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Cameron faces fight for survival as Britain sets course for Brexit

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- Pound plunges by 9% to lowest level since 1985
- Farage claims victory as leave stretches ahead
- Tory leave MPs pledge to back PM come what may

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David Cameron was facing recriminations this morning as Britain appeared to be on the brink of voting to leave the EU, triggering chaos in the currency markets, including the biggest ever one-day fall in sterling.

The value of the pound fell by 9% as the financial markets prepared for a Brexit economic shock potentially greater than Black Wednesday in 1992.

Ukip's leader, Nigel Farage, declared victory to jubilant supporters shortly after 4am. "If the predictions now are right this will be a victory for real people, a victory for ordinary people, a victory for decent people. We have fought against the multinationals, against the big men banks, banks, against big politics, against lies, corruption and deceit ... and today honesty and decency and belief in nation I think now is going to win.

"We will have done it without having to fight, without a single bullet having been fired," he said, calling it the country's "independence day"

There was a tense mood in Downing Street while Labour remain campaigners broke down in tears, saying people were "scared and confused".

Jeremy Cook, chief economist and head of currency strategy at WorldFirst, said: "Sterling has collapsed ... It can go a lot further as well." The pound was trading at $1.35, its lowest level since 1985.

Cameron is expected to address the country from Downing Street this morning. He had earlier received the support of 86 Conservative MPs who have campaigned for out, including Boris Johnson, Michael Gove and Chris Grayling, who said it was his "mandate and a duty to continue implementing the party's 2015 manifesto".

But Labour's shadow foreign secretary, Hilary Benn, said he could not see how the prime minister could remain in position.

Jeremy Corbyn, who is also facing recriminations and the possibility of a leadership challenge, will declare Britain a "divided country" and also indicate that the prime minister will need to consider his position. The Labour leader will say the expected result demonstrates a split between areas of high deprivation, where people feel left behind, and other areas.

A senior Labour source said there was an urgent need to address the concerns of working class communities, including over immigration and public services. But he also argued that areas with the highest levels of immigration voted to remain, suggesting the issue was more complex.

Senior Tories called for calm. Graham Brady, one of the most important figures in uniting the party because of his leadership of the key 1922 backbench committee, said: "The debate over Britain's relationship with the EU is a vitally important

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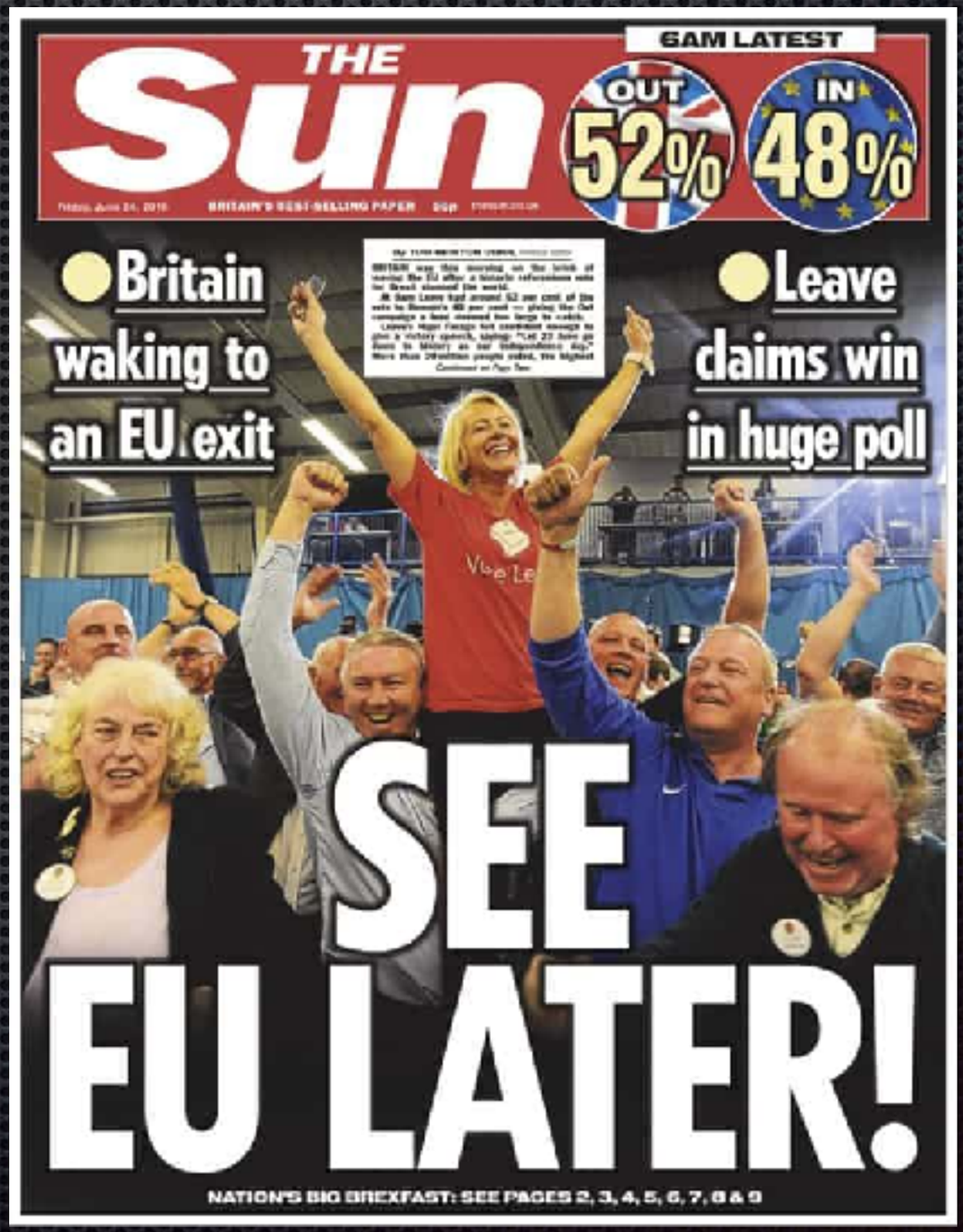

