

Leveraging deep learning techniques to unlock key information from complex documents

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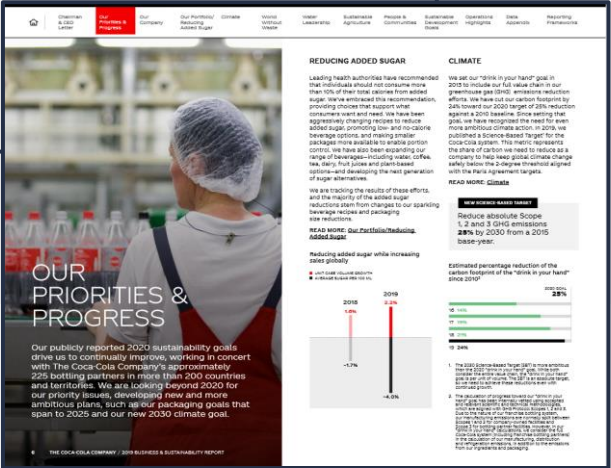
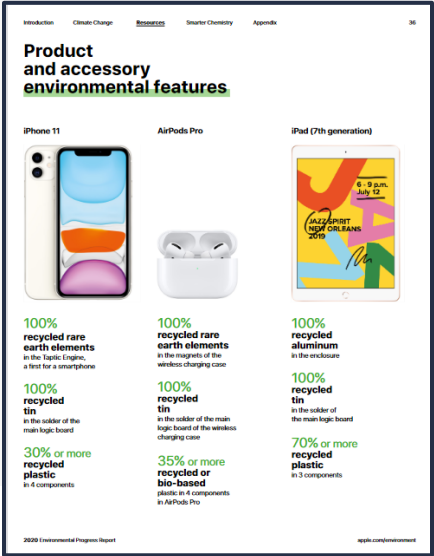
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ESG



Complex Documents | sustainability reports

ESG

Articulation of sustainability matters

Pillar 1: Responsible banking

A. Responsible financing

Why it matters

Our financing plays a critical role in directing capital flows and unlocking opportunities that support sustainable development. We recognise that financing customers who lack the commitment, capacity or capability to mitigate ESG risks can lead to credit and reputation risks for the bank.

We stand by our customers who are motivated to make a positive impact, for example, in the areas of renewable energy, sustainable food and agricultural systems and using alternatives for scarce materials. With the growing urgency for sustainable business models and climate-resilient economies, we will continue to structure financing solutions to support this transition.

Approach

Our Group Core Credit Risk Policy incorporates principles and approaches to managing ESG issues. Our list of prohibited activities was also strengthened in 2019. They are supplemented by the **Group Responsible Financing Standard** and our **eight Sector Guides** pertaining to sectors with elevated ESG risks. A new Sector Guide for the Animal Husbandry and Feed sector was also introduced. The Group Responsible Financing Standard is subject to an annual review. It applies to all our lending and capital market products and services for corporate customers.

This year, we expanded the application of ESG standards to promoter share financing in Private Banking (where customers pledge their own company shares as collateral), and the banking book investment desk within Treasury and Management. We aim to apply ESG standards consistently across the bank where practicable.

Sector Guides

We have developed eight Sector Guides that outline the ESG standards we expect of our customers. These cover the agricultural commodities, palm oil, chemicals, oil and gas, mining and metals, power generation, infrastructure, and animal husbandry and feed sectors, and provide our relationship manager (RMs) and credit risk managers (CRMs) with a structured approach to assess ESG risks.

These Sector Guides refer to certification schemes, international best practices and conventions such as the International Finance Corporation (IFC) Performance Standards, World Bank Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines, International Labour Organization Conventions and Recommendations, International Council on Mining and Metals principles and position statements, Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) Principles and Criteria, The Stockholm and Rotterdam Convention for chemicals, UNESCO World Heritage Convention and the Association of Banks in Singapore's (ABS) Haze Diagnostics Kit.

Read more about [Our Approach to Responsible Financing](#).

