"2nd" Year PhD Seminar Presentation

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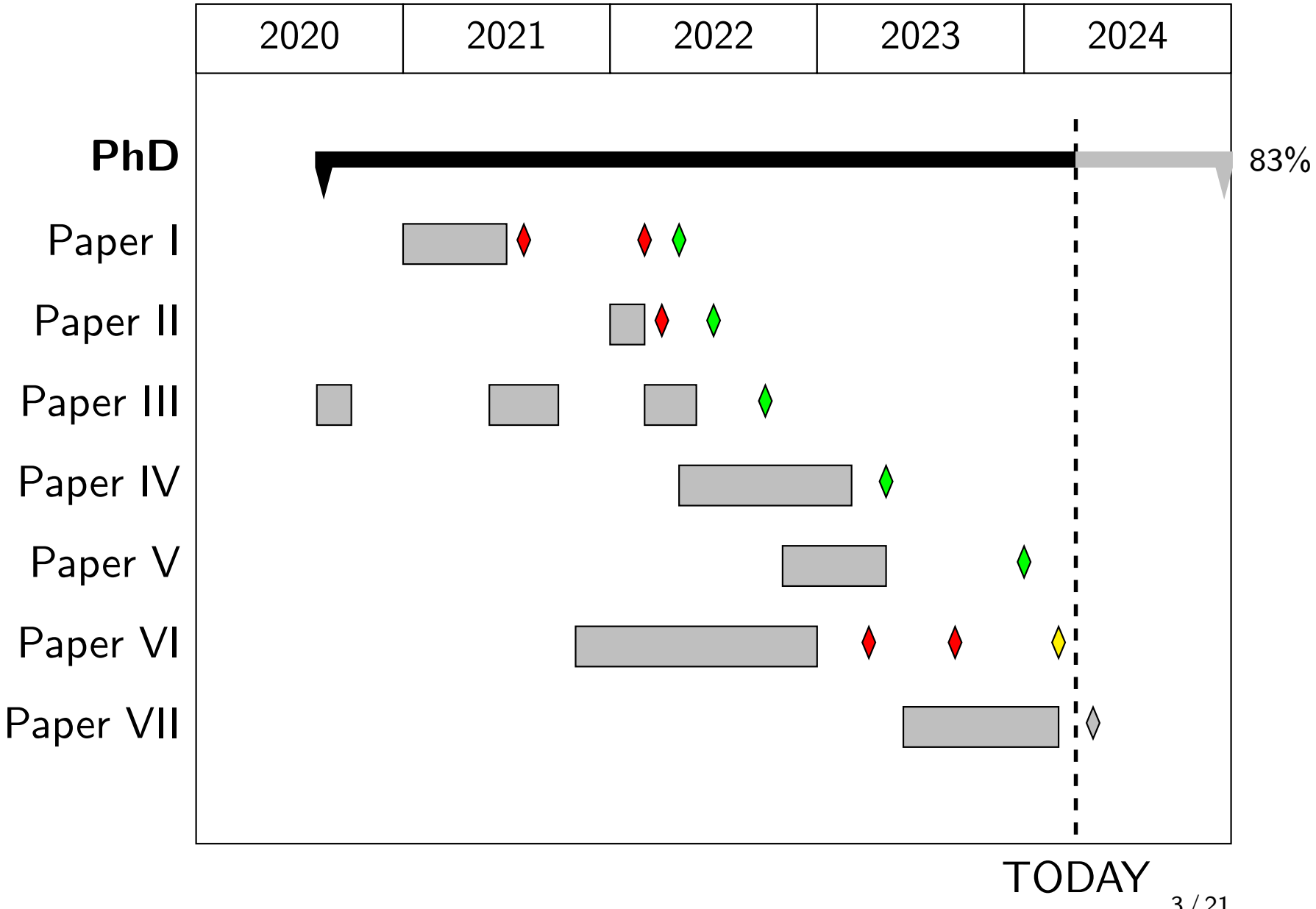
Quick Recap

- **Masters:** Aalto University
- **Started:** Aug 2020 (contract) and Jan 2021 (study right)
- **Supervisor:** Michael Mathioudakis
- **Research Group:** Algorithmic Data Science (ADS)

