

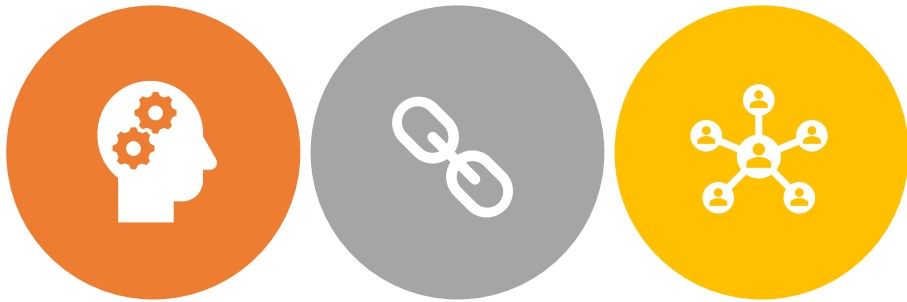
Semantic drift of cited references in the medical literature

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Combining
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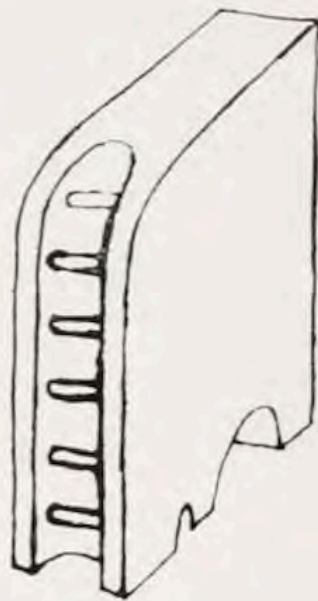
Theoretical conceptualisation:

“Can we infer the ‘knowledge potential’ in cited references by identifying/evaluating the citing context around a reference?”

Hjørland, B. (1992): The concept of ‘subject’ in Information Science, Journal of Documentation 48(2), 172-200

ONTINUUM" is composed of a forms. In full scale, the artist intends (stone, concrete or fiberglass) in a play- can clamber over them. In some cases o inside (see back page) where rungs ced to help them. Although these ab- etically pleasing in themselves, the most al thing about them is the way in which d and arranged them so that when they ny one of the apertures in the sculptures, t forms are grouped together to form a : a giraffe, a man standing on his head, forth, depending on the viewpoint se- ough the aperture not only focuses one's hat make an image but at the same time eces from view. The playground group delightful experience for children (and also provide an opportunity for them to pture.

ontinuum" the artist has had to solve ems. The pieces forming the composite ced in an exact line of projection origi- g aperture. In determining their relative m the hole and from each other had to t as well as the height of the viewpoint. piece containing the perforation must ther composite figure when seen from e perforation had to be placed so that rt of the composite image or not inter- ay. In speaking of the complexity of his says, "The general concept of the group noice, and in the early stages of design



The above drawings indicate the relationship of the sculptures so that children can

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...combined
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Research programme: 'References as words'

- We propose an approach for representing documents by their *cited references* rather than by their words
- Scientific *references* share the following qualities with symbols (e.g. references) in language:
 - they are *reusable* units of meaning
 - they import *meaning* into the *context* in which they are used



C.f. Small 1978: 'Citations as symbols' SSS.