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OUT 52%

IN 48%

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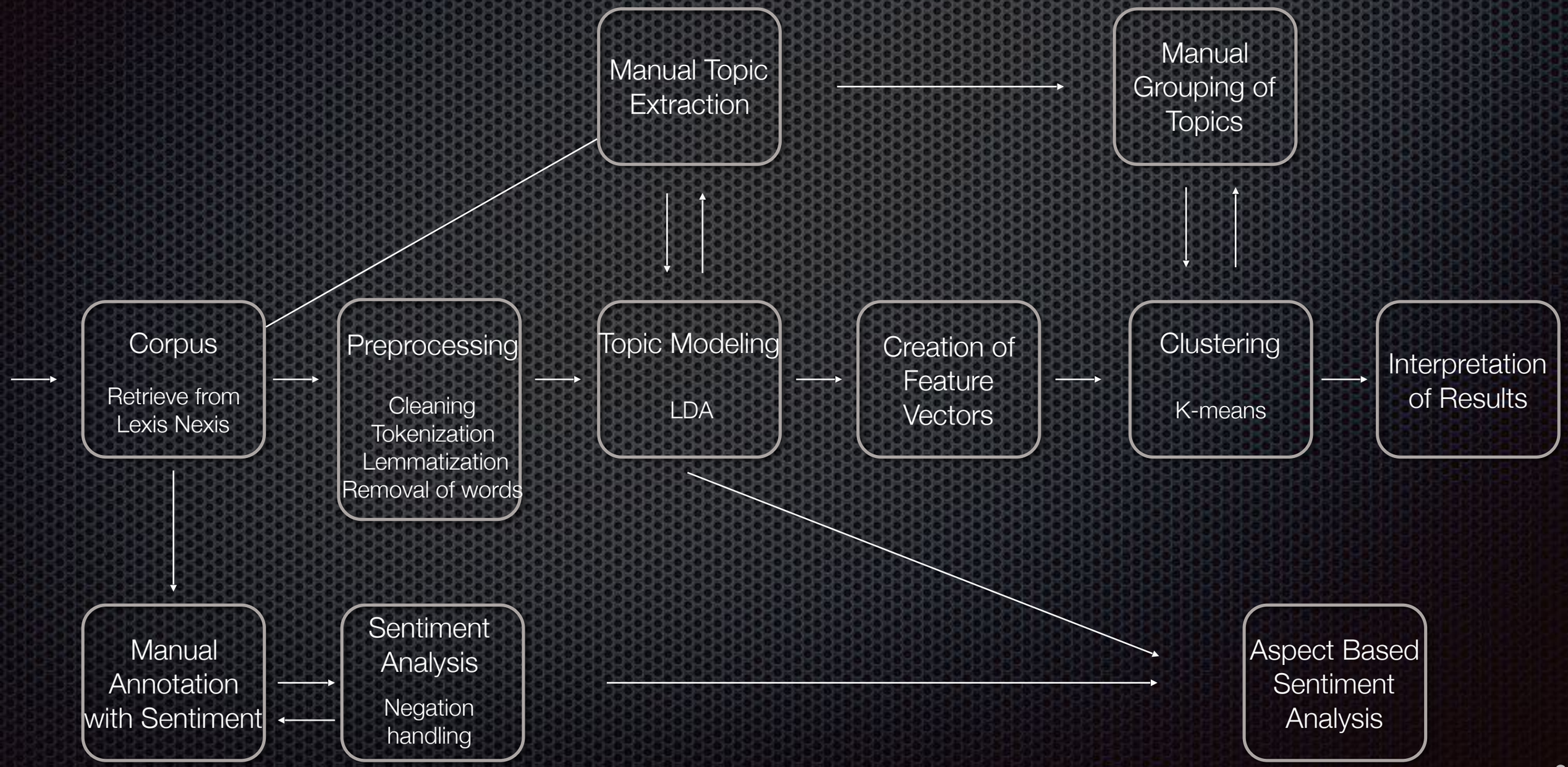

