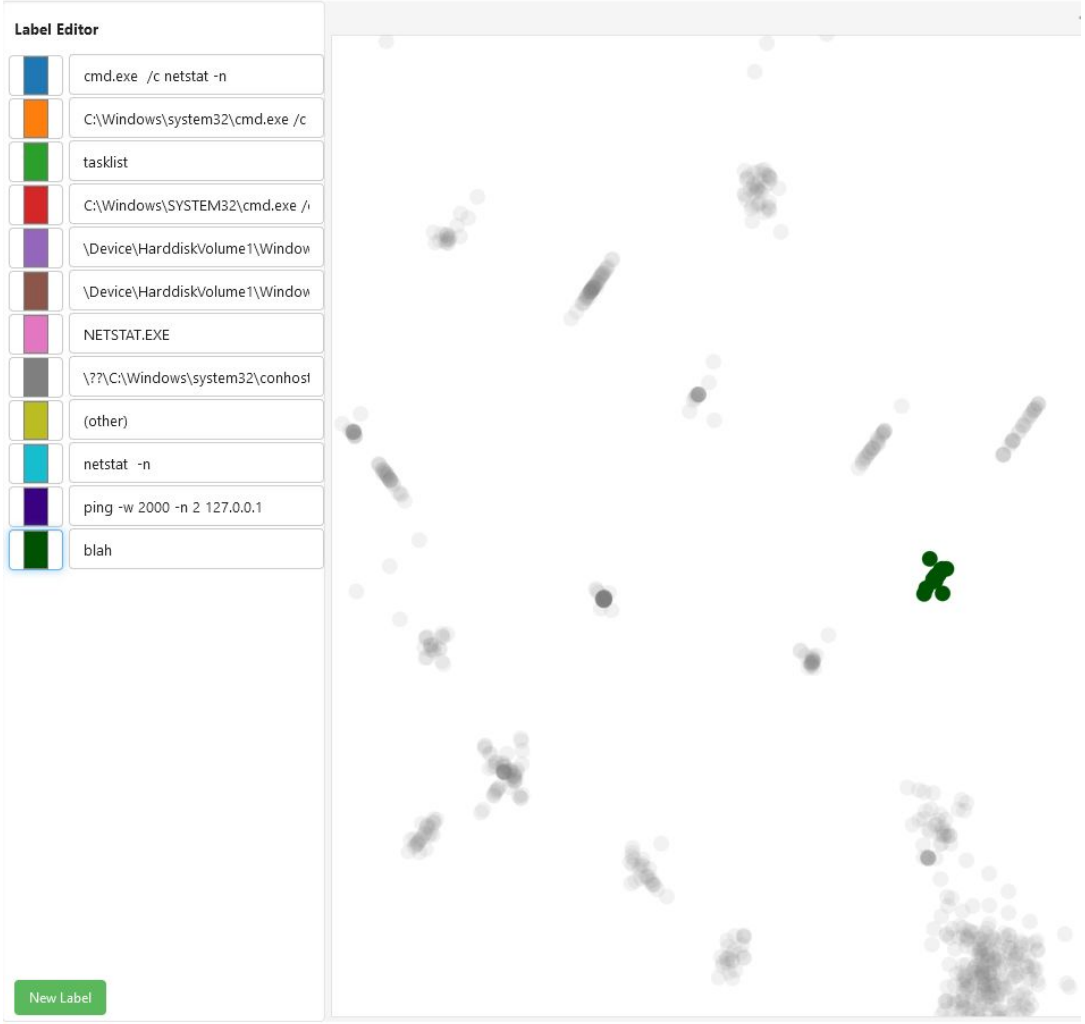
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ping -w 2000 -n 2 127.0.0.1
blah
New Label

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Summary

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```python
import vectorizers as vz, vectorizers.transformers as vzt, umap, fast_hdbscan, datamapplot

token_seqs = # Tokenize your data, yielding a list of lists of tokens.
vz_cooc = vz.TokenCooccurrenceVectorizer().fit(token_seqs)
vecs_cooc = vz_cooc.reduce_dimension(DIM_COOC)  # Unsure? Use 128 🤷

token_counts = vz.NgramVectorizer().fit_transform(token_seqs)
distribs_iwt = vzt.InformationWeightTransformer().fit_transform(tokens_counts)
vecs = vz.WassersteinVectorizer().fit_transform(distribs_iwt, vectors=vecs_cooc)

