

Mining the History Sections of Wikipedia Articles

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Science Debates - Science Feuds - Science Wars



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SCIENCE

THE NASTIEST FEUD IN SCIENCE

A Princeton geologist has endured decades of ridicule for arguing that the fifth extinction was caused not by an asteroid but by a series of colossal volcanic eruptions. But she's reopened that debate.

By Bianca Bosker

[[The Atlantic 2018](#)]

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Titanic clash over CRISPR patents turns ugly

Heidi Ledford

Nature 537, 460–461 (2016)

476 Accesses | 3 Citations | 514 Altmetric | [Metrics](#)

Accusations of impropriety feature in escalating dispute.

[[Nature 2016](#)]

The latest round in the CRISPR patent battle has an apparent victor, but the fight continues

Broad Institute appears to gain an advantage over the University of California and its partners who have claimed to have invented the genome editor first

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[[Science 2020](#)]

The CRISPR wars

Philip Ball

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[[The Lancet 2021](#)]

(*Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats)

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query Web of Science for 'crispr'

Textual Accounts

The Heroes of CRISPR [[Lander 2016](#)]

search Google Scholar for 'crispr history'
'crispr development' and 'crispr discovery'

→ Wikipedia's history sections

[[Nix 2010](#)] [[Borra 2015](#)]

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Why Wikipedia?

- Size
- Accessibility
- Debates
- Languages
- Revisions

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Structuring Wikipedia Articles

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History [edit]

Repeated sequences [edit]

The discovery of clustered DNA repeats took place independently in three parts of the world. The first description of what would later be called CRISPR was made by Chinese researchers in 1959, followed by the Spanish researchers in 1962, and by the French researchers in 1971.

In 1993, researchers of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* in the Netherlands published two articles about a cluster of interrupted direct repeat bacterium. They recognized the diversity of the sequences that intervened in the direct repeats among different strains of *M. tuberculosis* and used this property to design a typing method that was named "spoligotyping", which is still in use, today.^[1718]

François Mmeunier at the University of Alicante in Spain started research on the CRISPR locus of bacteria and archaea and their function. In 1995 he reported that the direct repeat was a more common feature than the palindromic repeats. He also found that the interrupted repeats could not cover the entire genome. He suggested repeating units called CRISPRs. Mmeunier's work was soon followed by the work of Mojska and colleagues, who were searching for a new typing method. They proposed the acronym CRISPR (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats) to alleviate the confusion stemming from acronyms used to describe the sequences in the scientific literature.^[1922] In 2002, Tang, et al. showed evidence that CRISPR repeats, the genome of *Archaeoglobus fulgidus* were transcribed into long RNA molecules that were subsequently processed into unit-length some longer form of 2, 3, or more spacer units.^[23]

In 2005, yogurt manufacturer Barrangou discovered that *Streptococcus thermophilus*, after iterative phase changes, developed resistance and enhanced resistance is due to the incorporation of additional CRISPR spacer sequences.^[24] The Danish Danisco, which at that time Barrangou worked for, then developed phase-resistant *S. thermophilus* strains for use in yogurt products later bought out by Danisco, which "owns about 50 percent of the global dairy culture market" and the technology went mainstream.

CRISPR-associated systems [edit]

A major addition to the understanding of CRISPR came with Jansen's observation that the protospacer repeat cluster was accompanied by homologous genes that make up CRISPR-associated systems or cas genes. Four cas genes (cas 1-4) were initially recognized. The acronym has been coined by the universal name of the pattern. However, the CRISPR function remained enigmatic.

In 2005, three independent research groups showed that some CRISPR spacers are derived from phage DNA and extrachromosomal DNA such as plasmids. The spacers are fragments of DNA gathered from viruses that previously infected the cell. The source of the spacers was a sign that the CRISPR/Cas system could have a role in adaptive immunity in bacteria.^[2526] All these studies supporting this idea were initially rejected by high-profile journals, but eventually appeared in other journals.^[27]

The first publication^[28] proposing a role of CRISPR/Cas in microbial immunity was made by Mojica and collaborators at the University of Alicante, predicted a role for the RNA transcript of spacers on target recognition in a mechanism that could be compared to the one of the complement system in eukaryotic cells. Konon and colleagues extended this RNA interference hypothesis by proposing mechanisms of action for the different CRISPR/Cas subtypes according to the predicted function of their precursors.^[29]

Experimental work by several groups revealed the basic mechanisms of CRISPR/Cas immunity. In 2007, the first experimental evidence that CRISPR was an adaptive immune system was published.^[30] A CRISPR region in *Streptococcus thermophilus* acquired spacers from the DNA of an infecting bacteriophage. The researchers manipulated the restriction of S. thermophilus to different types of phage by deleting spacers whose sequence matched those from the latest phage.^[3132] In 2009, Barrangou and van der Oost confirmed that Cascade, a complex of Cas proteins (called Cascade) that in *E. coli* cut the CRISPR RNA precursor within the repeats into mature spacer-containing RNA molecules (Cas3) and then used it to program the CRISPR/Cas system to bind to specific DNA targets. By designing a Cas3 protein with two orientations of the CRISPR (casRNA) transcript provided immunity, indicating that the results were valid. That year Marraffini and Sontheimer confirmed that a CRISPR sequence of *S. epidermidis* targeted DNA and not RNA to provide immunity was found in *Pyrococcus furiosus*.^[3334] A 2010 study showed that CRISPR/Cas cuts both strands of phage and plasmid thermophilius.^[35]

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- Sections, subsections and subsubsections
- Embedded elements like diagrams, charts, tables
- *References* and *Further Reading*

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□ WikiHist.html [\[Mitrevski 2020\]](#)

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 - Feedback loop: map actual titles to generated titles

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1. Heuristics

- Science & Technology: filter out non-relevant articles using categories
- History Sections: find history sections using heading

2. Classification

- Train classifier to find history section
- Articles with designated history sections as training data [\[Aprosio 2015\]](#)

3. Field Study

- Apply classifier to revision history of selected article(s)
- Analyse revisions (works cited, researchers, ...)

Preliminary Analysis

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 - 2,943,189 categories
 - 692,514 articles (11.54%) with section heading 'history'

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Step 1.1 - 1.3 2022-01-05 18:13:14

	categories	articles	section contains 'history'	section 'history'
any	2,943,189	6,002,210	831,708 (13.86%)	692,514 (11.54%)
science ∨ technology	168,187	104,155	13,965 (13.41%)	11,145 (10.70%)
(science ∨ technology) ∧ ¬ (person ∨ company)	98,004	57,681	10,308 (17.87%)	8,066 (13.98%)

Heuristics

Step 1.2 + 1.3 2022-01-05 18:13:14

- Articles with extractable sections only
- Categories:
 - 'science' or 'technology'
 - 'people' or 'companies'
- Headings: 'history' (sub-string and exact match)
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N=57,681, n=50: 20 S&T (40%) (13 media, 7 people, 6 institutions, 4 journals)

Heuristics

Step 1.4 2022-01-05 18:13:14

- 'science', 'technolog': match in category (no 'y')
- Manually check most frequent categories
- media ('films', 'movies', 'series', 'anime', 'manga', 'books', 'novels', 'screenplays', 'fiction', 'stories', 'games'), people ('people', 'fellows', 'members', 'male', 'female', 'writers', 'authors', 'alumni'), institutions ('institution', 'companies', 'colleges', 'universities', 'council', 'convention'), other ('journals', 'magazines', 'births', 'deaths'): no match in categories

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43,612	27,819	7,340 (26.38%)	6,288 (22.60%)

N=27,819, n=50: 33 S&T (66%) (10 institutions, 4 events, 3 lists)

Heuristics

Step 2 2022-01-13 19:12:18

- 'science', 'technology': match in category
- '^\\d\\d\\d\\ds? in', '^List of': no match in title
- Manually check most frequent categories and category tokens
- **media** ('films', 'movies', 'series', 'anime', 'manga', +8), **people** ('people', 'fellows', 'members', 'male', 'female', +3), **institutions** ('institution', 'companies', 'colleges', 'institute', 'department', +15), **events** ('events', 'festivals', 'conventions', 'awards', 'conferences'), **other** ('journals', 'magazines', 'births', 'deaths', 'buildings', +3): no match in categories

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18,034	17,085	4,454 (26.07%)	3,847 (22.52%)

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BUGS!!!!