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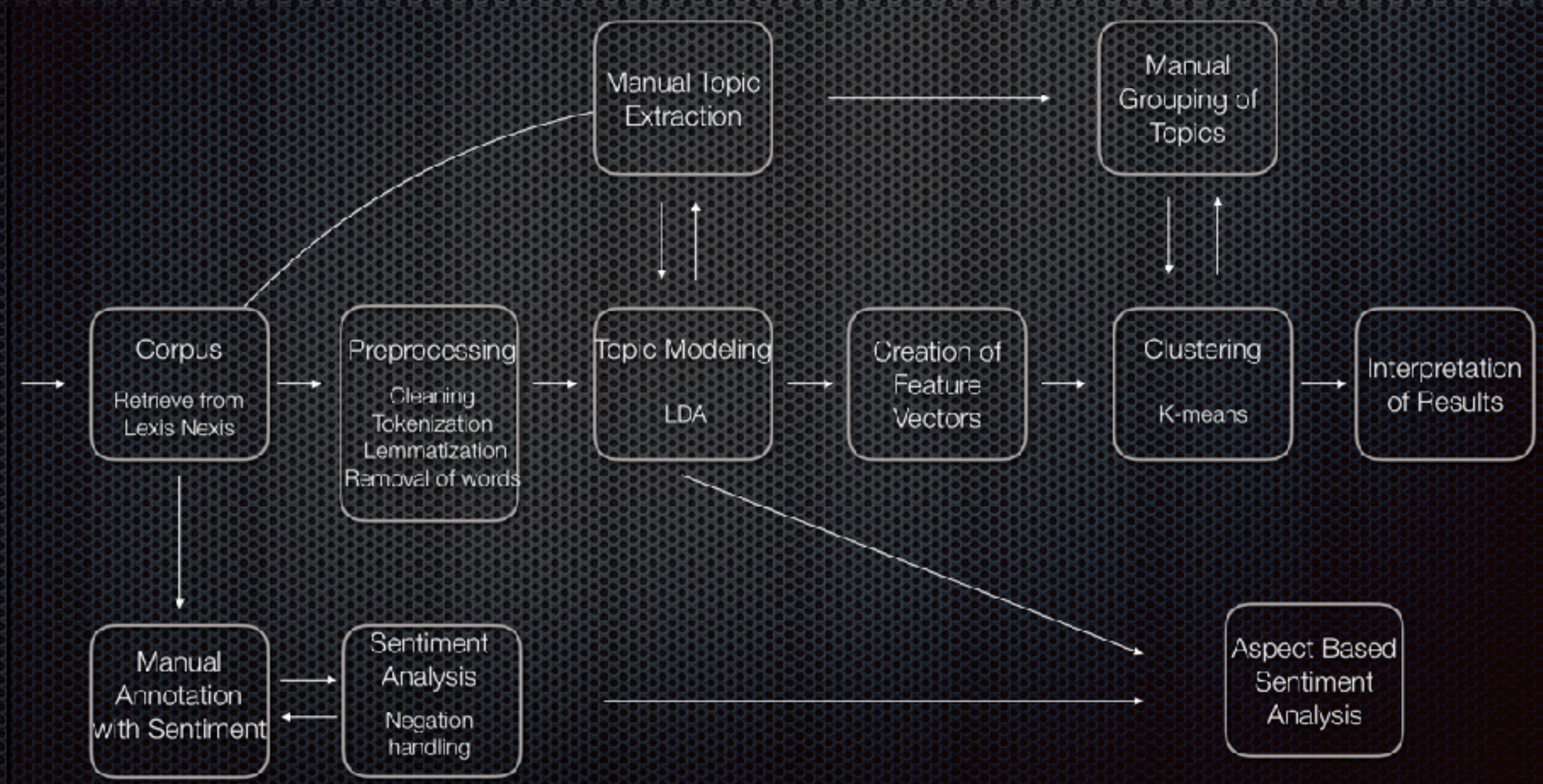

What we still need to do

- Manual extraction of topics and grouping
- Comparing manual evaluation with automatic results
- Implement aspect-based sentiment analysis
- Maybe try out other cluster and topic modelling methods

Initial Results

- No meaningful difference between articles
- Different corpus or preprocessing?

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