

# Graph-Enhanced Scientific Text Mining

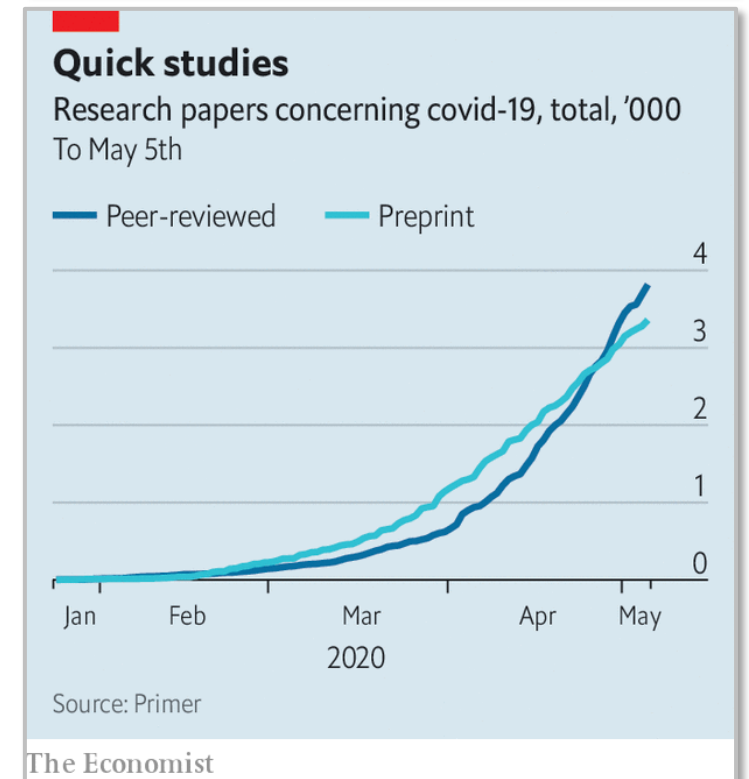
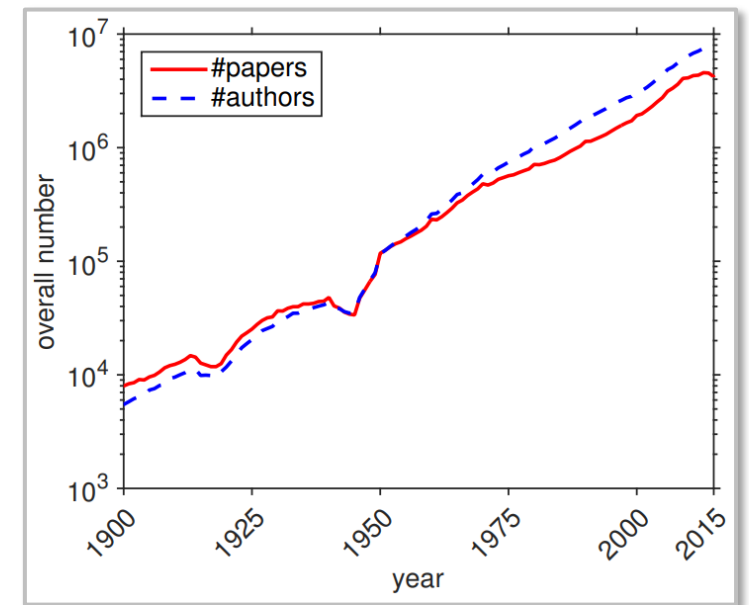
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# Explosion of Scientific Text Data