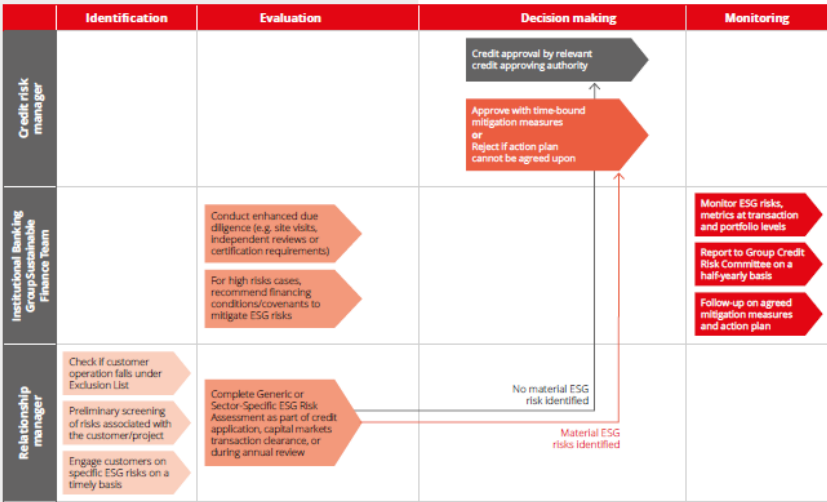
ESG risk management

ESG risks may include a combination of environmental matters such as biodiversity loss, marine ecosystem degradation, climate change, deforestation, hazardous waste contamination, water scarcity and pollution, as well as social matters including labour and human rights, occupational health and safety and involuntary relocations.

The following writeups describe (i) why it matters, (ii) approach, (iii) initiatives, (iv) status, (v) targets and (vi) case study for each ESG matter and is structured based on our three sustainability pillars.

Consistent with DBS' internal controls framework, we adopt three lines of defence to manage our ESG risk. RMs conduct ESG risk assessments for each borrower as part of the credit application process, forming the first line of defence. The Institutional Banking Group (IBG) Sustainability team conducts additional evaluation on cases that are escalated. Enhanced due diligence may take the form of site visits, independent reviews or certification requirements. As the second line of defence, our CRMs review these ESG assessments as part of the credit approval process. Group Audit provides the third line of defence through periodic audit evaluation on the effectiveness of our ESG risk management.

Monitoring customers' adherence to our ESG standards and implementing good ESG practices involve numerous steps. They include tracking progress in addressing past incidents, following negative media coverage, engaging customers in establishing policies that align with international standards, and following up on agreed mitigating measures. If a customer is unwilling to adequately manage and mitigate the identified ESG risks, we are prepared to turn down the transaction or reassess the banking relationship.



Roles and responsibilities in the ESG risk assessment process, which enables us to develop an overall understanding of the customer's approach to managing ESG issues including commitment, capacity and track record.

The Board Risk Management Committee approves DBS' overall and specific risk governance frameworks and oversees an independent Group-wide risk management system including responsible financing. At the portfolio level, the IBG Sustainability team reports to the Group Credit Risk Committee biannually and any material issues are communicated to the Group Risk Executive Committee.

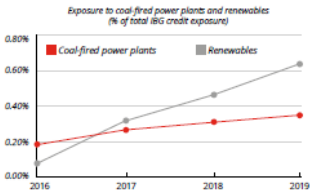
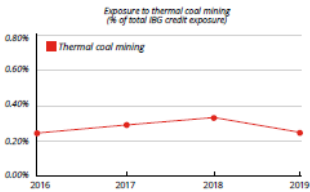
In 2019, we paid specific attention to our power generation, thermal coal and palm oil portfolios.

Thermal coal-related financing

In April 2019, we announced we will cease financing new coal-fired power plants in any market after honouring our existing commitments. This followed from our earlier commitment to cease financing new thermal coal mining projects. When providing corporate financing, we will only support customers with a diversification strategy in these sectors.

Our exposure⁽¹⁾ to thermal coal mining and coal-fired power plants at the end of 2019 were SGD 1.17 billion and SGD 1.63 billion respectively, representing 0.24% and 0.33% of total IBG exposure. While our coal portfolio is already relatively small, we expect to see this shrink as new commitments are eliminated.

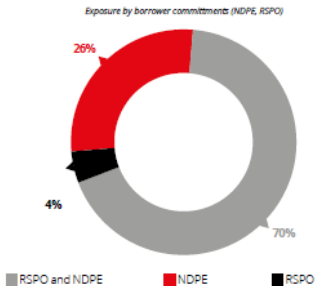
At the same time, we have increased our support towards renewable energy development. At the end of 2019, our exposure to renewable energy was SGD 3.03 billion, representing 0.62% of total IBG exposure.



Palm oil financing

As a priority, we serve customers who demonstrate alignment with RSPO standards and no deforestation, no peat and no exploitation (NDPE) commitments. All our palm oil customers align themselves with either NDPE or RSPO, or both. This is in line with our palm oil ESG-related commitment announced in 2017.