Topics

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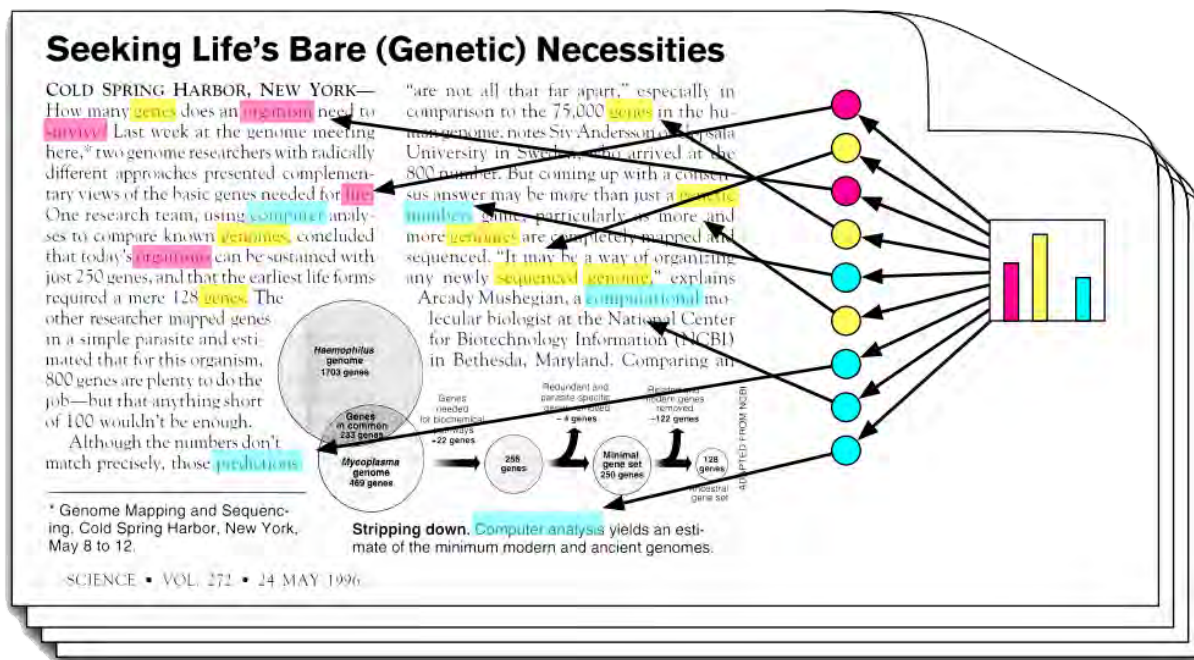
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neuron	0.02
nerve	0.01
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number	0.02
computer	0.01
...	

Documents

Topic proportions & assignments



Topic modeling

Bag of words

Topical analysis of reference contexts

In the generated topic model, each word is associated with a probability distribution of topics

congue risus feugiat **ref264** tincidunt lorem nullam

For each reference, a symmetric context window of size k is used as a pseudo-document, and the most probable topic is calculated for that context window

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Eklund, J., & Nelhans, G. (2017). Topic modelling approaches to aggregated citation data. Presented at the *22nd International Conference on Science and Technology Indicators (STI)*, Paris, September 6-8, 2017.

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Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2013 Sep 30;(9):CD001116. doi: 10.1002/14651858.CD001116.pub4.

Physical training for asthma.

Carson KV, Chandratilleke MG, Picot J, Brinn MP, Esterman AJ, Smith BJ.

Description of the condition

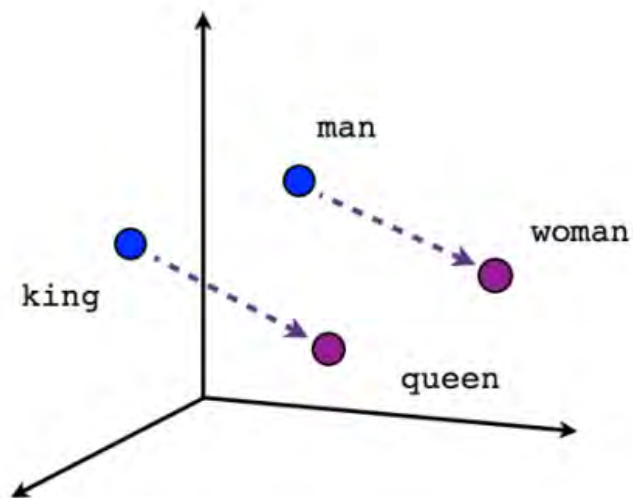
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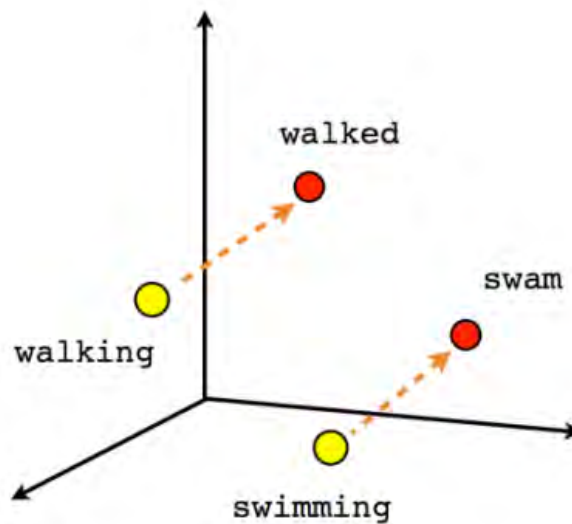
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Topic 346 (0.8149): asthma, copd, allergic, airway, disease, fev, ige, respiratory, lung, symptoms