datamap = umap.UMAP(metric="cosine").fit_transform(vecs)
labels = # Find clusters in data map and figure names for them.
datamapplot.create_interactive_plot(datamap, labels, ...)
```

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The Tutte Institute for Mathematics and Computing (TIMC) is a government research institute focused on fundamental mathematics and computer science. Research work from the Institute that has been released as open source can be found here.

Software from the Tutte Institute and its staff

Vectorizers	UMAP	HDBSCAN	PyNNDescent	ThisNotThat
Tools for vectorizing sequence data	Dimension reduction and visualization	Spatial clustering	Approximate nearest neighbour search	Interactive data map exploration and labeling

Ensemble Clustering for Graphs	Graph Partition Measures	EnsTop	EasyData
Graph clustering and community detection	Graph partition evaluation	Ensemble topic modeling	Data science reproducibility framework

Glasbey	Fast HDBSCAN	DataMapPlot
Glasbey Algorithmic Categorical Colour Palettes	Fast Multicore HDBSCAN in Numba	Presentation Ready Data Map Plots

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https://github.com/TutteInstitute/acme3-mapping

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Sequence vectorization strategies

Bag of tokens

Discard order, count how often each word occurs

Information from tokens?

$$\text{Info}(t) = \sum_{d \in D} P_t(d) \log\left(\frac{P_t(d)}{Q_t(d)}\right)$$

Sequence similarities?

Optimal transport on token vector distributions

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```
%%time
cmdlines_iwt = vzt.InformationWeightTransformer().fit_transform(cmdlines_vec)
cmdlines_iwt
```

```
CPU times: user 1 s, sys: 61.7 ms, total: 1.07 s
Wall time: 883 ms
```