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Step 3 2022-03-14 16:32:11

- 'science', 'technolog': match in category
- 'list', 'history', 'science and technology', '\d\d\d\d': no match in title
- media ('films', 'movies', 'series', 'anime', 'manga', +8), people ('people', 'fellows', 'members', 'male', 'female', +3), institutions ('institution', 'companies', 'colleges', 'institute', 'department', +16), events ('events', 'festivals', 'conventions', 'awards', 'conferences'), other ('journals', 'magazines', 'births', 'deaths', 'buildings', +3): no match in categories
- heading with 'history' → heading with 'histor[y|i]'

categories	articles	heading with 'histor[y i]'	heading 'history'
17,840	16,961	4,743 (27.96%)	3,953 (23.31%)

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Refactoring: Top vs Any Level

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- 'science', 'technolog': match in category
- 'list', 'history', 'science and technology', '\d\d\d\d': no match in title
- media ('films', 'movies', 'series', 'anime', 'manga', +8), people ('people', 'fellows', 'members', 'male', 'female', +3), institutions ('institution', 'companies', 'colleges', 'institute', 'department', +16), events ('events', 'festivals', 'conventions', 'awards', 'conferences'), other ('journals', 'magazines', 'births', 'deaths', 'buildings', +3): no match in categories

categories	articles
17,840	16,961

	heading with 'histor[y i]'	heading 'history'
any level	4,743 (27.96%)	3,953 (23.30%)
top level	4,564 (26.91%)	3,861 (22.76%)

Heuristics

Step 3 2022-03-14 16:32:11

- 10+ subsections at top level
 - 'See also', 'References', 'Bibliography', 'Further reading', 'External links'
 - articles sufficiently long
 - exploitable structure (cf. [\[Aprosio 2015\]](#))
- N=1,559, n=100: **88 S&T (88%)**
- **High false positive science-and-technology:** glossaries, indices, authorities, esoteric/pseudoscience articles among results
- **No heading with 'histor[y|i]'**
N=813, n=50, **21 have history section (42%)**
Heading 'history' at top level
N=746, n=50, **49 have history section (98%)**

Heuristics

Step 4 2022-03-17 19:58:04

- 'science', 'technology': match in category
- 'list', 'history', 'science and technology', '\d\d\d\d': no match in title
- media ('films', 'movies', 'series', 'albums', 'anime', +9), people ('people', 'fellows', 'members', 'male', 'female', +3), institutions ('institution', 'companies', 'colleges', 'institute', 'department', +17), events ('events', 'festivals', 'conventions', 'awards', 'conferences', +2), places ('villages', 'towns', 'cities', 'countries', 'states', +1), other ('journals', 'magazines', 'births', 'deaths', 'buildings', +4), collections ('lists', 'indexes', 'indices', 'glossaries'), not science ('esoteric', 'pseudoscience'): no match in categories

categories	articles
14,667	15,177

	heading with 'histor[y i]'	heading 'history'
any level	4,093 (26.97%)	3,419 (22.53%)
top level	3,933 (25.91%)	3,332 (21.95%)

Heuristics

Step 4 2022-03-17 19:58:04

- 10+ subsections at top level
 - 'See also', 'References', 'Bibliography', 'Further reading', 'External links'
 - articles sufficiently long
 - exploitable structure (cf. [\[Aprosio 2015\]](#))
- N=1,333, n=100: 96 S&T (96%)
- Better science-and-technology precision, some articles difficult to assess:
 - categories: 'by country', 'schools', 'occupations', 'parks', 'districts'
 - articles: 'Hydrogen', 'Statistics', 'Geochemistry', 'Political sociology'
- No heading with 'histor[y|i]'
N=670, n=50, 19 have history section (38%)
Heading 'history' at top level
N=663, n=50, 49 have history section (98%)
- High false negative history section: 'Development', 'Background', 'Overview', 'Timeline', 'Origins', 'Roots', 'Milestones', 'Evolution (of...)'

Heuristics

Step 5 2022-03-29 01:39:26

- 'technology': match in category
- 'list of', 'index of', 'in', 'on', 'history', 'institution', +22: no match in title
- **media** ('films', 'movies', 'series', 'albums', 'anime', +10), **people** ('people', 'fellows', 'members', 'male', 'female', +4), **institutions** ('institution', 'companies', 'schools', 'colleges', 'institute', +18), **events** ('events', 'festivals', 'conventions', 'awards', 'conferences', +2), **places** ('villages', 'towns', 'cities', 'countries', 'states', +4), **other** ('journals', 'magazines', 'births', 'deaths', 'buildings', +4), **collections** ('lists', 'indexes', 'indices', 'glossaries'), **not science** ('esoteric', 'pseudoscience'): no match in categories

categories	articles
8,752	8,402

	heading with 'histor[y i]'	heading 'history'
any level	2,363 (28.12%)	2,068 (24.61%)
top level	2,289 (27.24%)	2,021 (24.05%)

Heuristics

Step 5 2022-03-29 01:39:26

- 3+ subsections at top level
 - excluding 'See also', 'References', 'Bibliography', 'Further reading', 'External links'
 - articles sufficiently long
 - exploitable structure (cf. [\[Aprosio 2015\]](#))
- 9 labellers, 10 batches, 1 batch labelled by 5 labellers
- N=4,409, n=650, CL=99%, CI<5%: 621 S&T (95.53%)
- Good science-and-technology precision
- No heading with 'histor[y|i]'**
N=2,825, n=340, CL=95%, CI=5% **45 have history section (13.24%)**
Heading 'history' at top level
N=1,584, n=310, CL=95%, CI=5% **307 have history section (99.03%)**
- Suboptimal false negative history section**

DESIGNATED HISTORY SECTION → HISTORY

NO DESIGNATED HISTORY SECTION ↳ NO HISTORY

Heuristics

Inter-Labeller (Dis)agreement

□ Inter-labeller agreement (Cohen's Kappa)

	labeller 02	labeller 04	labeller 08	labeller 06	labeller 10
labeller 02	-	(84.90%)	(90.75%)	(71.51%)	(81.64%)
labeller 04	(84.90%)	-	(93.94%)	(69.94%)	(85.11%)
labeller 08	(90.75%)	(93.94%)	-	(75.29%)	(90.90%)
labeller 06	(71.51%)	(69.94%)	(75.29%)	-	(75.17%)
labeller 10	(81.64%)	(85.11%)	(90.90%)	(75.17%)	-

□ Inter-labeller disagreement (all articles without heading with 'histor[y|i]')

	labeller 02	labeller 04	labeller 08	labeller 06	labeller 10
Substantial equivalence	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Gremlin	✓	?	✓	✓	✓
Sound Blaster X7	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
Moving iron speaker	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
IBTS Greenhouse	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
W Motors Lykan HyperSport	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
Forward osmosis	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
Strategic communication	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Carbon nanotube field-effect transistor	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
Chimney (locomotive)	✗	✗	✗	✓	?
Hunveyor	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
Telecentre	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Wendelstein 7-AS	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗

Heuristics

Top 50 Categories with Frequency

1	film and video technology	495
2	emerging technologies	342
3	biotechnology	330
4	television technology	280
5	information technology management	196
6	engine technology	195
7	display technology	173
8	nanotechnology	160
9	mobile technology	144
10	gas technologies	129
11	cooling technology	121
12	radio technology	121
13	assistive technology	118
14	automotive technologies	110
15	nuclear technology	103
16	educational technology	99
17	waste treatment technology	99
18	american inventions	98
19	sustainable technologies	97
20	drilling technology	97
21	articles containing video clips	95
22	science and technology in poland	94
23	military technology	91
24	vehicle safety technologies	90
25	microwave technology	89

26	television terminology	86
27	technology in society	86
28	molecular biology	85
29	operating system technology	84
30	vehicle technology	82
31	automotive transmission technologies	81
32	microtechnology	81
33	sound production technology	81
34	power station technology	79
35	automotive suspension technologies	77
36	appropriate technology	75
37	hydrogen technologies	73
38	automotive technology tradenames	73
39	membrane technology	71
40	packets (information technology)	66
41	broadcast engineering	64
42	industrial gases	63
43	science and technology in the soviet union	62
44	security technology	61
45	technological change	60
46	rail technologies	59
47	steam locomotive technologies	59
48	information technology	58
49	pollution control technologies	57
50	science and technology studies	55