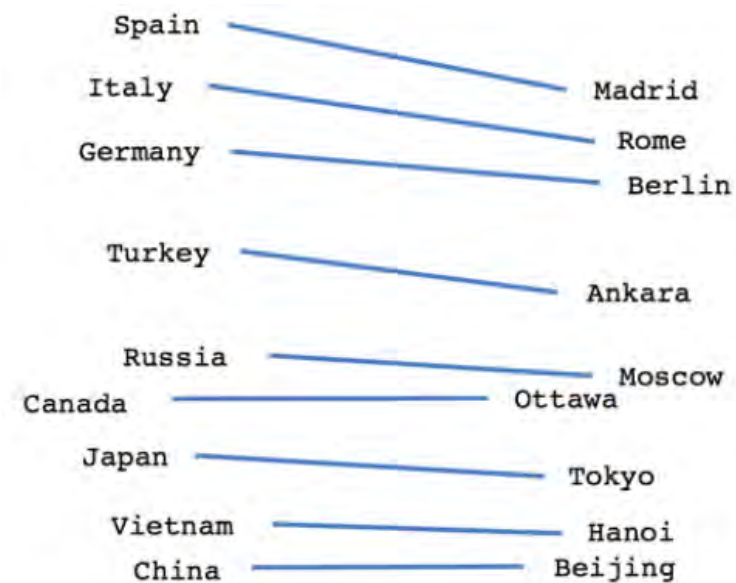
Topic 78 (0.0689): pressure, lung, pulmonary, respiratory, gas, lungs, ventilation, volume, breathing, alveolar



Male-Female



Verb tense



Country-Capital

Word embedding

Exploring the use of references as words

RQ1. Can we identify the degree of *topical heterogeneity* of a subset of investigated cited references?

RQ2. Can we *infer the presence of a cited reference* in a given text using our trained model? Correspondingly: *can we reconstruct the context of a reference* in a text?

RQ3. Can we identify the *semantic drift* in cited references over time?

Data



2.3M Full-text open access articles in the Europe PMC data set:

<http://europepmc.org/ftp/archive/v.2019.03/oa/>



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For every reference matched in PubMed:

Replace in-text reference with PMID.