PhD Progress



Papers

Number	One Word Title	Venue	Include in Thesis?
I	Unlearning	MAKE 2022	✅
II	JANE	Entropy 2022	✅
III	Sketching	CIKM 2022	🤷
IV	ReceptionReader	JOHD 2023	🤷
V	Mandeville	DES 2023	🤷
VI	Retraining	KBS 2024	✅
VII	TextReuse	VLDB 2024	✅

Research Projects

Multiple Projects:

1. Maintaining ML models
   - Paper I: Unlearning
   - Paper VI: Retraining
2. Analyzing Historical Documents
   - Paper IV: ReceptionReader
   - Paper V: Mandeville
   - Paper VII: TextReuse
3. Scaling and Evaluating Algorithms
   - Paper II: JANE
   - Paper III: Sketching
   - Paper VIII ?: Diverse Sampling

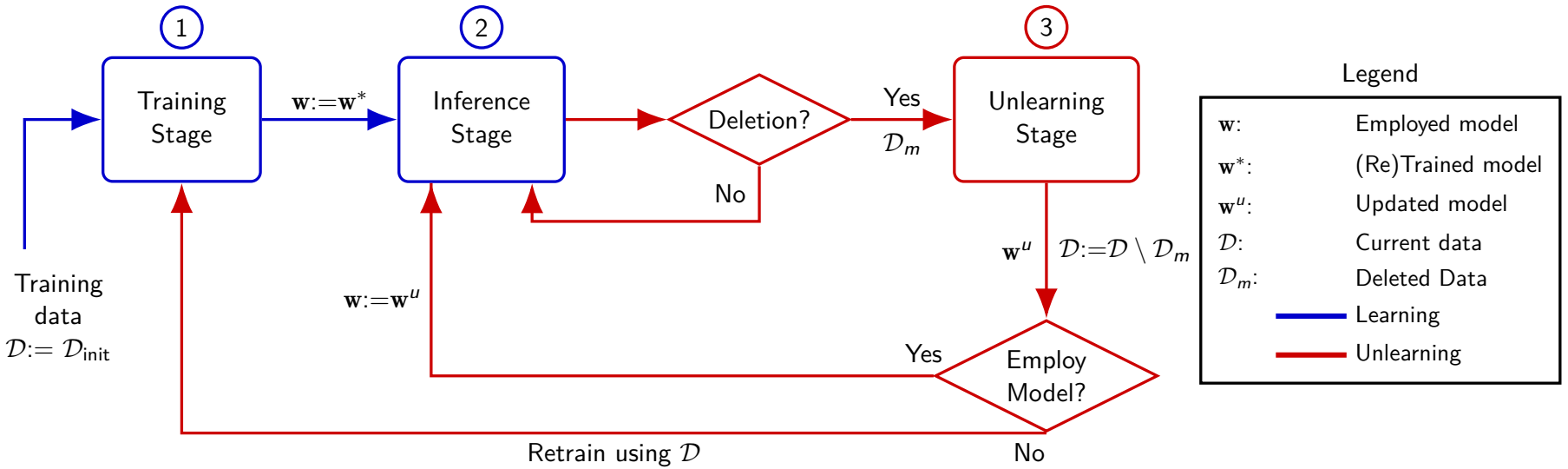
Maintaining ML models

Research Question

How to update a trained ML model when the data changes?

1. Machine Unlearning
   - Training data is deleted/removed
   - Update model parameters to forget information
   - Mahadevan and Mathioudakis [2022]
2. Cost-Aware Retraining
   - Streams drift over time
   - Data and Queries are present
   - Retraining consumes resources
   - When is it worth retraining?
   - Mahadevan and Mathioudakis [2023]

Machine Unlearning



Unlearning

Task of updating a ML model after partial deletion of training data

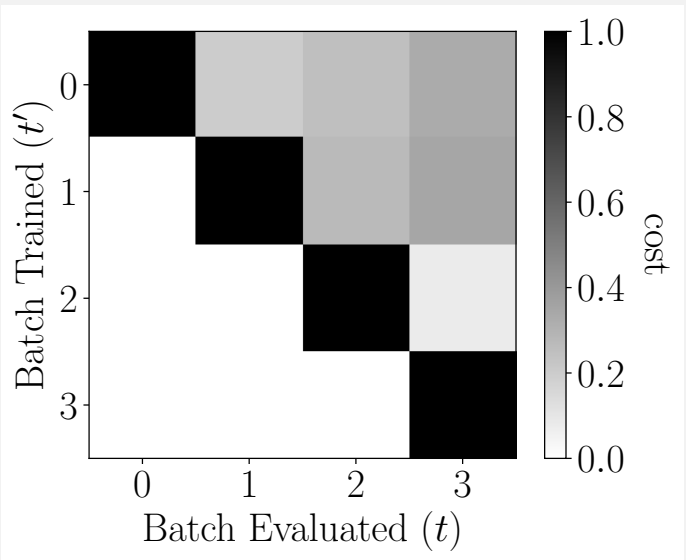
Qualities of an approximate unlearning method:

- **Certifiability**: How similar are $\mathbf{w}^u$ and $\mathbf{w}^*$?
- **Effectiveness**: How well does $\mathbf{w}^u$ perform?
- **Efficiency**: How much time to produce $\mathbf{w}^u$?

Cost-Aware Retraining Algorithms

Cost Matrix

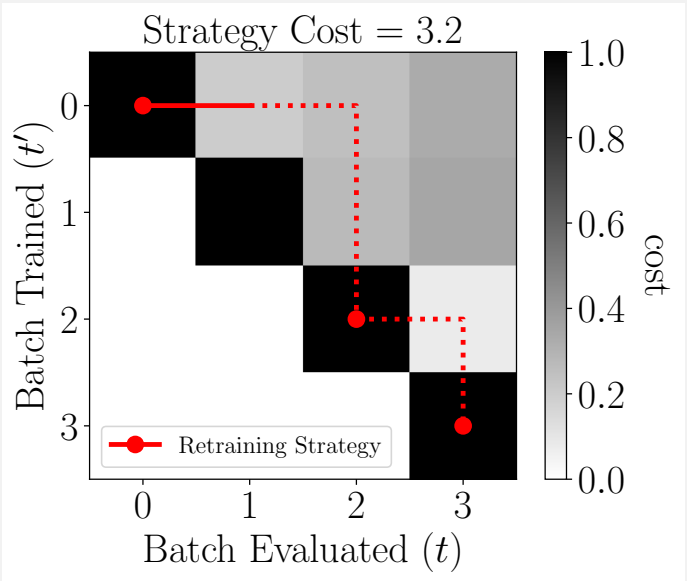
$$C[t', t] = \begin{cases} \text{Staleness Cost} & \text{if } t' < t \\ \text{Retraining Cost} & \text{if } t' = t \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Strategy

- Strategy is a set of decisions
- Cost of decisions is strategy cost
- Aim is to minimize strategy cost

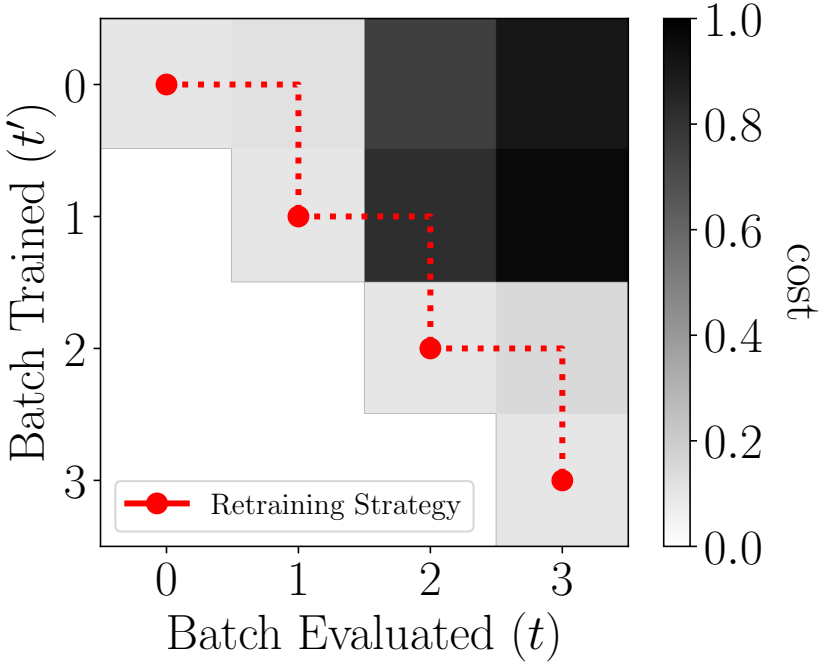
$S = \{\texttt{Keep}, \texttt{Keep}, \texttt{Retrain}, \texttt{Retrain}\}$