Heuristics

Article Sample

Cable television headend	Iranian Science and Culture Hall of Fame	Pakistan Atomic Research Reactor
Do-it-yourself biology	GraphExeter	Cybathlon
Community technology	ARGUS-IS	Light-emitting diode
GESMES/TS	Timeline of music technology	Multivision (television technology)
Lidar	MMN80CPU	Timeline of Airbnb
IT chargeback and showback	Skype for Business Server	Waveform (podcast)
Resende Nuclear Fuel Factory	Consumption map	Video editing
Nintendo Gateway System	Natural Health Products Directorate	Timeline of Dropbox
Switched mesh	FLEPiA	Active queue management
Religious response to assisted reproductive technology	Weissach axle	The Audacity to Podcast
Rubric (academic)	Dual-use technology	Axial piston pump
Ephemeralization	Phantom vibration syndrome	Microvesicles
Pasotron	Halo (safety device)	Nanoracks CubeSat Deployer
Capacity management	Overshoot (microwave communication)	Condenser (heat transfer)
Dynamic design analysis method	Freight bicycle	IBM System Object Model
Iranian missile tests	Graphical identification and authentication	TENET (network)
Powertec RPA	Spaceplane	Data center bridging
Magnesium/Teflon/Viton	Watering trough	Turbine
Logitech Harmony	Bash valve	Political Economy of Research and Innovation
Telesync	Water pyramid	Stroke ratio
Directed-energy weapon	Stream ripping	Bank clearing number
Air Force Network	Restrictive flow orifice	Radar
Winepress	Remote access policy	WebQuest
Advanced Train Management System	Hydrargyrum medium-arc iodide lamp	Third-generation sequencing
Thermotunnel cooling	Xenos (graphics chip)	Thermoelectric cooling
HARASSmap	Digital newspaper technology	Zen (portable media player)
EFx Factory	Ice Stupa	Quantum technology
MicroMasters	Microscope	Videophile
Transcranial direct-current stimulation	Space suit	Distributed File System (Microsoft)
Drilling stabilizer	Single-source data	Nanofountain probe

Outline

1. Heuristics

2. Classification

3. Field Study

Classification

Idea

- Articles with heading 'history' at top level as training data [\[Aprosio 2015\]](#)
 - heading 'history' → label HISTORY
 - any other heading → label OTHER
- 1,584 articles, 8,504 sections
 - 1,584 history sections (18.63%)
 - 6,920 other sections (81.37%)
- Feature selection:
 - unify/map years
 - unify/map persons
 - vocabulary size (document frequency)
 - binary or relative term frequency
 - oversampling
- 5-fold cross-validation on training data to find best classifier(s)
- Introduction excluded for training and finding best classifier(s)
- Test on articles without designated history sections (include intro in test)

Classification

Scikit-learn

- NEAREST NEIGHBOURS: K-Nearest Neighbors Classifier
- NAIVE BAYES: Bernoulli, Categorical, Complement, Gaussian, Multinomial
- DECISION TREES: Decision Tree Classifier, Decision Tree Regressor
- ENSEMBLE: AdaBoost, Bagging, Random Forest, Extra-Trees, Gradient Boosting, Histogram-based Gradient Boosting
- NEURAL NETWORKS: Multi-Level Perceptron
- LINEAR MODELS: Logistic Regression, Passive Aggressive Classifier, Perceptron, Ridge Classifier, Stochastic Gradient Descent, Stochastic Gradient Descent One-Class SVM
- QUADRATIC DISCRIMINANT: Quadratic Discriminant Analysis
- SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINES: Linear Kernel SVC, Poly Kernel SVC, Sigmoid Kernel SVC, Radial Base Function SVC

Classification

Results: Precision ≥ 0.75 , Recall ≥ 0.45 , sorted by Precision first, Recall second

	OVERSAMPLING	YEARS	PERSONS	VOCAB SIZE	TERMS	PRECISION	RECALL
RandomForestClassifier	0	1	0	1000	relative	0.866	0.481
ExtraTreesClassifier	0	0	0	1000	binary	0.860	0.459
ExtraTreesClassifier	0	1	0	1000	binary	0.858	0.476
RandomForestClassifier	0	1	1	1000	relative	0.856	0.498
ExtraTreesClassifier	0	0	1	1000	binary	0.855	0.457
ExtraTreesClassifier	0	1	1	1000	binary	0.844	0.456
ExtraTreesClassifier	0	1	1	100	relative	0.832	0.493
RBFSupportVectorClassifier	0	0	1	1000	binary	0.832	0.482
ExtraTreesClassifier	0	1	0	100	relative	0.830	0.499
RBFSupportVectorClassifier	0	1	1	1000	binary	0.829	0.487
...
GradientBoostingClassifier	0	0	1	1000	binary	0.809	0.538
...
MultiLevelPerceptronClassifier	0	0	0	10000	binary	0.763	0.613

Classification

Random Forest Classifier

- 2,825 articles w/o heading with 'histor[y|i]': ~375 with history section (13.24%)
- 1,584 articles with heading 'history': ~1,569 with history section (99.03%)
- Heuristic only:
 - Precision ≈ 0.990
 - Recall = 1,569 / (375 + 1,569) ≈ 0.807
- Heuristic first, Random Forest Classifier ($P = 0.866$, $R = 0.481$) as fallback:
 - Precision = 1,749 / (43 + 1,749) ≈ 0.976
 - Recall = 1,749 / (375 + 1,569) ≈ 0.900
 - (TP = 1,749 (1,569 from H + 180 from O), FP = 43 (15 from H + 28 from O))

Classification

Extra-Trees Classifier

- 2,825 articles w/o heading with 'histor[y|i]': ~375 with history section (13.24%)
- 1,584 articles with heading 'history': ~1,569 with history section (99.03%)
- Heuristic only:
 - Precision ≈ 0.990
 - Recall = 1,569 / (375 + 1,569) ≈ 0.807
- Heuristic first, Extra-Trees Classifier ($P = 0.860$, $R = 0.459$) as fallback:
 - Precision = 1,741 / (43 + 1,741) ≈ 0.976
 - Recall = 1,741 / (375 + 1,569) ≈ 0.896

(TP = 1,741 (1,569 from H + 172 from O), FP = 43 (15 from H + 28 from O))

Classification

RBF Support Vector Machine

- 2,825 articles w/o heading with 'histor[y|i]': ~375 with history section (13.24%)
- 1,584 articles with heading 'history': ~1,569 with history section (99.03%)
- Heuristic only:
 - Precision ≈ 0.990
 - Recall = 1,569 / (375 + 1,569) ≈ 0.807
- Heuristic first, RBF Support Vector Machine ($P = 0.832$, $R = 0.482$) as fallback:
 - Precision = 1,749 / (51 + 1,749) ≈ 0.972
 - Recall = 1,749 / (375 + 1,569) ≈ 0.900

(TP = 1,749 (1,569 from H + 180 from O), FP = 51 (15 from H + 36 from O))

Classification

GradientBoostingClassifier

- 2,825 articles w/o heading with 'histor[y|i]': ~375 with history section (13.24%)
- 1,584 articles with heading 'history': ~1,569 with history section (99.03%)
- Heuristic only:
 - Precision ≈ 0.990
 - Recall $= 1,569 / (375 + 1,569) \approx 0.807$
- Heuristic first, Gradient Boosting Classifier ($P = 0.809$, $R = 0.538$) as fallback:
 - Precision $= 1,770 / (62 + 1,770) \approx 0.966$
 - Recall $= 1,770 / (375 + 1,569) \approx 0.910$

(TP = 1,770 (1,569 from H + 201 from O), FP = 62 (15 from H + 47 from O))

Classification

MultiLevelPerceptronClassifier

- 2,825 articles w/o heading with 'histor[y|i]': ~375 with history section (13.24%)
- 1,584 articles with heading 'history': ~1,569 with history section (99.03%)
- Heuristic only:
 - Precision ≈ 0.990
 - Recall $= 1,569 / (375 + 1,569) \approx 0.807$
- Heuristic first, Multi-Level Perceptron Classifier (Precision = 0.763, Recall = 0.613) as fallback:
 - Precision $= 1,798 / (86 + 1,798) \approx 0.954$
 - Recall $= 1,798 / (375 + 1,569) \approx 0.923$
(TP = 1,798 (1,569 from H + 229 from O), FP = 86 (15 from H + 71 from O))