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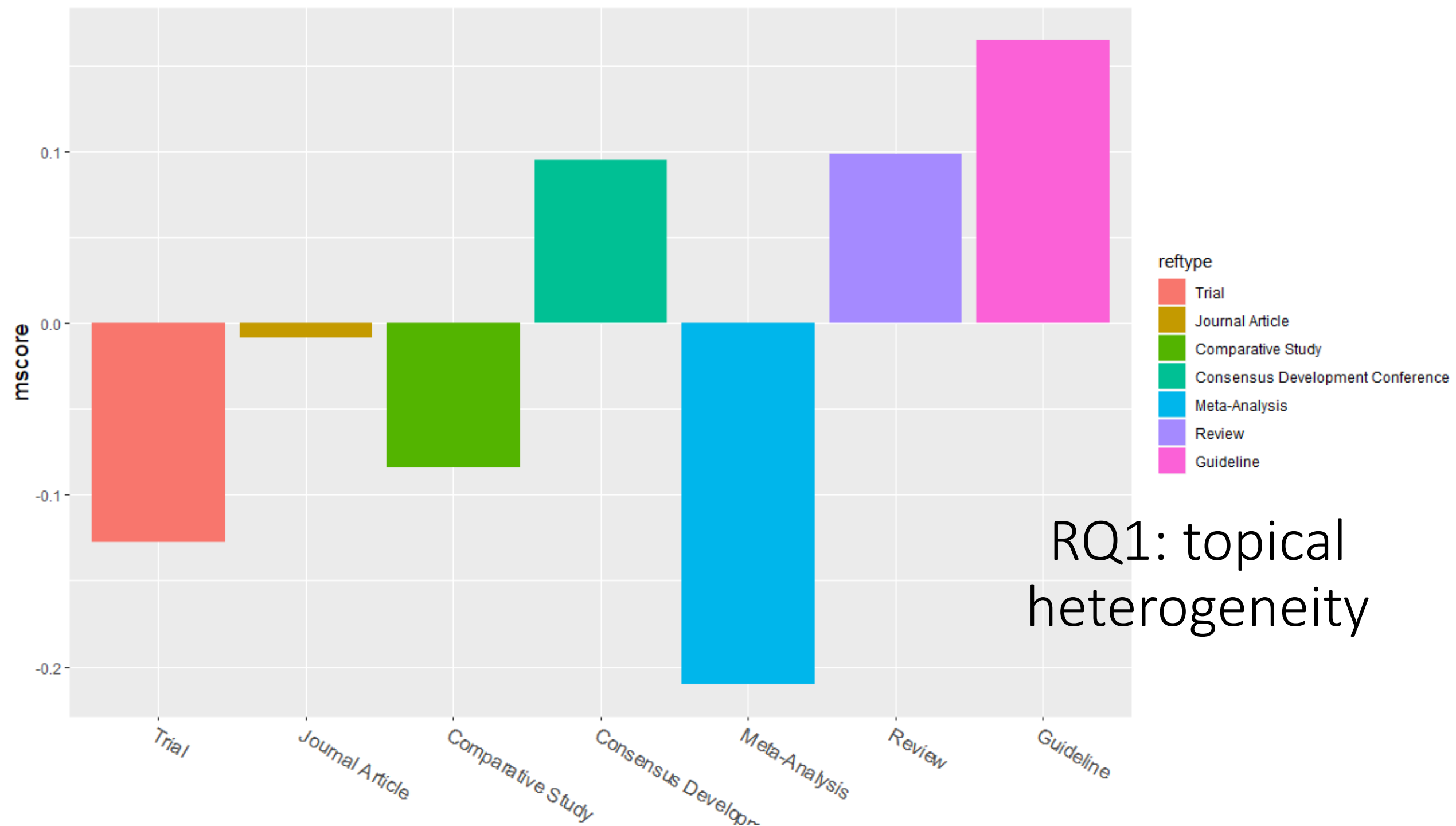
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