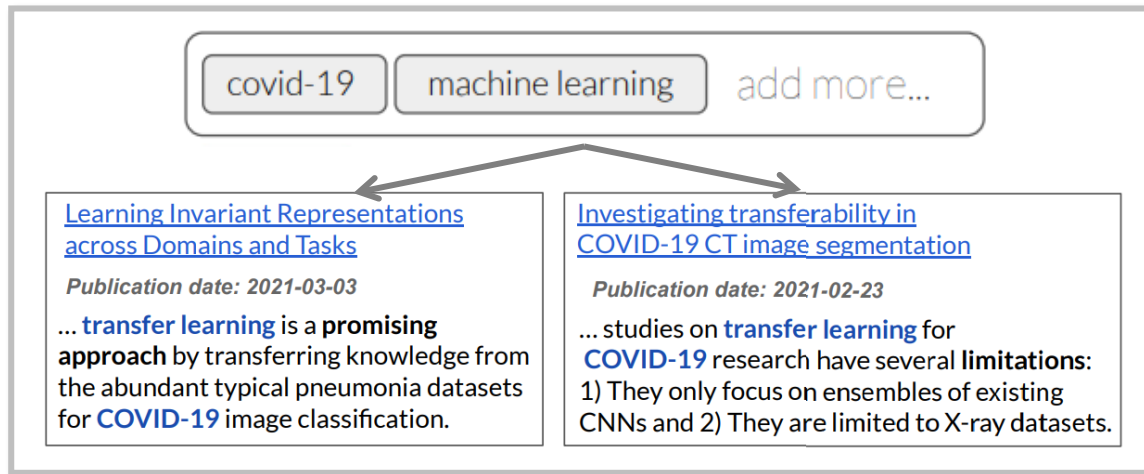
- The volume of scientific publications is growing exponentially.
  - Doubling every **12** years [1]
  - Reaching **240,000,000** in 2019 [2]
- Papers on emerging topics can be released in a torrent.
  - About **4,000 peer-reviewed** papers on COVID-19 before the end of April 2020 [3]
- How to prevent researchers from drowning in the whole literature?



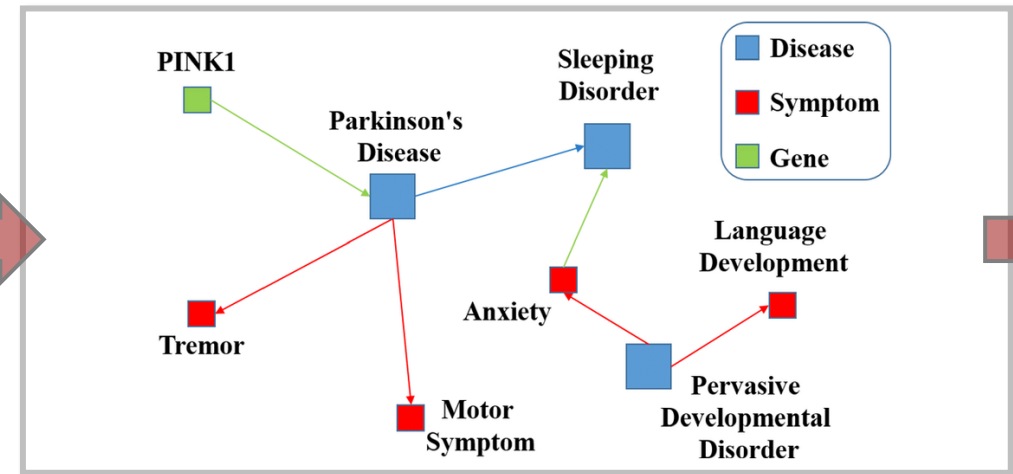
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[3] <https://www.economist.com/science-and-technology/2020/05/07/scientific-research-on-the-coronavirus-is-being-released-in-a-torrent>

# How can text mining help scientific discovery?

## Retrieving and Analyzing Relevant Literature



## Uncovering Knowledge Structures



- **Example tasks:**

- Predict the diseases, chemicals, and viruses relevant to each paper.
- Retrieve papers relevant to both “*Betacoronavirus*” and “*Paxlovid*”.
- Find papers refuting the claim “*CX3CR1* impairs *T cell survival*”.