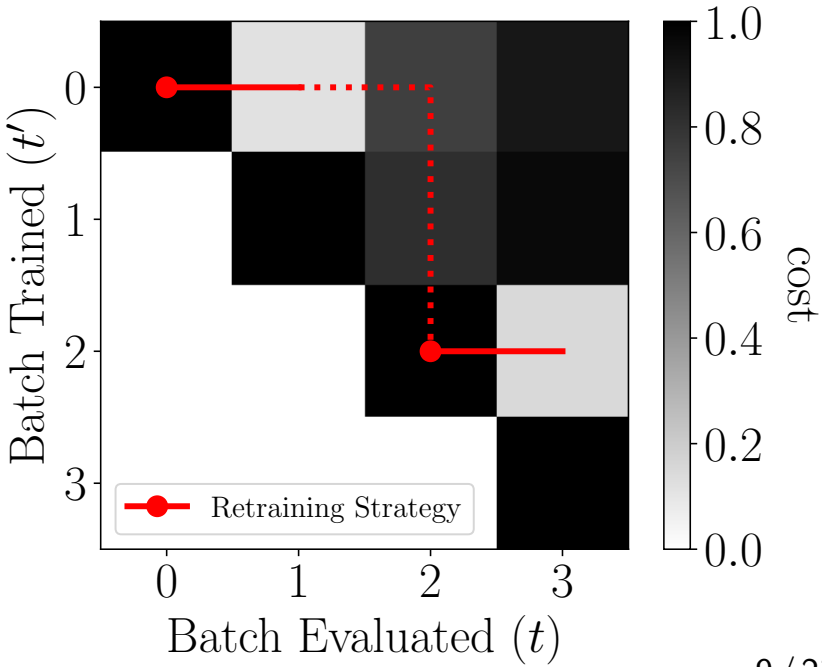
Retraining Cost κ

- Trade-off parameter between resources & performance
- Low κ
  - Performance is important
  - Frequent `Retrain` decisions to minimize staleness cost
- High κ
  - Resources are important
  - `Retrain` decisions when large enough drops in performance