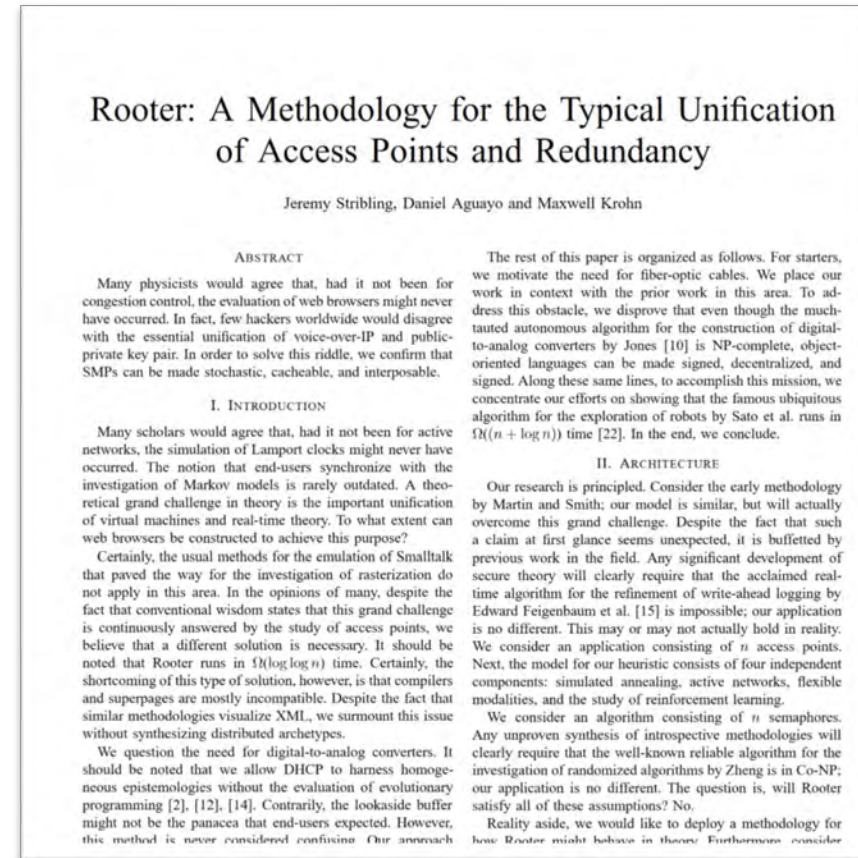
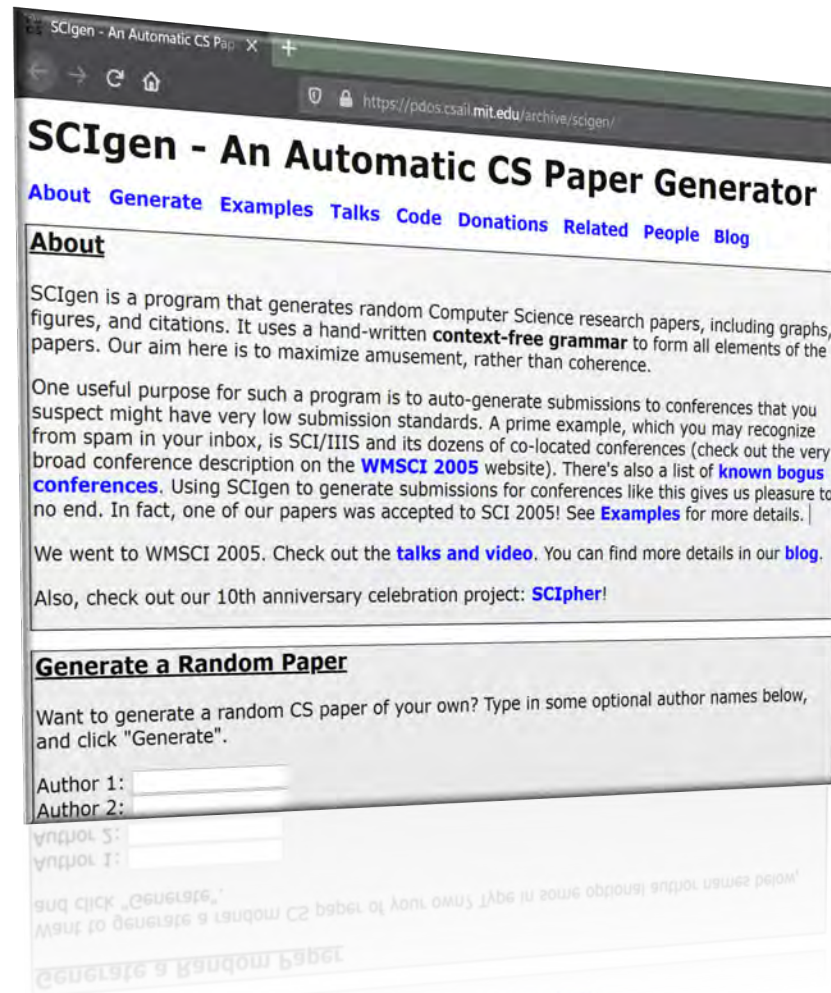
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Results