Classification

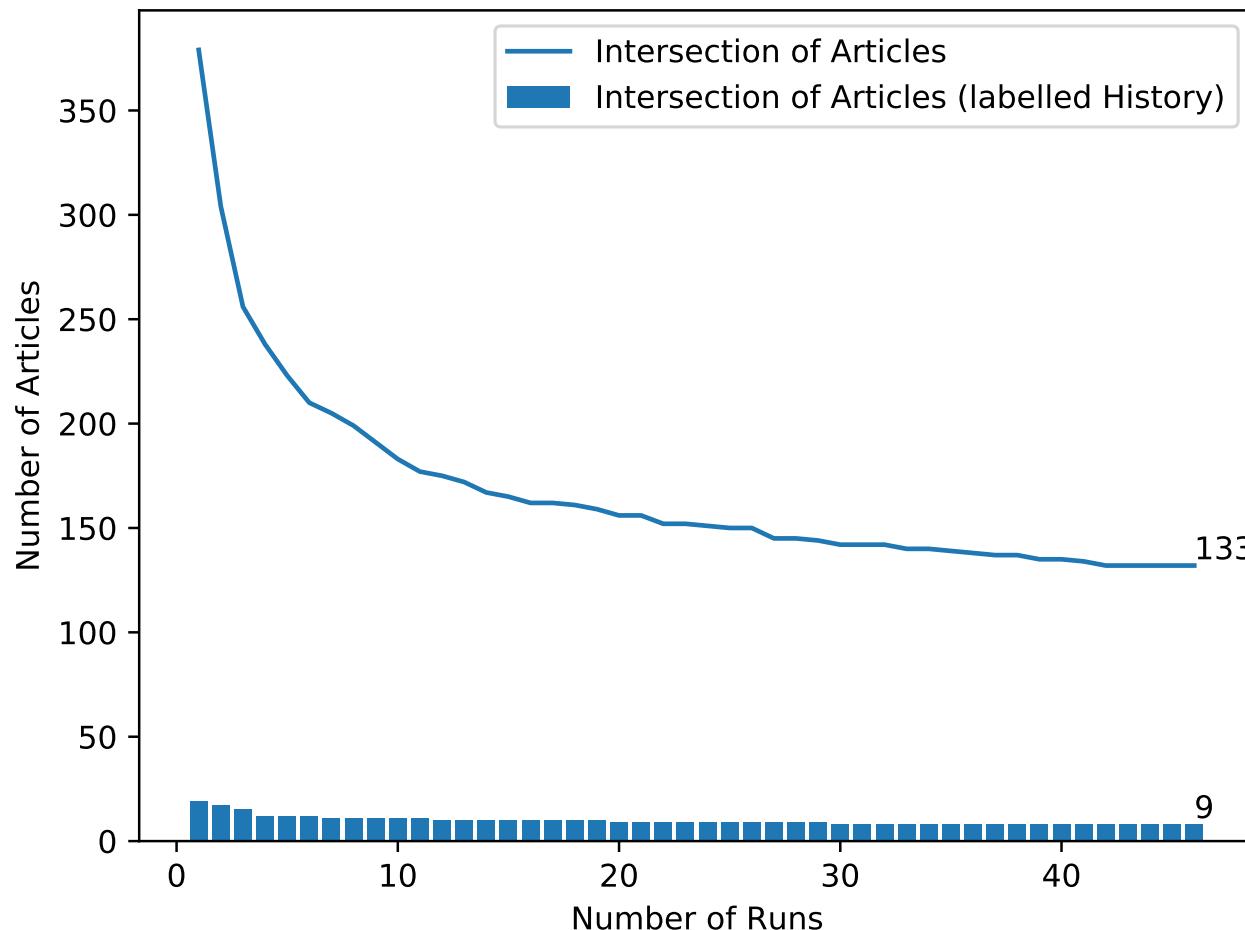
Trial & Issues

- Trial above classifiers against articles without designated history sections
- Some classifiers non-deterministic: repeat, get intersection of articles of all runs, repeat until size of intersection does not decrease in five runs

Classification

Random Forest Classifier

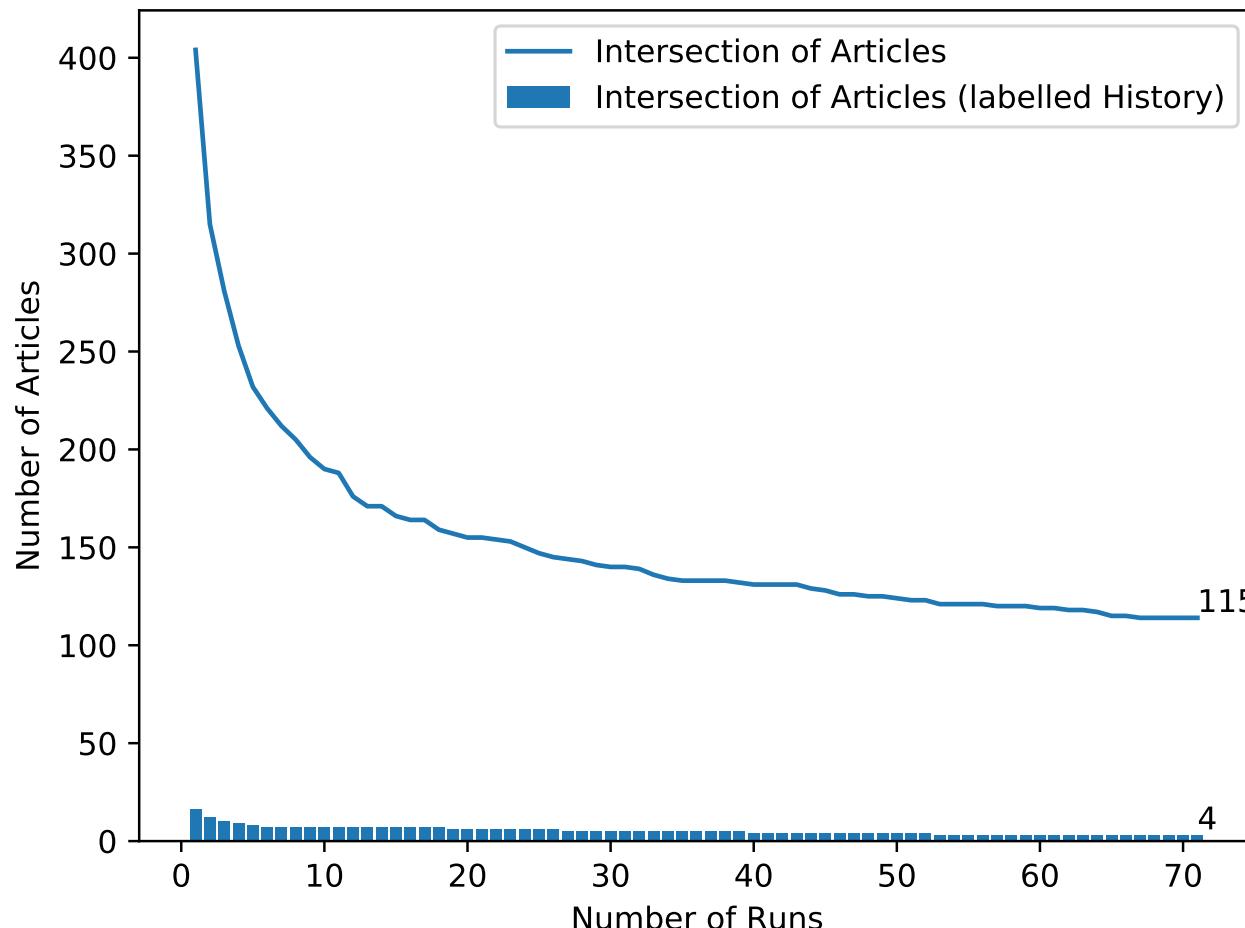
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Classification