As of December 2019, our exposure to palm oil sector stood at SGD 1.8 billion, representing 0.37% of total IBG exposure.

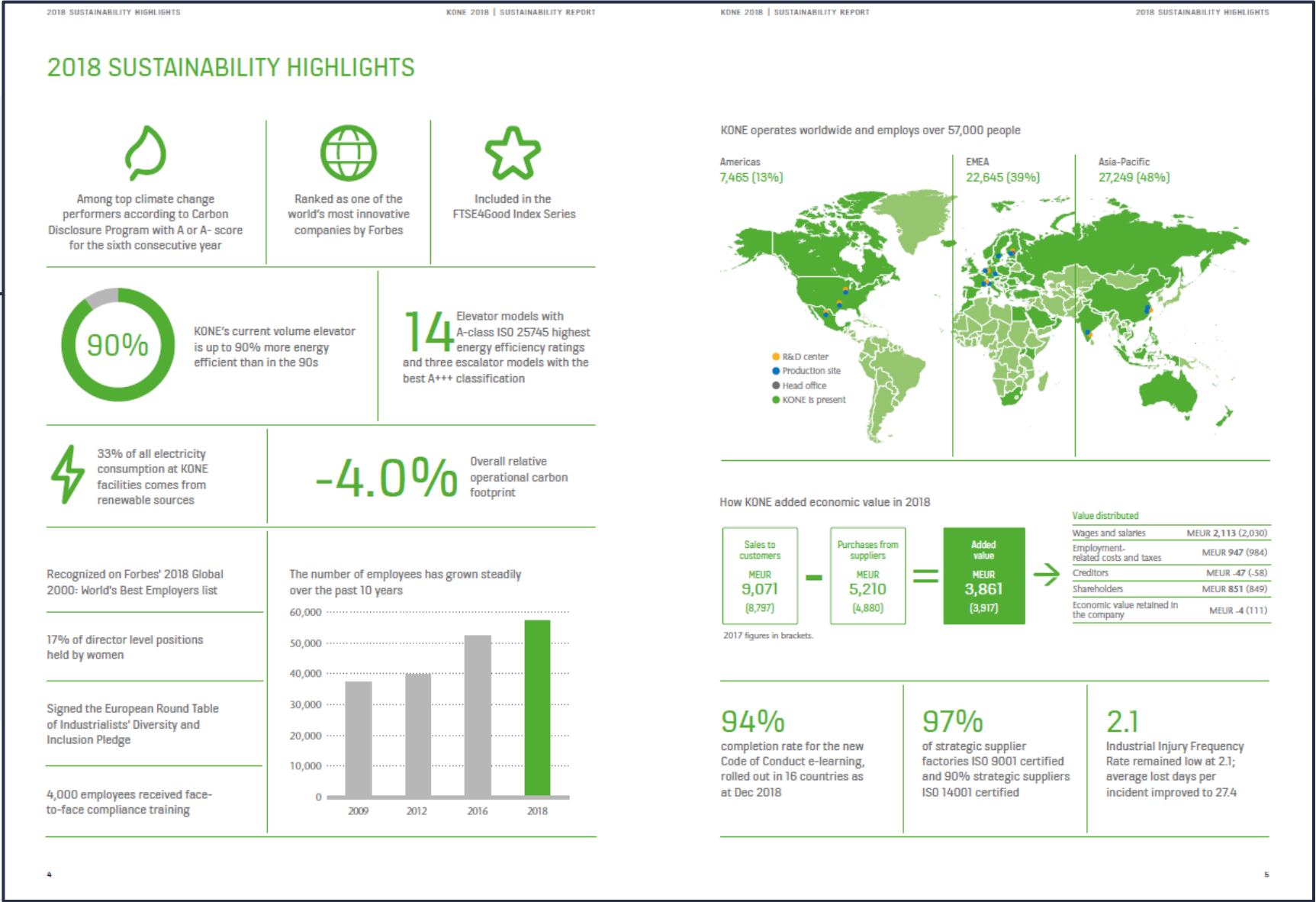


This chart includes palm oil plantations, crude palm oil mills, palm oil refiners, integrated players and processors.