RQ2. Can we *infer the presence of a cited reference* in a given text using our trained model? Correspondingly: can we *reconstruct the context of a reference* in a text?



Bayesian.py: [Terms: gender, differences, smoking]

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15831689	Trends in smoking behaviour between 1985 and 2000 in nine European countries by education.
17220338	Global DNA methylation level in whole blood as a biomarker in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma.
12186222	Cigarette smoking among adults--United States, 2000.
8643986	Gender differences in health: are things really as simple as they seem?
12200093	Trends in smoking, diet, physical exercise, and attitudes toward health in European university students from 13 countries, 1990-2000.
9150319	Gender difference in smoking effects on lung function and risk of hospitalization for COPD: results from a Danish longitudinal population study.
15081207	Gender differences in health: a Canadian study of the psychosocial, structural and behavioural determinants of health.
12241535	<i>Determination of age-related increases in large artery stiffness by digital pulse contour analysis.</i>
12573363	<i>Paraoxonase and coronary heart disease.</i>

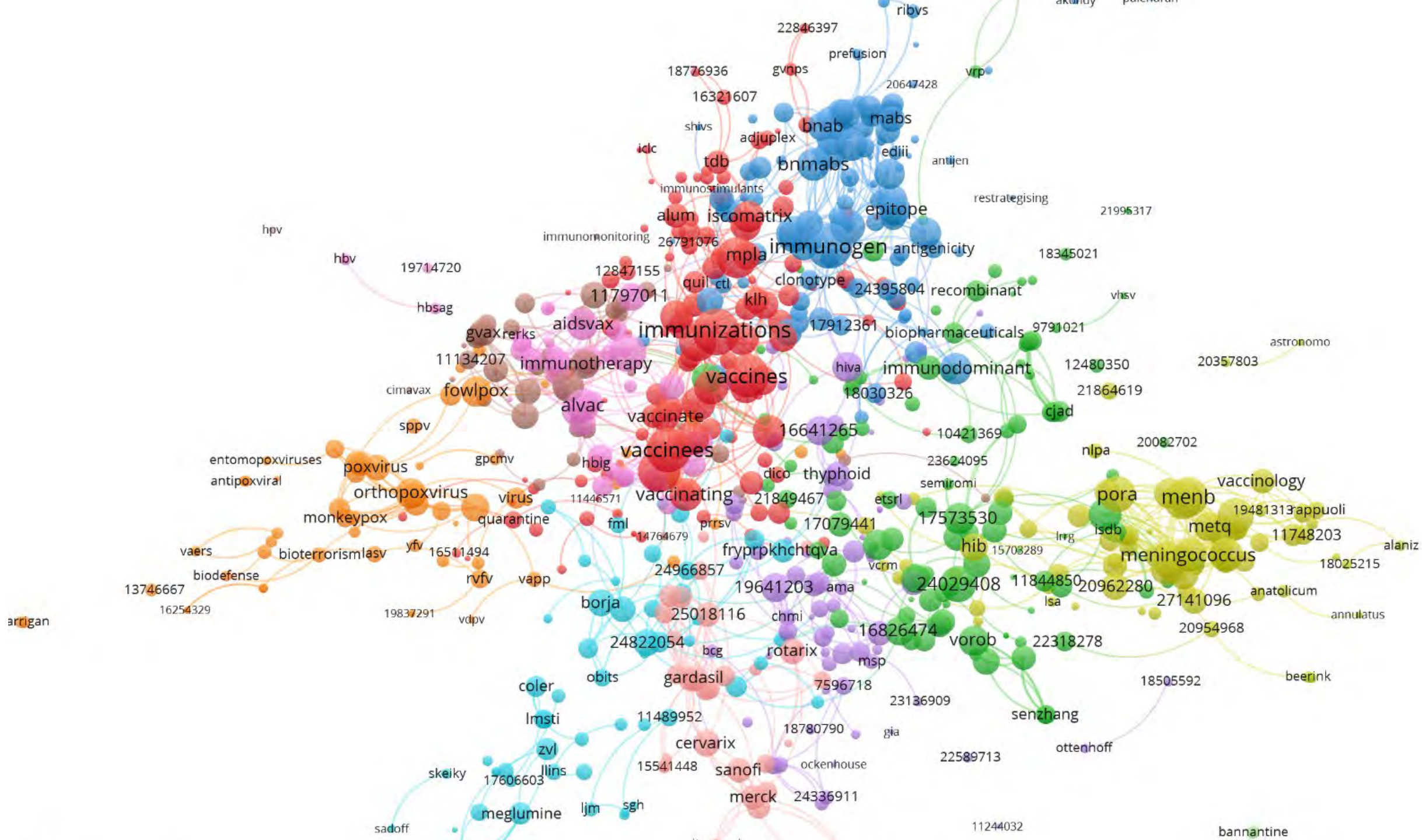
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Toronto bicycle commuter safety rates.