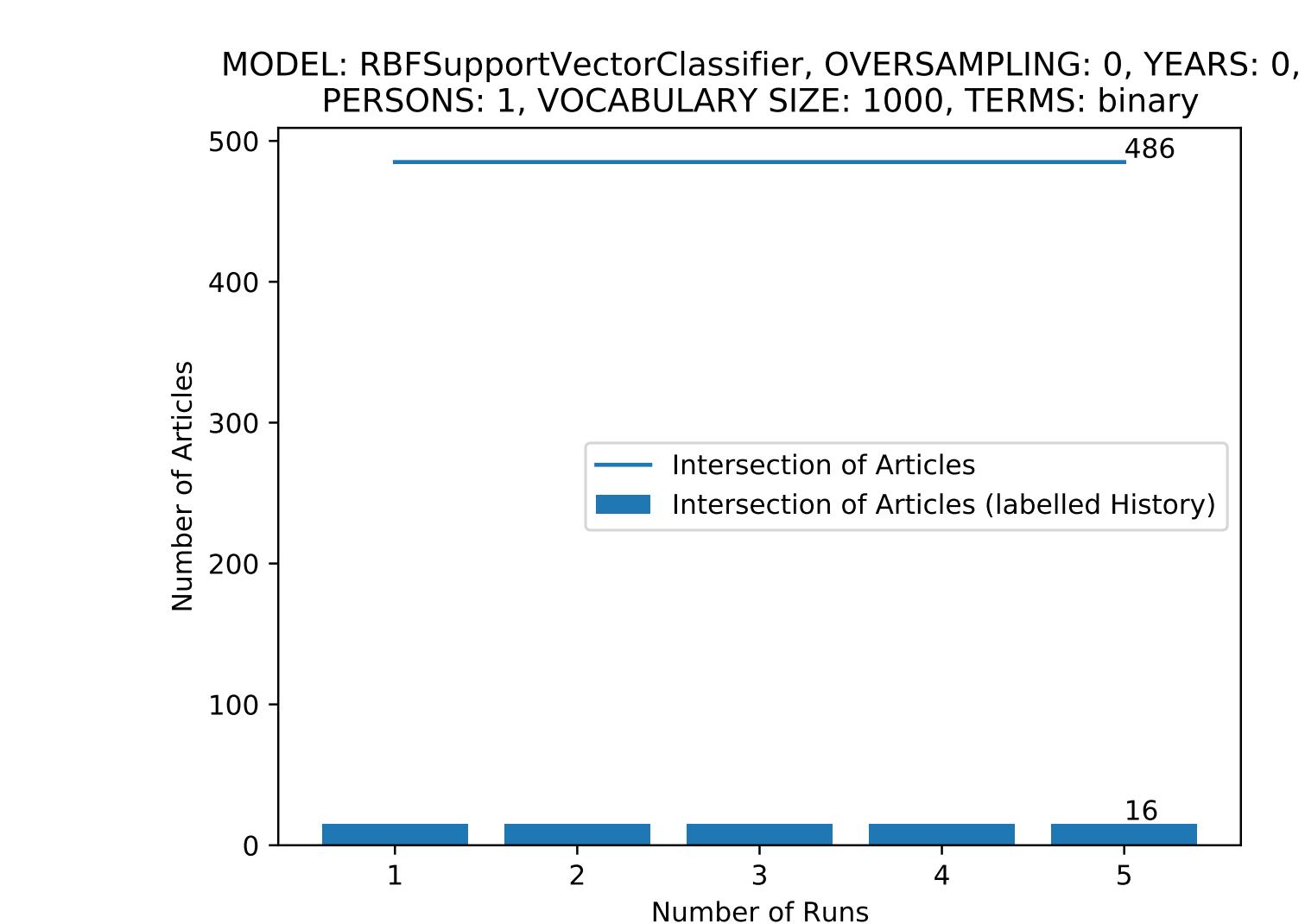
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Classification

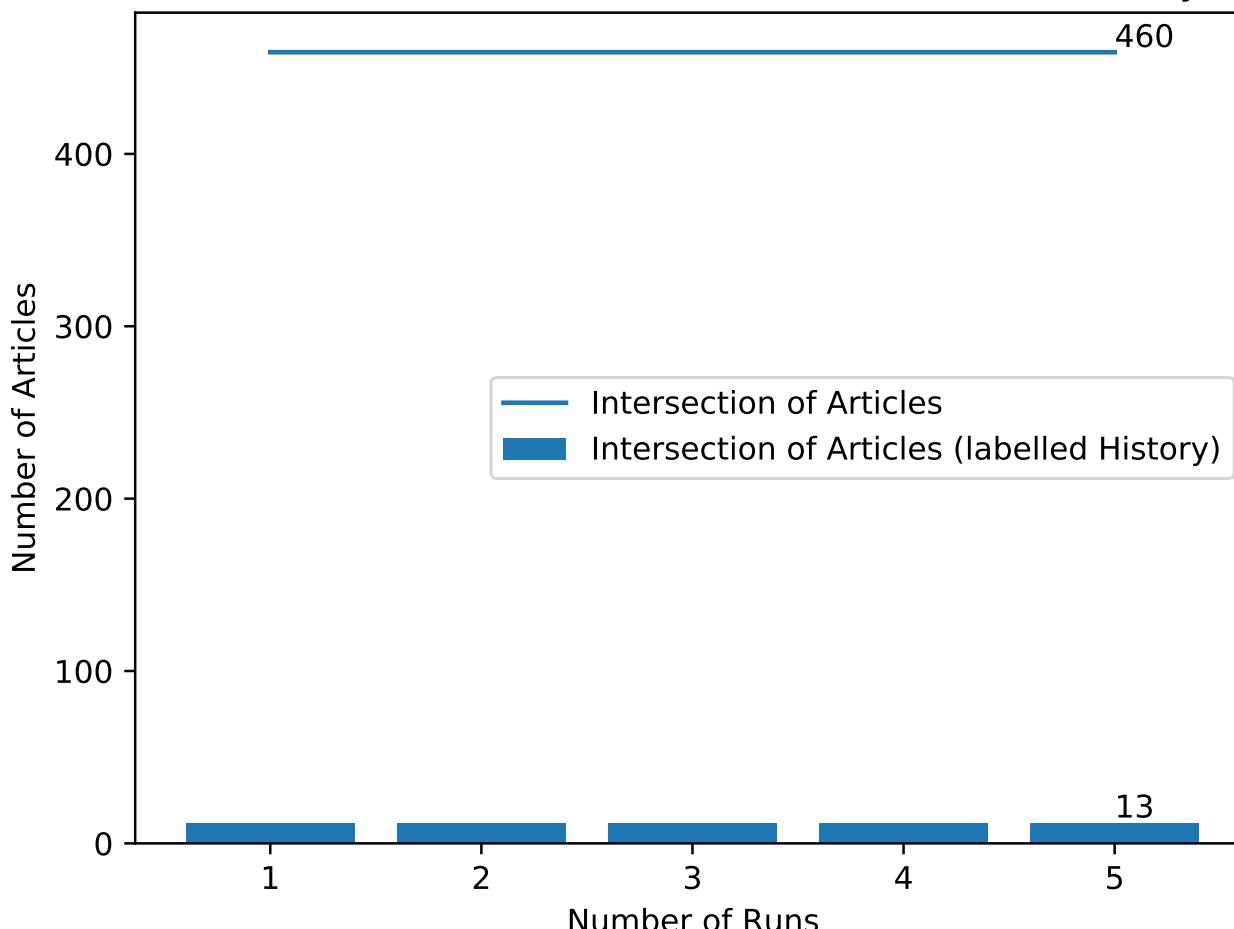
RBF Support Vector Machine



Classification

GradientBoostingClassifier

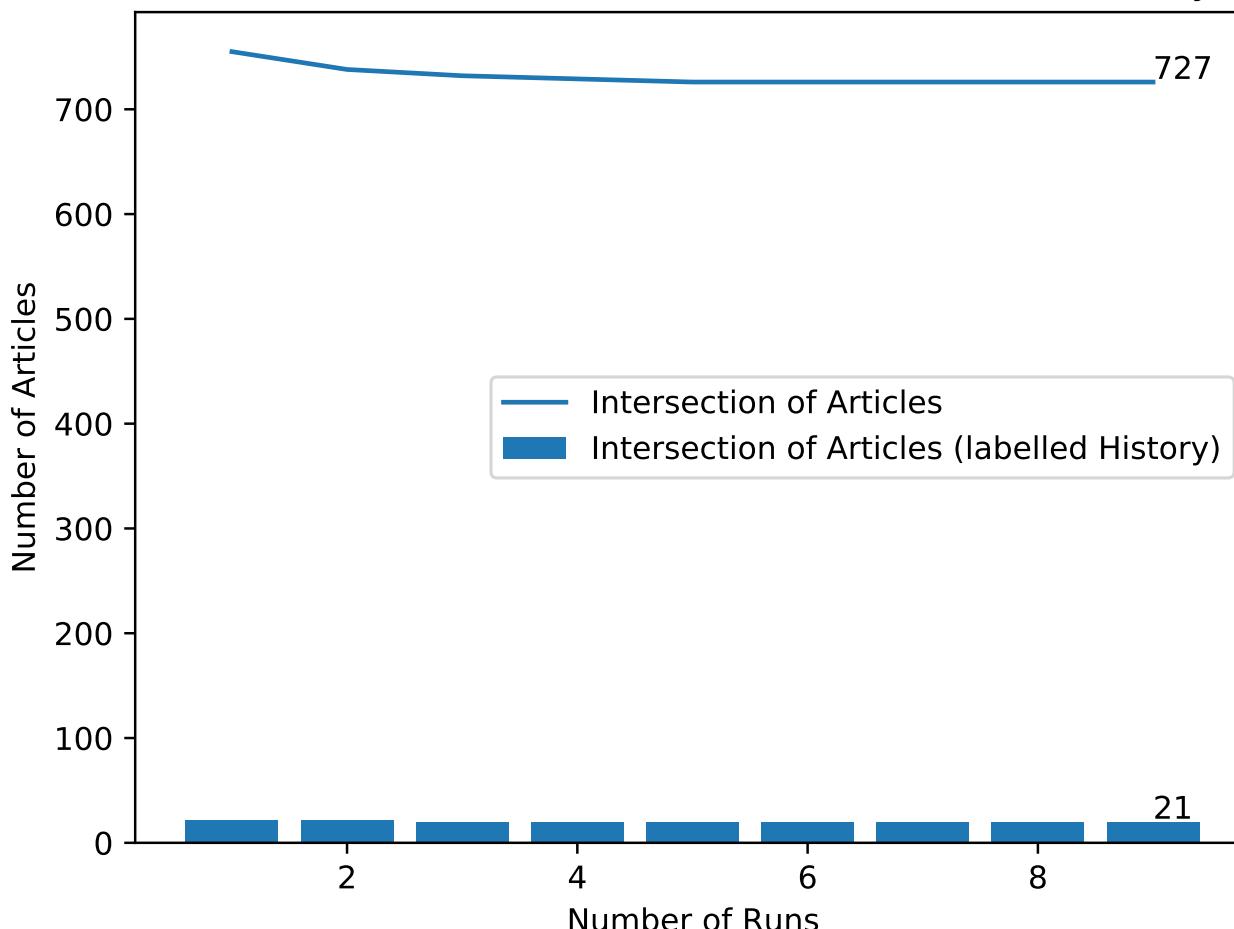
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Classification