Low κ

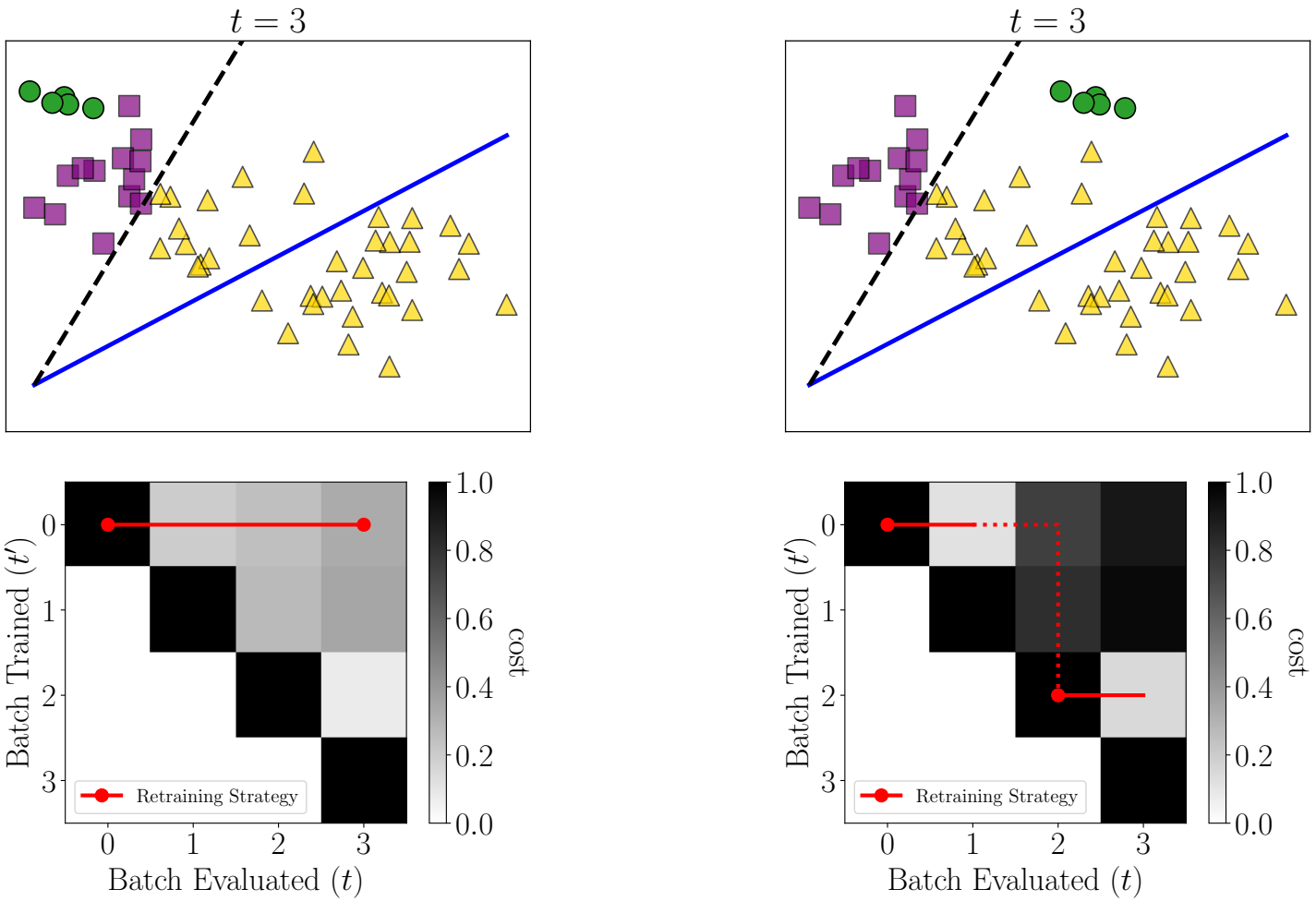


High κ



Staleness Cost

- Query-aware performance cost of old model $M_{t'}$ at batch t
- Scenario 1: Low staleness Scenario 2: High staleness



Analyzing Historical Documents

Data:

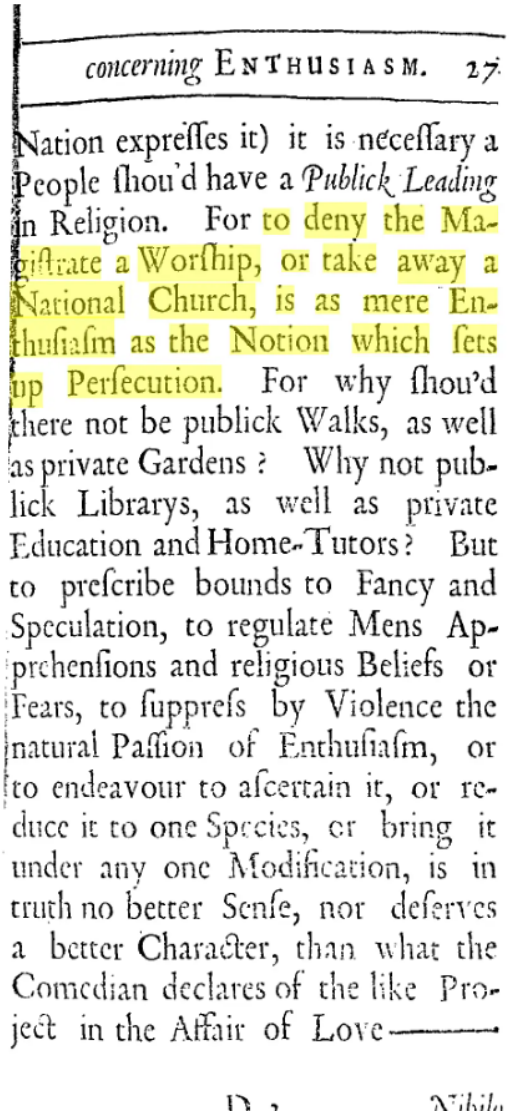
- 250k books and 1M newspapers from the 17th and 18th century
- Tons of heterogeneous metadata
  - Collections of books and articles
  - Publisher details
  - Author information
- Multi-modal data
  - Scanned page images
  - OCR text
  - XML style structured page layouts

Task:

- General exploration
- Reception studies with Text Reuses
- Top quotes of authors