(1) Exposure refers to the maximum loss (including commitment and outstanding) that a bank may incur as a result of the failure of a counterparty to meet its credit obligations

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Complex Data

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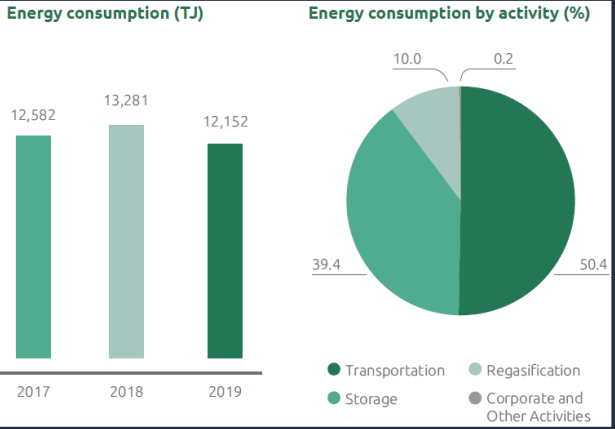
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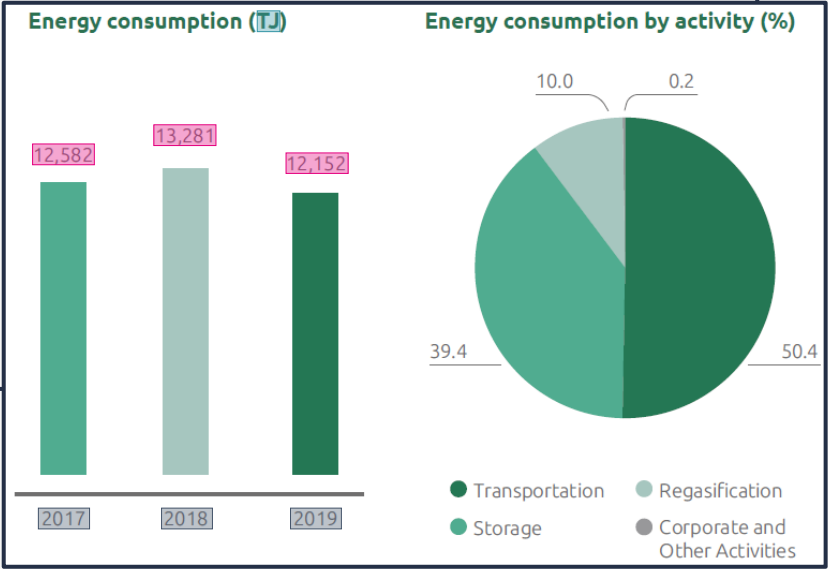
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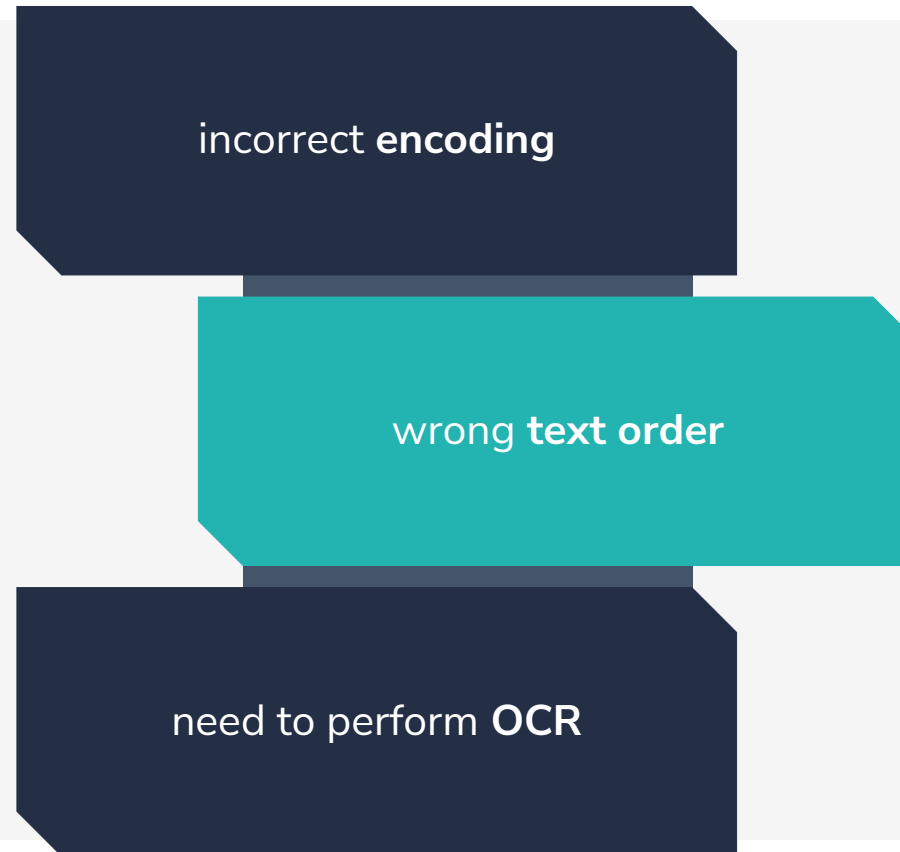
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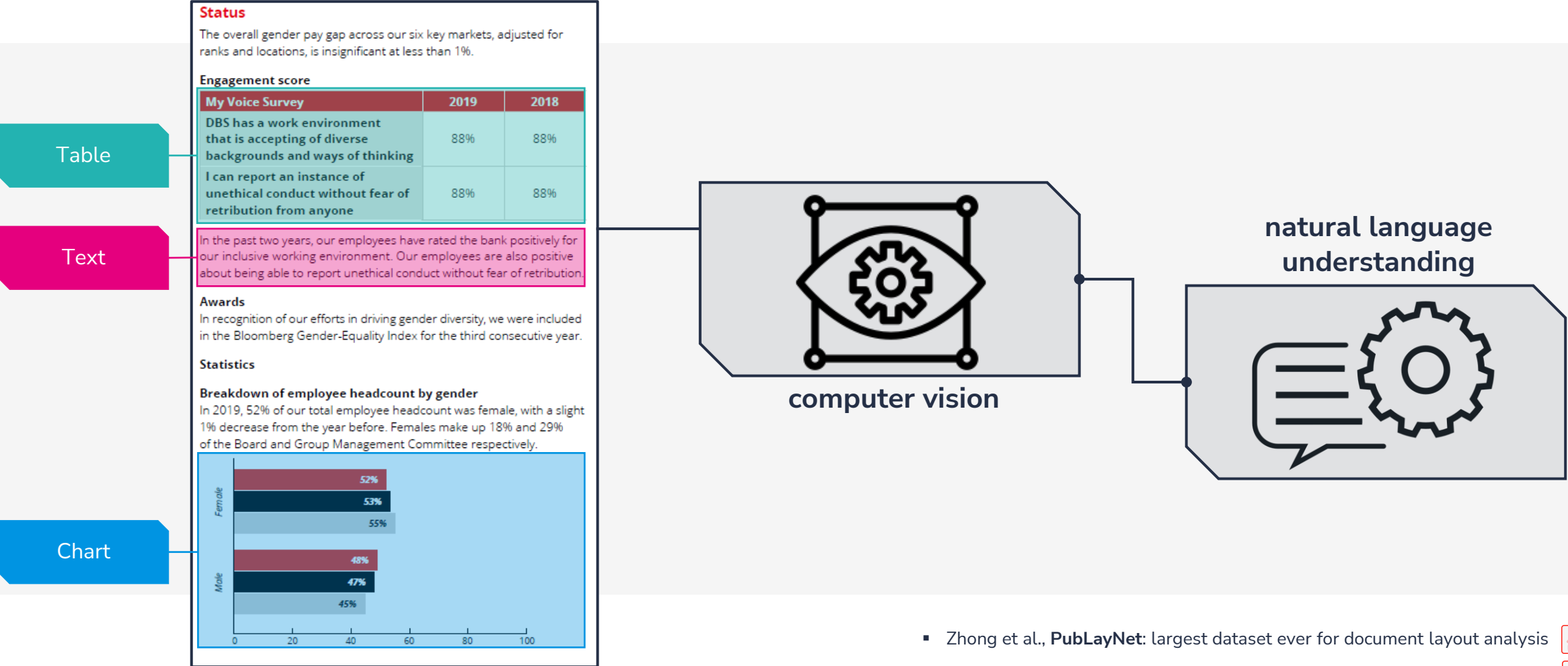
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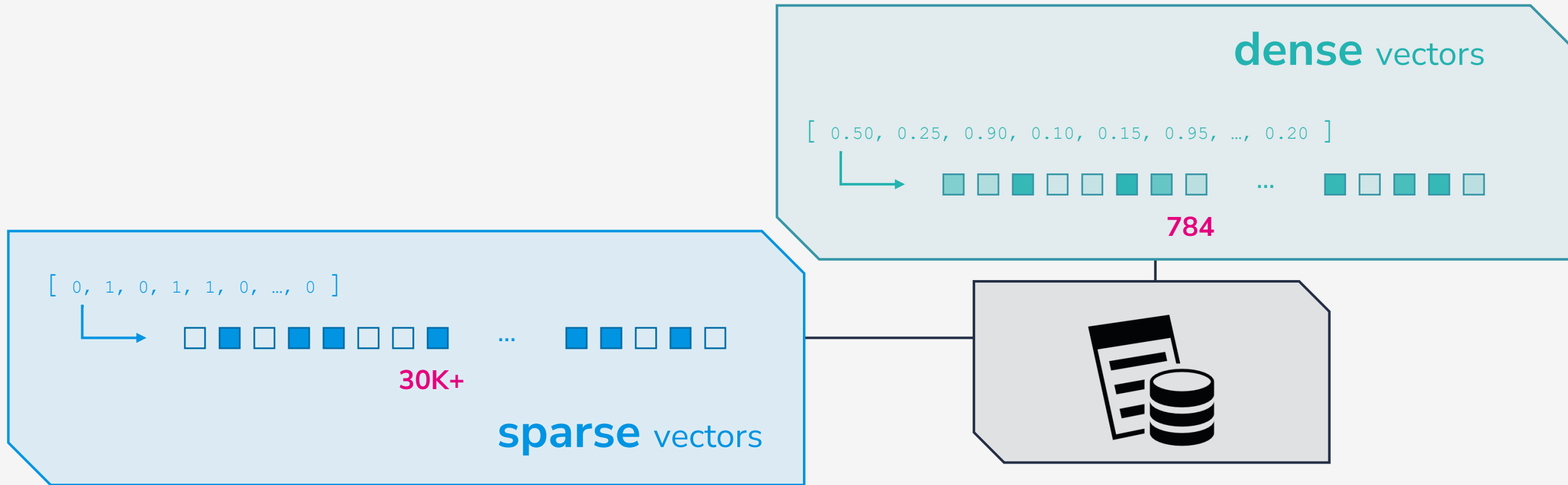