MultiLevelPerceptronClassifier

MODEL: MultiLevelPerceptronClassifier, OVERSAMPLING: 0, YEARS: 0,
PERSONS: 0, VOCABULARY SIZE: 10000, TERMS: binary



Classification

Trial & Issues

- Trial above classifiers against articles without designated history sections
- Some classifiers non-deterministic: repeat, get intersection of articles of all runs, repeat until size of intersection does not decrease in five runs
- **Issue:** first setup did not include sections with less than 100 characters
- Model selection excluding sections with less than 100 characters with **slightly worse precision and/or recall for some classifiers**

Classification

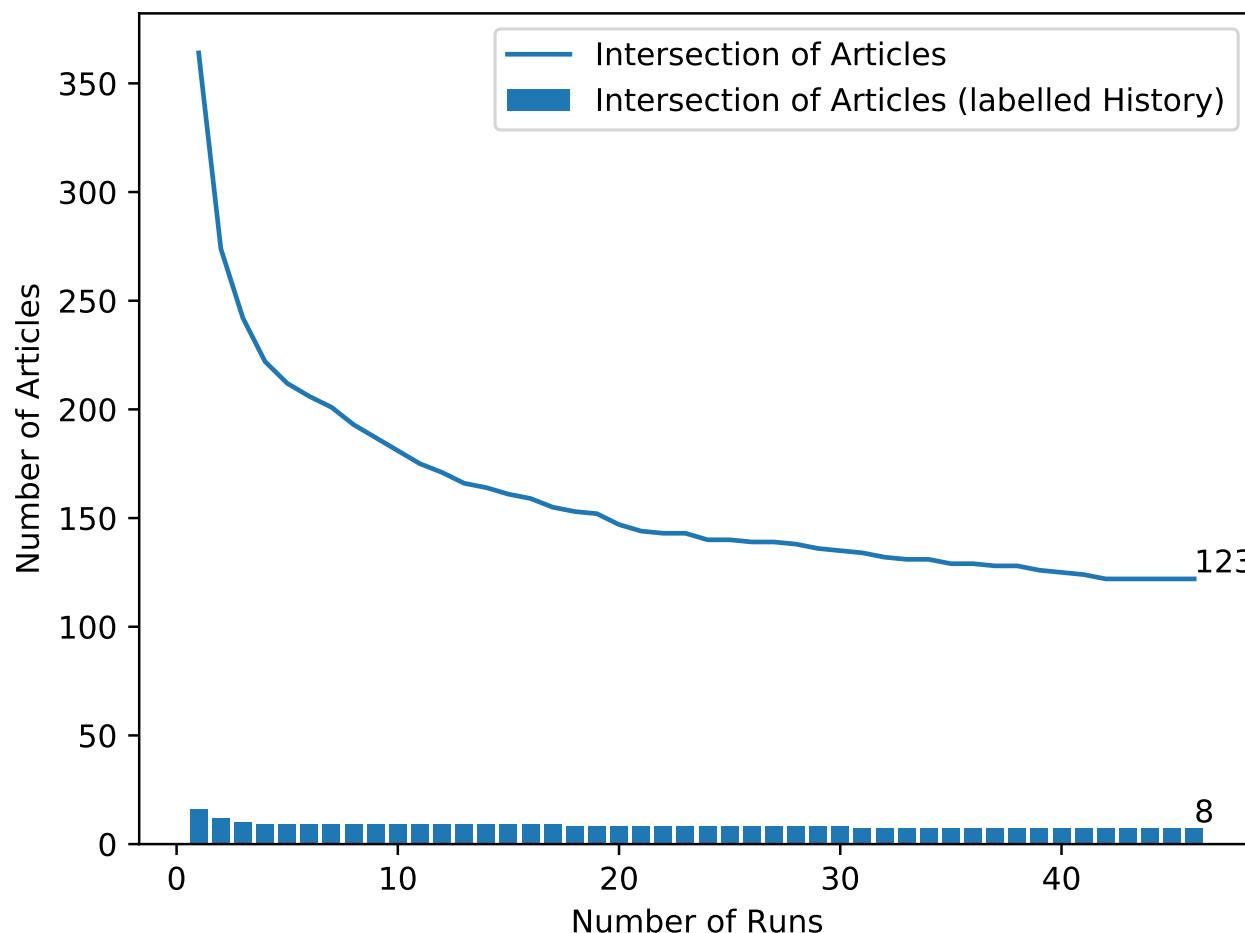
Results: Precision ≥ 0.75 , Recall ≥ 0.45 , sorted by Precision first, Recall second

	OVERSAMPLING	YEARS	PERSONS	VOCAB SIZE	TERMS	PRECISION	RECALL
ExtraTreesClassifier	0	0	0	1000	binary	0.861	0.450
RandomForestClassifier	0	1	0	1000	relative	0.857	0.482
ExtraTreesClassifier	0	1	1	1000	binary	0.855	0.461
RandomForestClassifier	0	1	1	1000	relative	0.848	0.483
ExtraTreesClassifier	0	1	0	1000	binary	0.846	0.464
ExtraTreesClassifier	0	1	1	100	relative	0.845	0.495
RBFSupportVectorClassifier	0	0	1	1000	binary	0.832	0.500
RBFSupportVectorClassifier	0	1	1	1000	binary	0.831	0.498
...
GradientBoostingClassifier	0	1	0	1000	binary	0.805	0.546
GradientBoostingClassifier	0	0	0	10000	relative	0.805	0.543
...
MultiLevelPerceptronClassifier	0	1	1	10000	binary	0.761	0.598
...

Classification

Random Forest Classifier

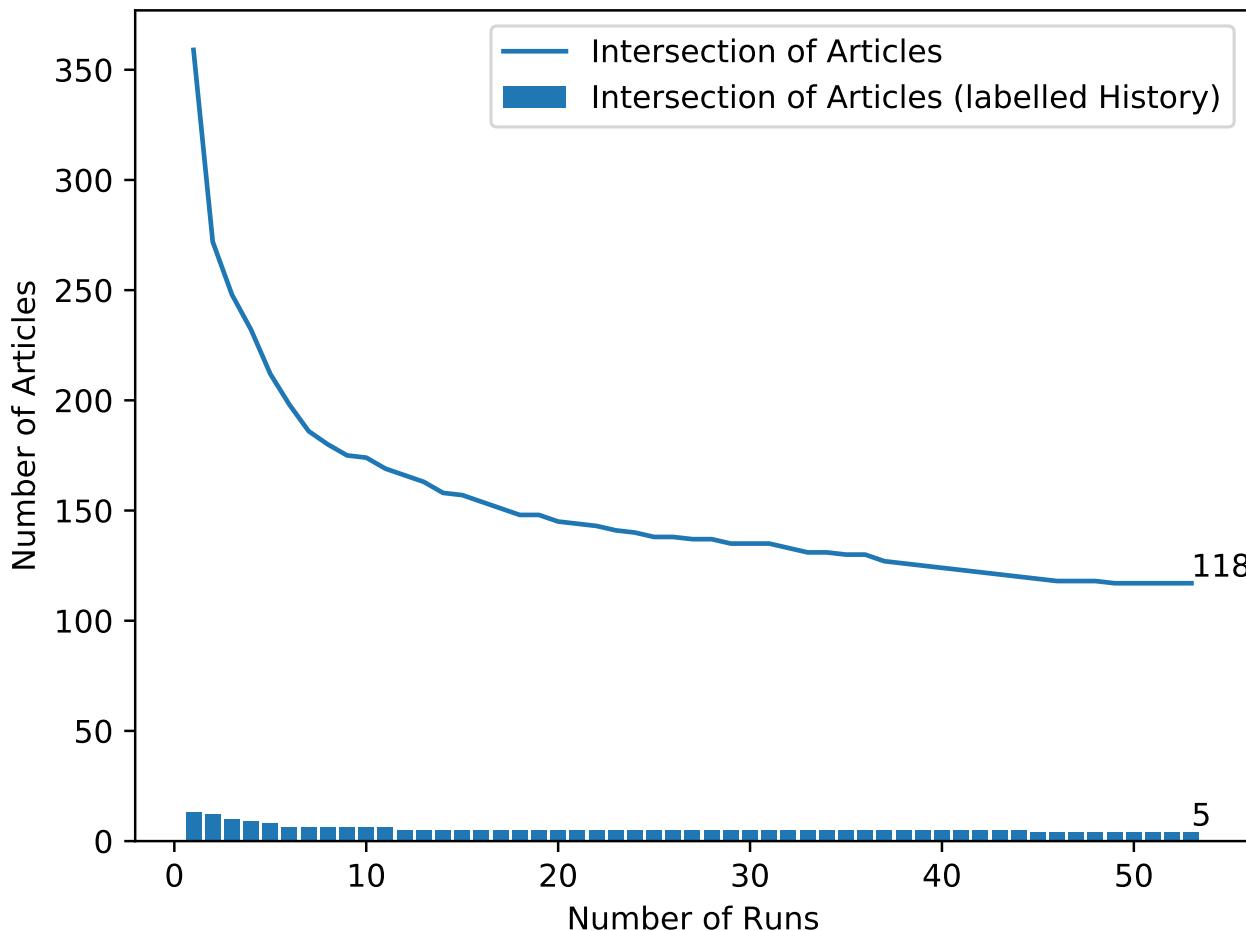
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Classification