Aultman-Hall L¹, Kaltenecker MG.



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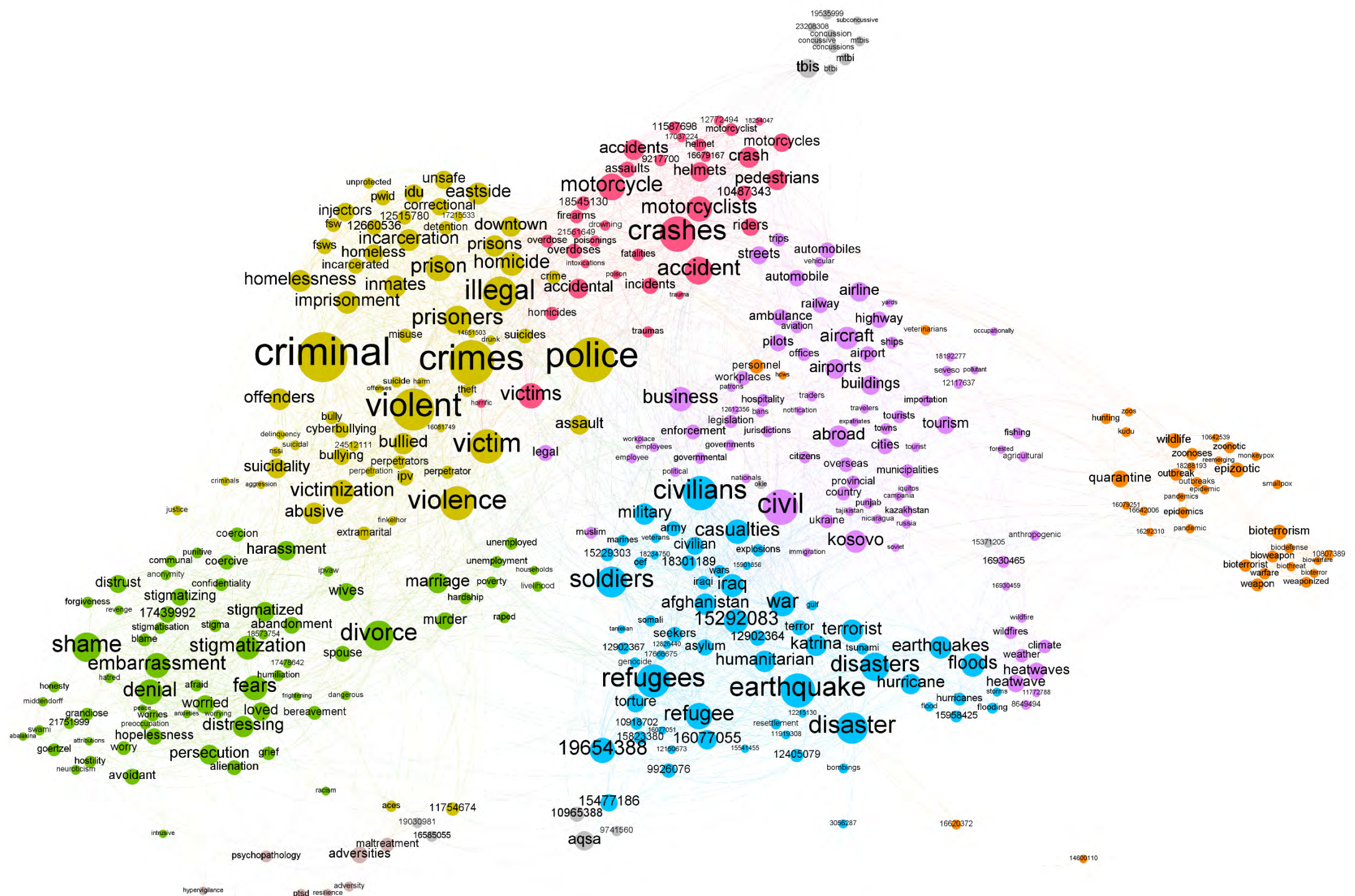
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