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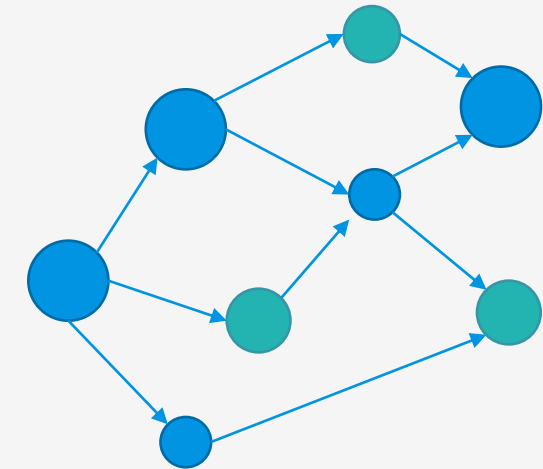
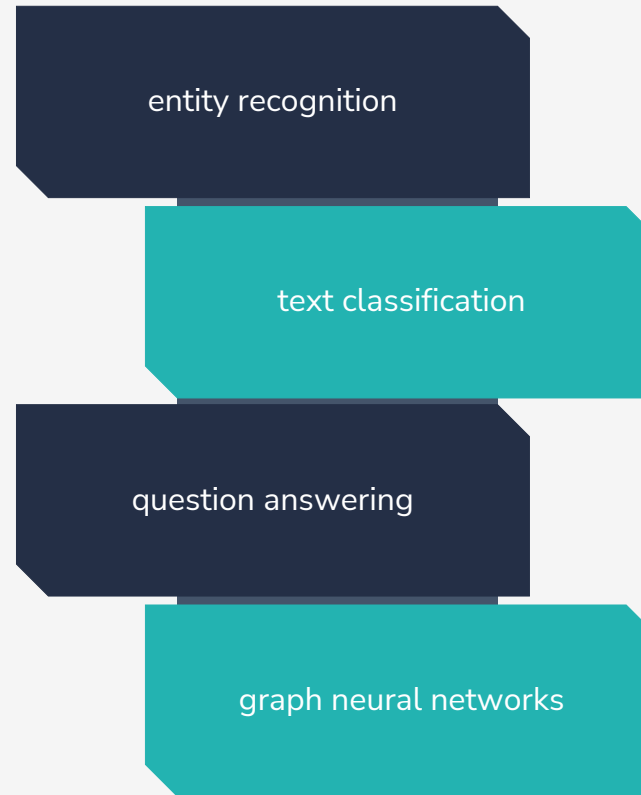
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