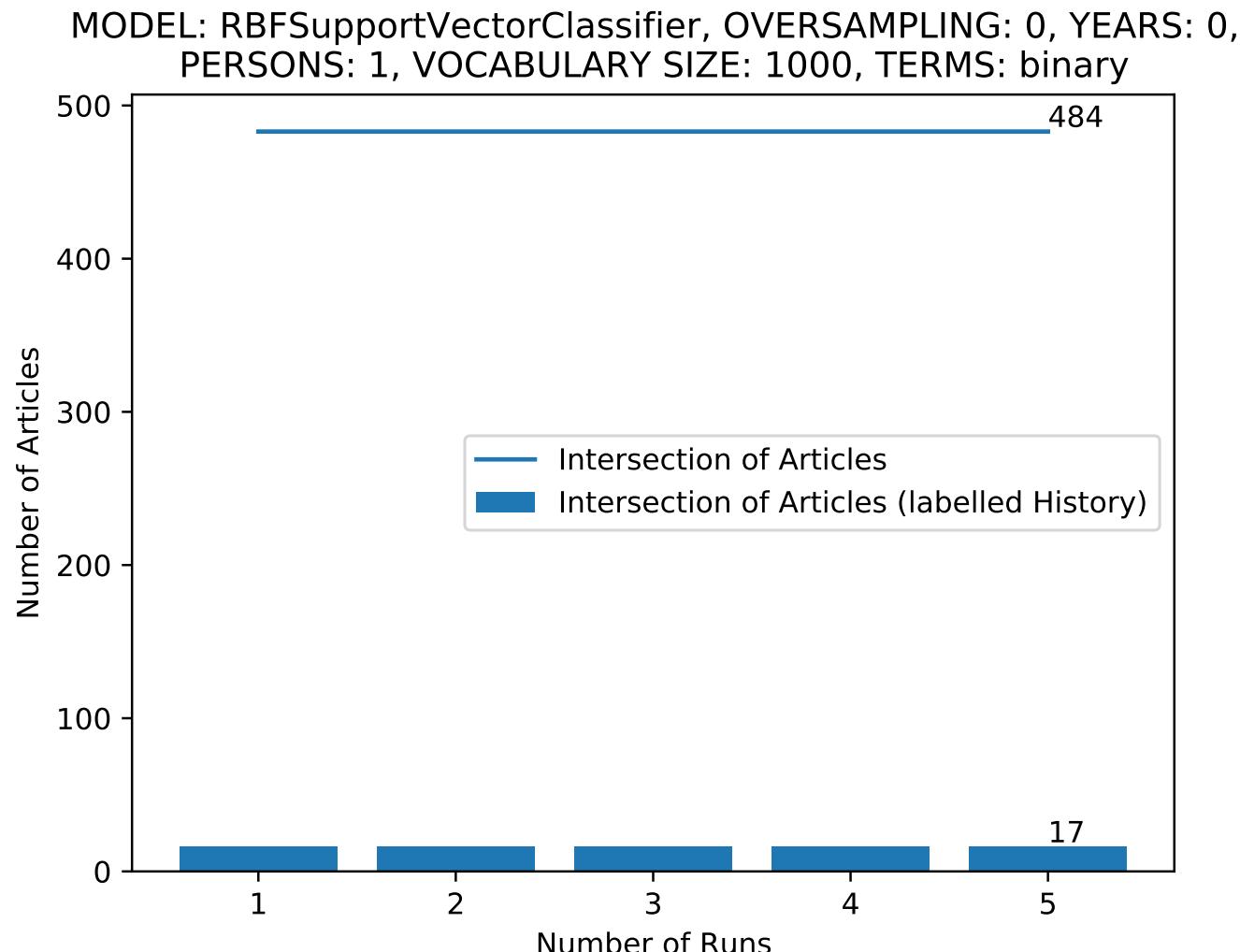
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Classification