Reception Studies with Text Reuse

Shaftesbury, Anthony Ashley Cooper (1671-1713)
1708 - A letter concerning enthusiasm



concerning ENTHUSIASM. 27

Nation expreſſes it) it is neceſſary a People ſhou'd have a *Publick Leading* in Religion. For to deny the Magiſtrate a Worſhip, or take away a National Church, is as mere Enthuſiaſm as the Notion which ſets up Perſecution. For why ſhou'd there not be publick Walks, as well as private Gardens? Why not publick Librarys, as well as private Education and Home-Tutors? But to preſcribe bounds to Fancy and Speculation, to regulate Mens Apprehenſions and religious Beliefs or Fears, to ſuppreſs by Violence the natural Paſſion of Enthuſiaſm, or to endeavour to aſcertain it, or reduce it to one Species, or bring it under any one Modification, is in truth no better Senſe, nor deſerves a better Character, than what the Comedian declares of the like Project in the Affair of Love ———

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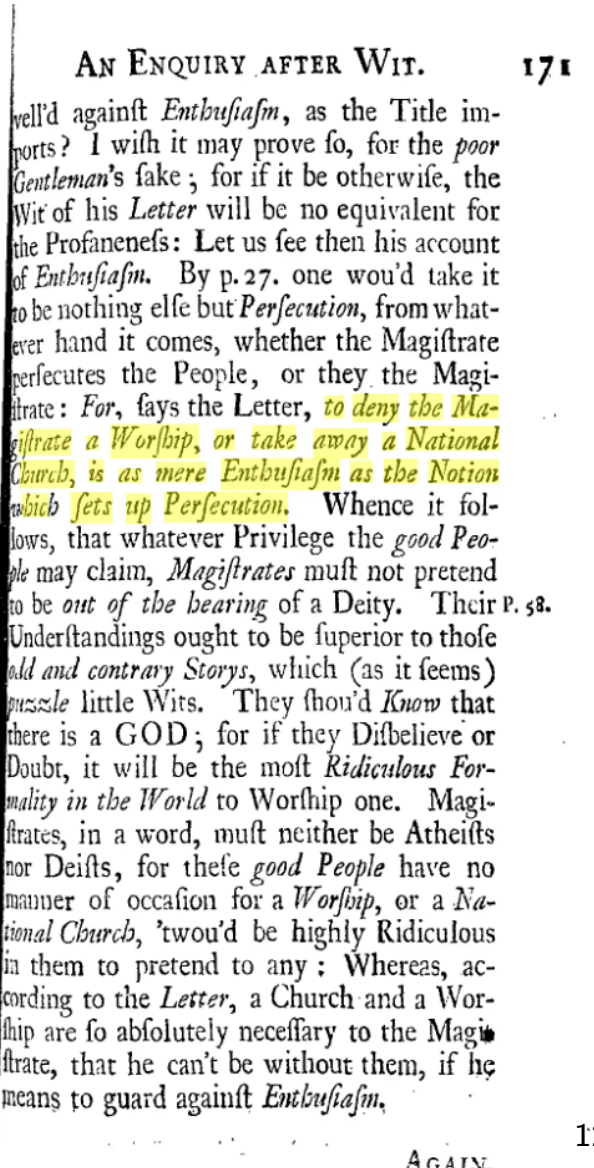
Astell, Mary (1668-1731)
1709 - Bart'lemy fair



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vell'd againſt *Enthuſiaſm*, as the Title imports? I wiſh it may prove ſo, for the *poor Gentleman*'s ſake; for if it be otherwiſe, the Wit of his *Letter* will be no equivalent for the Profaneneſs: Let us ſee then his account of *Enthuſiaſm*. By p. 27. one wou'd take it to be nothing elſe but *Perſecution*, from whatever hand it comes, whether the Magiſtrate perſecutes the People, or they the Magiſtrate: *For*, ſays the Letter, *to deny the Magiſtrate a Worſhip, or take away a National Church, is as mere Enthuſiaſm as the Notion which ſets up Perſecution.* Whence it follows, that whatever Privilege the *good People* may claim, *Magiſtrates* muſt not pretend to be *out of the hearing* of a Deity. Their P. 58. Underſtandings ought to be ſuperior to thoſe *odd and contrary Storys*, which (as it ſeems) *puzzle* little Wits. They ſhou'd *Know* that there is a GOD; for if they Diſbelieve or Doubt, it will be the moſt *Ridiculous Formality in the World* to Worſhip one. Magiſtrates, in a word, muſt neither be Atheiſts nor Deiſts, for theſe *good People* have no manner of occaſion for a *Worſhip*, or a *National Church*, 'twou'd be highly Ridiculous in them to pretend to any: Whereas, according to the *Letter*, a Church and a Worſhip are ſo abſolutely neceſſary to the Magiſtrate, that he can't be without them, if he means to guard againſt *Enthuſiaſm*.