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<137847x728 sparse matrix of type '<class 'numpy.float64'>'
        with 2647458 stored elements in Compressed Sparse Row format>
```

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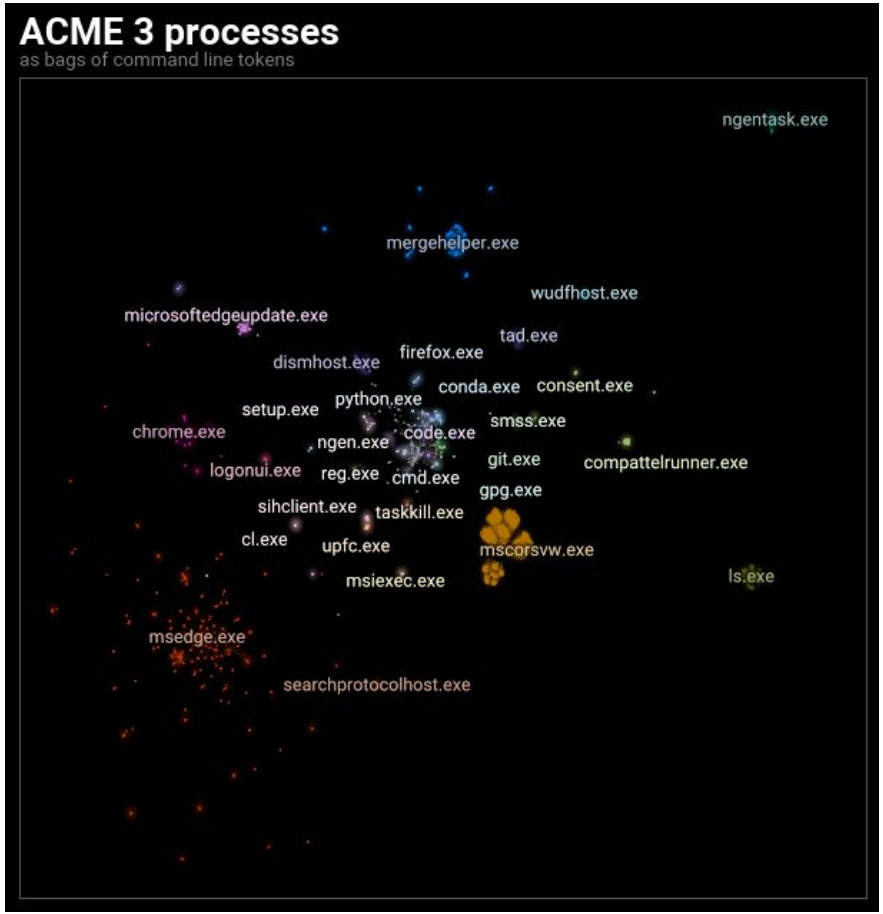

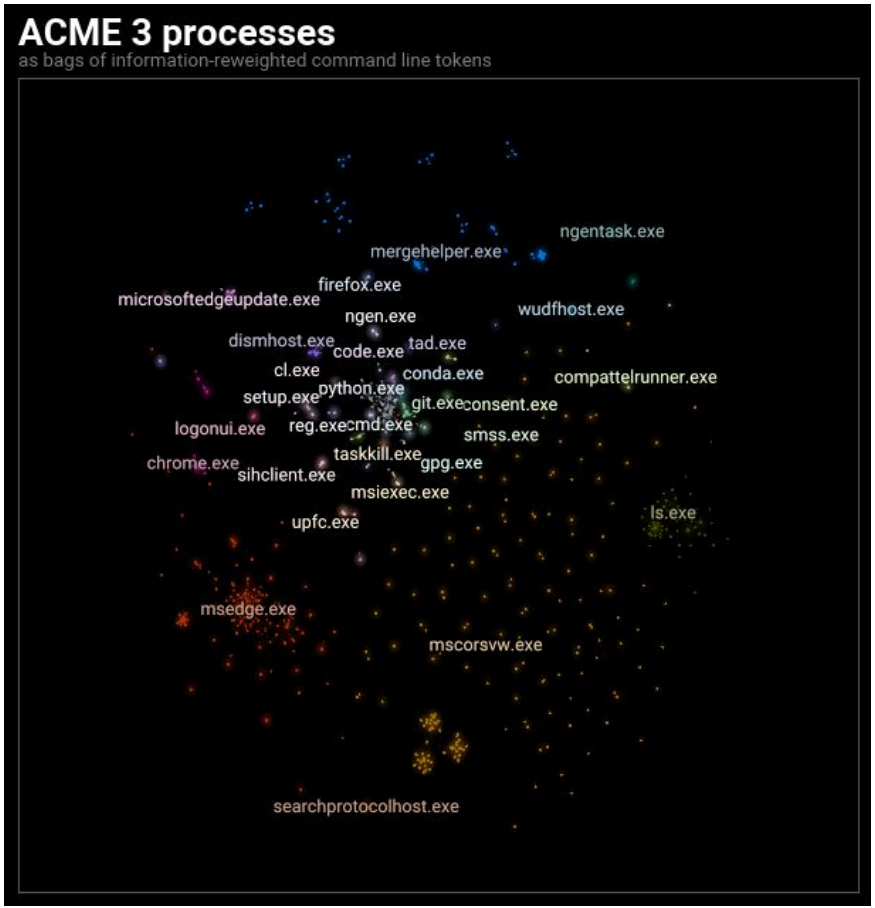

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Careful: bags of words involve heuristics that generate entropy

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Cluster Inference

Out of distribution detection
+
Classification

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Alternate Lenses

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A host is a point cloud of their process vectors,
in a time window


svchost.exe 339
dsregcmd.exe 23
sc.exe 12
2023-11-05
00:00:00-05:00

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DLL co-occurrence vectorization

A process is a point cloud
of the DLLs it loads

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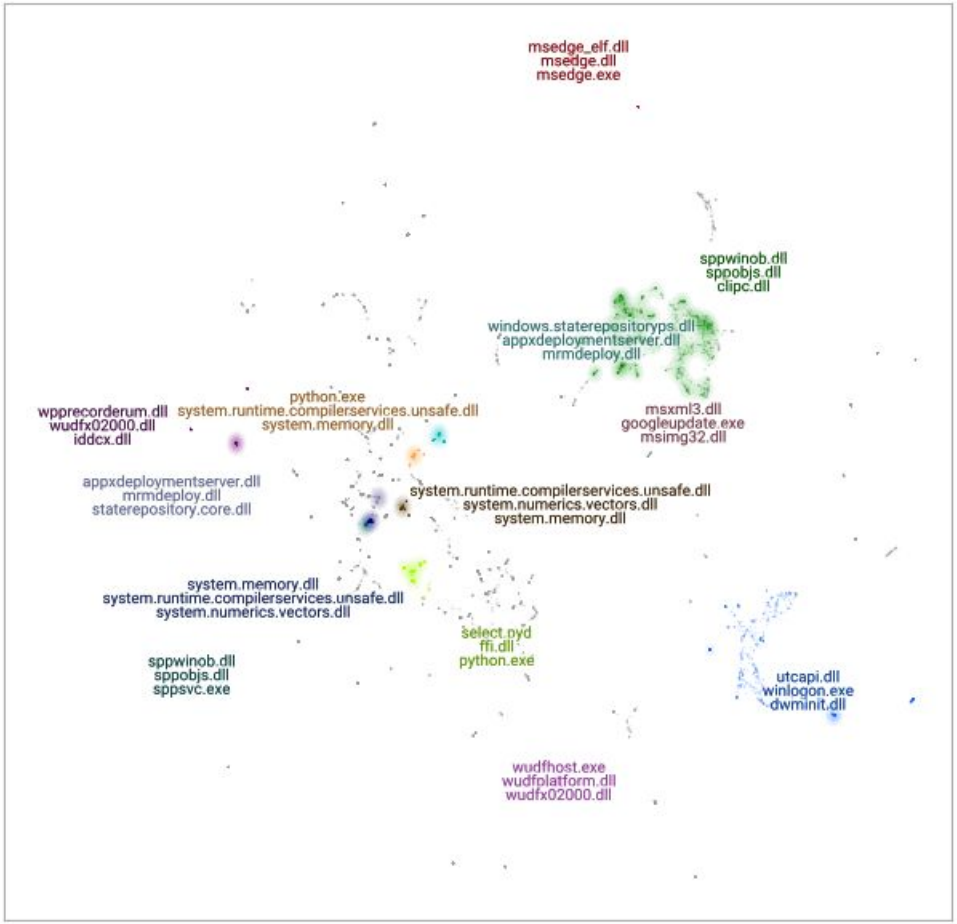
Process instances

as bags of cooccurrence vectors of loaded code images



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Turning your data into vectors is useful

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For cyber analysts: visibility into networks like never before

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For data scientists and tooling developers: illustrate opportunities and pitfalls for detector design

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Look at your data

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Start simple and iterate

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Threat detection requires human investigation

Good math is important
Good visualization is essential