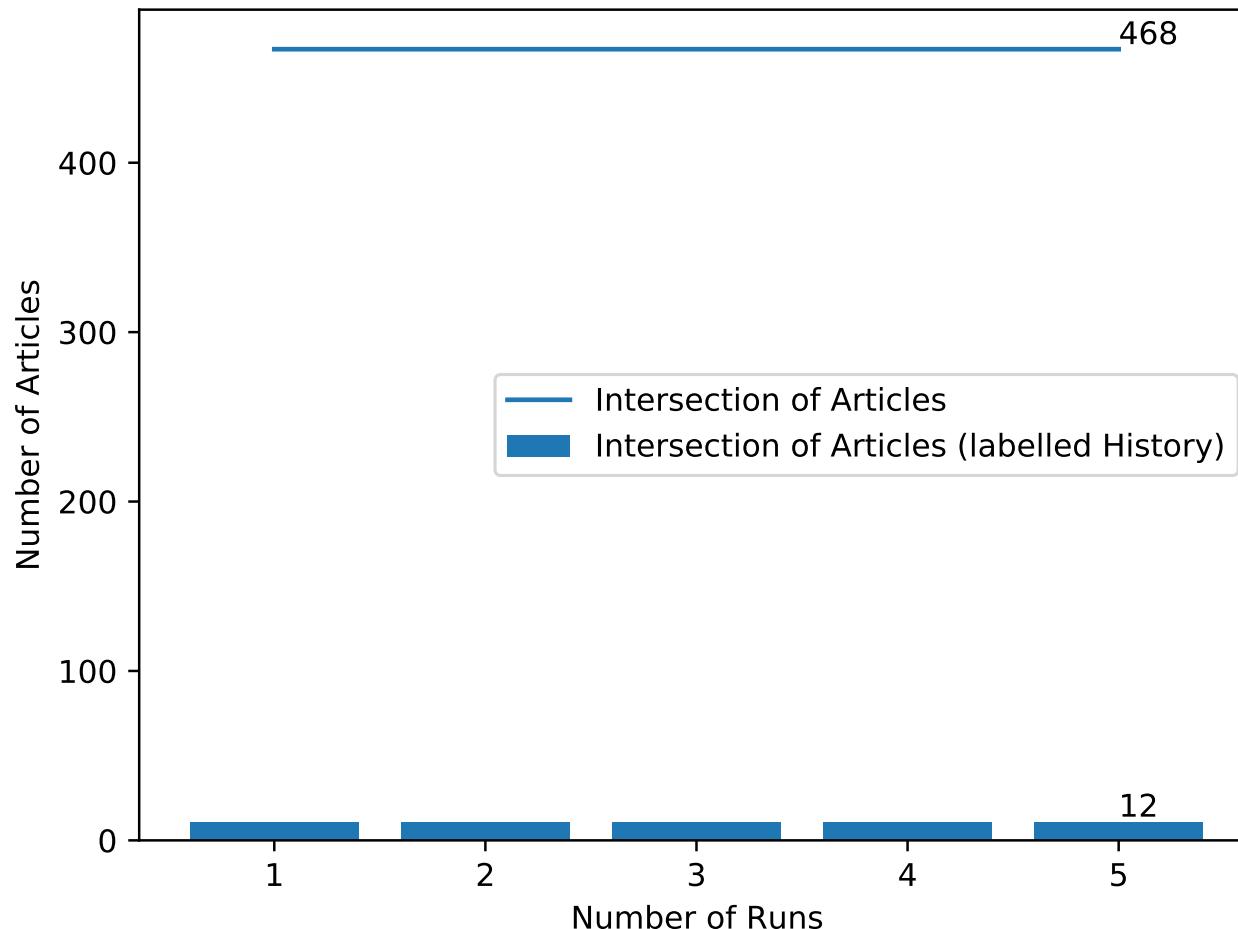
RBF Support Vector Machine



Classification

GradientBoostingClassifier

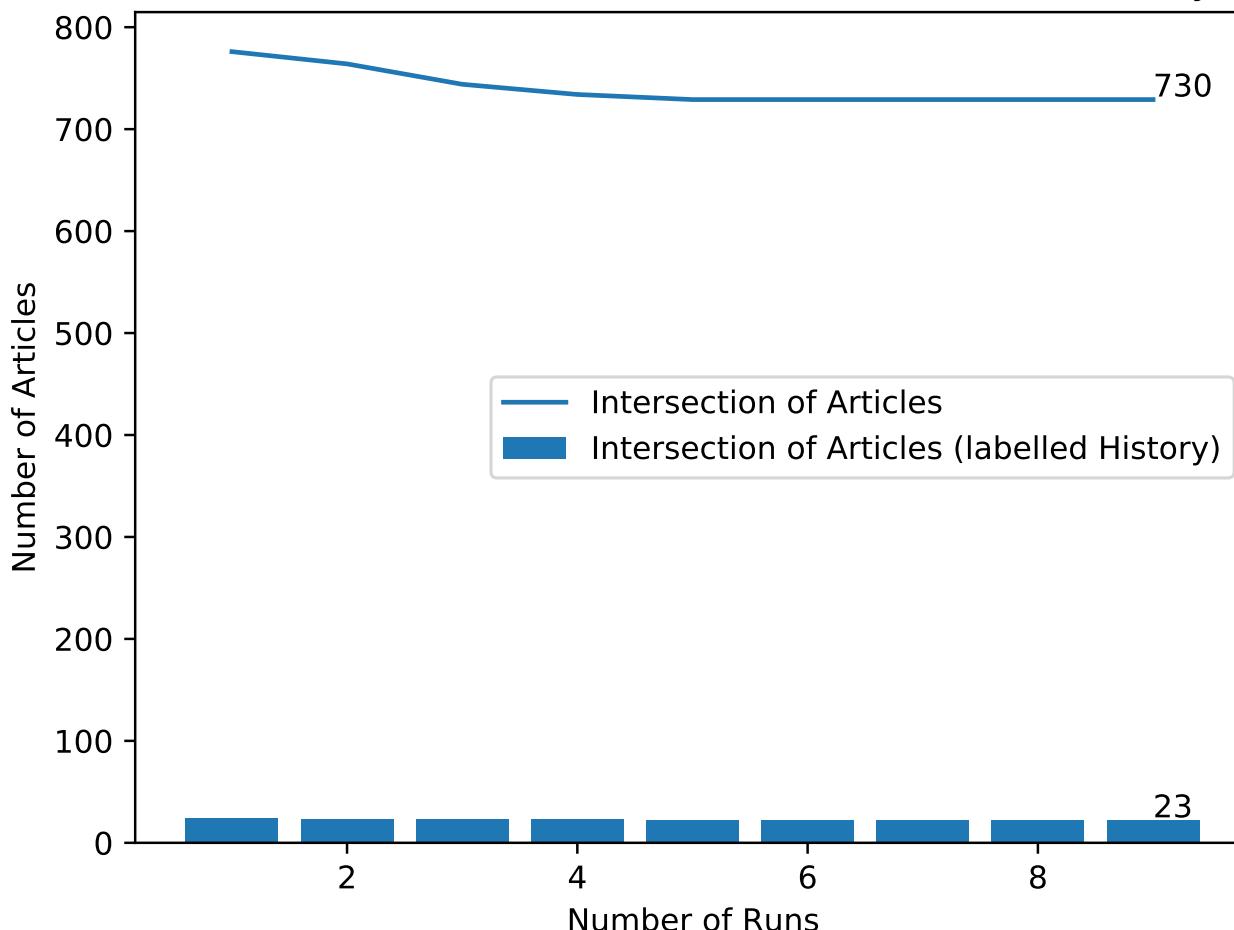
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PERSONS: 1, VOCABULARY SIZE: 1000, TERMS: binary



Classification

MultiLevelPerceptronClassifier

MODEL: MultiLevelPerceptronClassifier, OVERSAMPLING: 0, YEARS: 0,
PERSONS: 0, VOCABULARY SIZE: 10000, TERMS: binary



Classification

Trial & Issues

- Trial above classifiers against articles without designated history sections
- Some classifiers non-deterministic: repeat, get intersection of articles of all runs, repeat until size of intersection does not decrease in five runs
- **Issue:** first setup did not include sections with less than 100 characters
- Model selection excluding sections with less than 100 characters with **slightly worse precision and/or recall for some classifiers**
- Model selection excluding sections with less than 100 characters yielded **one more article from those determined to contain history section during first evaluation** (29 instead of 28)
- BERT:
 - including sections with < 100 characters: 393 articles, incl. 14 from those determined to contain history section during first evaluation, Precision = 0.728 and Recall = 0.347
 - excluding sections with < 100 characters: 369 articles, incl. 15 from those determined to contain history section during first evaluation, Precision = 0.811 and Recall = 0.368

Classification

Evaluation

- 1013 articles in evaluation pool
- 8 batches with 100 articles, 1 batch (010) with 128 (contains 29 articles from first evaluation) from Sklearn trials
- 8 labellers (7 out of 9 of first run, 1 new labeller for batch 001, no batch 007)
 - Labeller 001: 55 labelled as having a history section (54%), 5 without label
 - Labeller 002: 62 labelled as having a history section (62%), 0 without label
 - Labeller 003: 82 labelled as having a history section (82%), 2 without label
 - Labeller 004: 0 labelled as having a history section (0%), 27 without label
 - labelled again: 56 labelled as having a history section (56%), 1 without label
 - Labeller 005: 76 labelled as having a history section (82%), 4 without label
 - Labeller 006: 61 labelled as having a history section (61%), 6 without label
 - Labeller 008: 37 labelled as having a history section (37%), 0 without label
 - Labeller 009: 55 labelled as having a history section (55%), 0 without label
 - Labeller 010: 64 labelled as having a history section (65%), 0 without label
- No inter-labeller agreement; batch 005 (partially), 009, 010 labelled by me
- Batches 011 (68) and 012 (17) for additional BERT articles labelled by me

Classification

Evaluation

- Precision and recall (615 articles labelled to contain history section):

	T		1		2		3		4		5	
	P	R	P	R	P	R	P	R	P	R	P	R
RandomForestClassifier	0.86	0.48	0.82	0.16	0.72	0.14	0.54	0.11	0.30	0.06	0.68	0.14
ExtraTreesClassifier	0.86	0.45	0.73	0.14	0.64	0.12	0.40	0.08	0.25	0.05	0.55	0.12
RBFSupportVectorClassifier	0.83	0.50	0.61	0.48	0.59	0.46	0.52	0.41	0.29	0.23	0.57	0.36
GradientBoostingClassifier	0.81	0.55	0.60	0.45	0.57	0.43	0.48	0.37	0.29	0.22	0.54	0.35
MultiLevelPerceptronClassifier	0.76	0.60	0.51	0.61	0.46	0.55	0.35	0.42	0.20	0.23	0.43	0.48
BERT	0.81	0.37	0.59	0.35	0.55	0.33	0.46	0.28	0.22	0.13	0.52	0.26

T - as per test run on articles with designated history section

1 - at least one section labelled by classifier labelled by labeller:

classifier: A (46x), B (10x) vs labeller: B, C

2 - section name most frequently labelled by classifier labelled by labeller:

classifier: A (46x), B (10x) vs labeller: A, C

3 - classifier section names is subset of labeller section names:

classifier: A (46x), B (10x) vs labeller: A, B, C

4 - classifier and labeller labelled same sections:

classifier: A (46x), B (10x) vs labeller: A, B

5 - mean (sum of precision/recall of each article devided by number of articles/615):

classifier: A (46x), B (10x), E (7x), F (5x) vs labeller: A, B, C, D → P = 0.5, R = 0.5

Conclusion

- Heuristics sufficient to find science & technology articles
- Classifier required to find more history sections
- Evaluation yields mixed results
- Choice of P/R estimation task-dependent (high recall for manual check, high precision for automation)