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Identifying Text Reuse

However, OCR texts are very noisy

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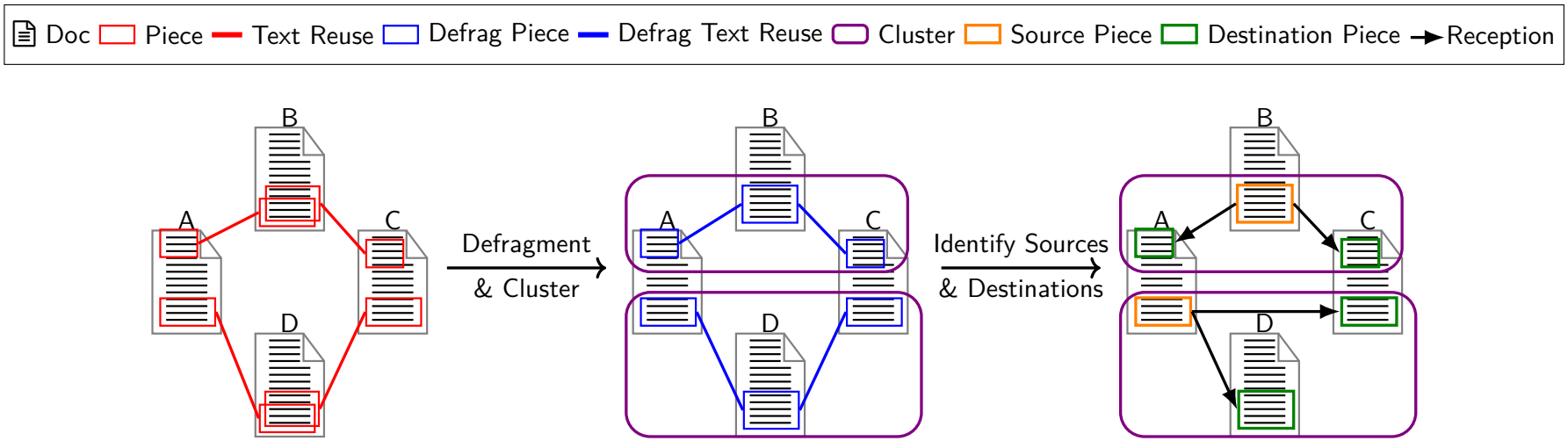
How to identify text reuses?

- Use BLAST to do fuzzy alignment

Pre-Processing Pipeline



- Clean up BLAST hits for downstream tasks
- Implemented in Apache Spark
- Uses Dagster for asset management
- Scales up to **6.31 billion** pairs of reuses

Related Publications

1. Paper IV: Rosson et al. [2023]
   - *Reception reader: Exploring text reuse in early modern british publications*
   - Front-end user interface for browsing reuses
2. Paper V: Ryan et al. [2023]
   - *A Comparative text similarity analysis of the works of Bernard Mandeville*
   - Study using the data and interfaces from Paper IV
3. Paper VI: Mahadevan et al. [2024]
   - *Optimizing a Data Science System for Text Reuse Analysis*
   - Studies design choices to optimize performance of the system
   - Plans to scale interface from Paper IV based on insights

Scalability and Robustness

- Paper II: Merchant et al. [2022]
  - Scaled up GNN alternative from Merchant and Mathioudakis [2022] to run effectively on graphs with millions of nodes
- Paper III: Mahadevan et al. [2022]
  - Explored the robustness of Sketched Linear Networks from Tai et al. [2018] to adversarial attacks
- Paper VIII?:
  - Original algorithm from Wang et al. [2023]
  - Re-implemented for edge-case requirement in Historical Project
  - Nearly $200\times$ speed-up compared to original code
  - Plans to develop theory and code for distributed algorithm

Next Steps

1. Complete a few more transferrable skill credits
2. Start Writing Thesis
3. Work on Paper VIII in tandem

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