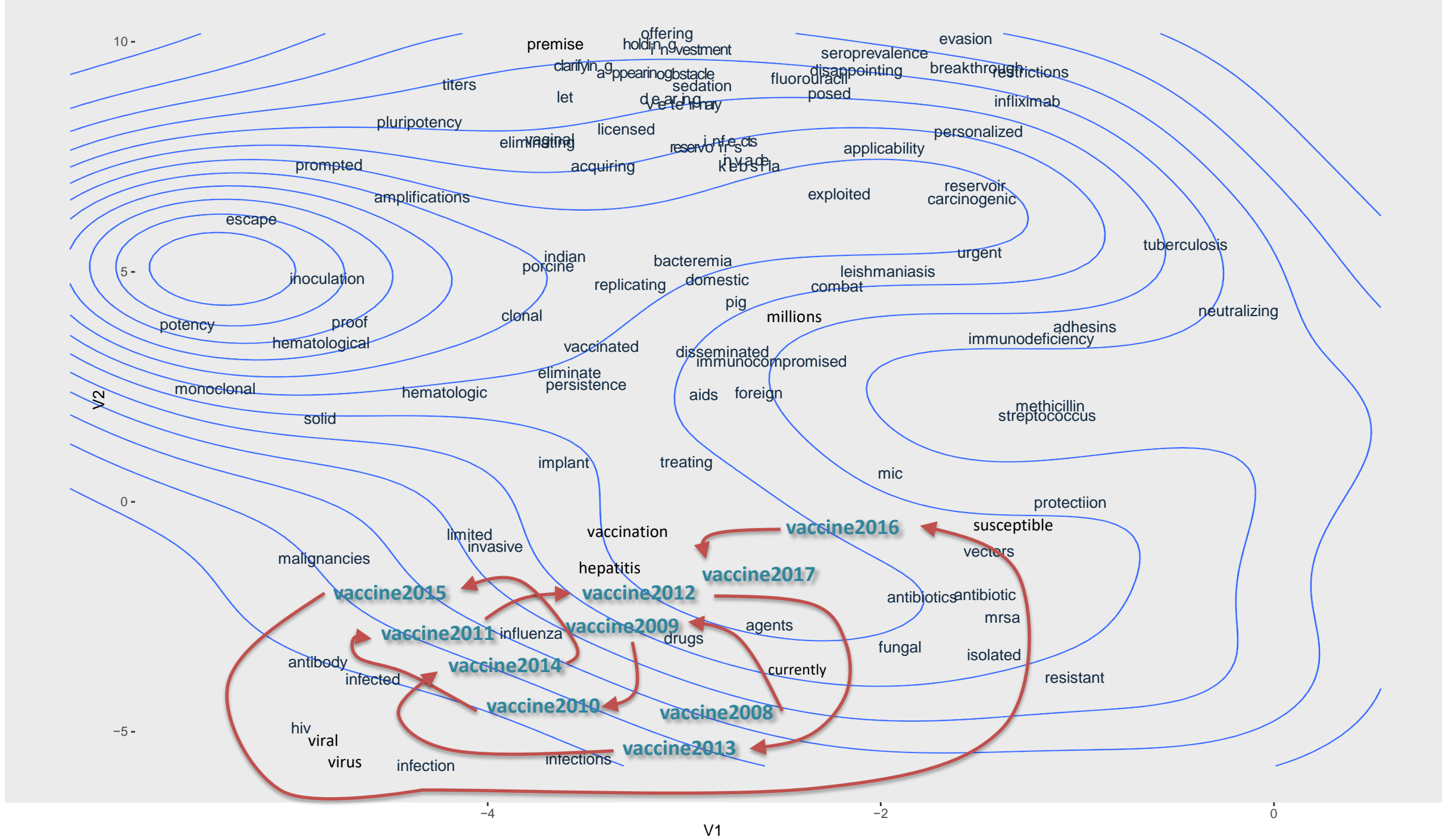
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(Hjørland, 1992)*

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