- **Example tasks:**

- Find protein entities relevant to “*Parkinson's disease*” from relevant literature.
- Predict the relationship between “*Tremor*” and “*Sleeping Disorder*”.

# How can text mining help scientific discovery?

## Generating Hypotheses and Suggesting Directions



**Hypothesis:** Graph convolutional networks (GCNs) can effectively model polypharmacy side effects by leveraging the intricate relationships among drugs, their targets, and biological pathways encoded in drug-target interaction networks, enabling the prediction of potential adverse drug interactions and facilitating personalized medication management.



- **Example tasks:**

- Generate a new hypothesis based on the 100 most recent papers on “*Polypharmacy Side Effects*”.
- Evaluate the novelty of an idea for modeling “*Polypharmacy Side Effects*” in comparison with previous studies.

## Reviewing Research Outcomes

Reviewer Console

Bidding 1 - 4 of 4

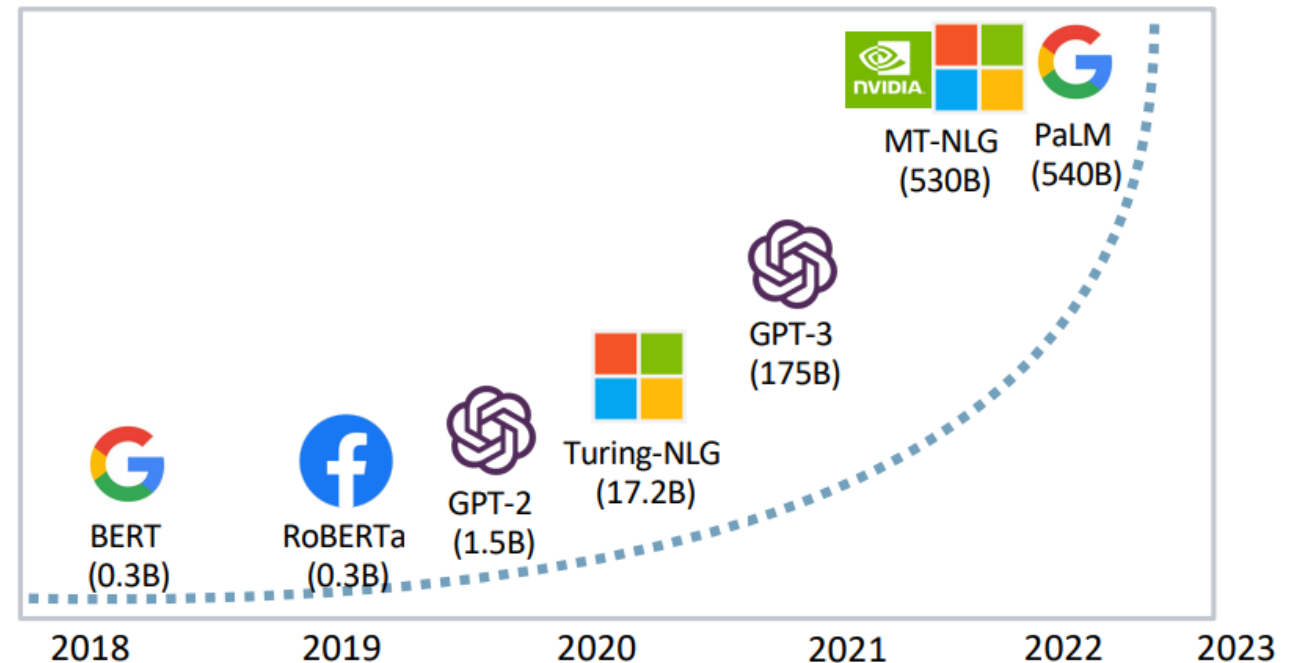
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- **Example tasks:**

- Find qualified reviewers to review a submission.
- Provide constructive feedback to a paper draft.

# Pre-trained Language Models (PLMs) for Text Mining

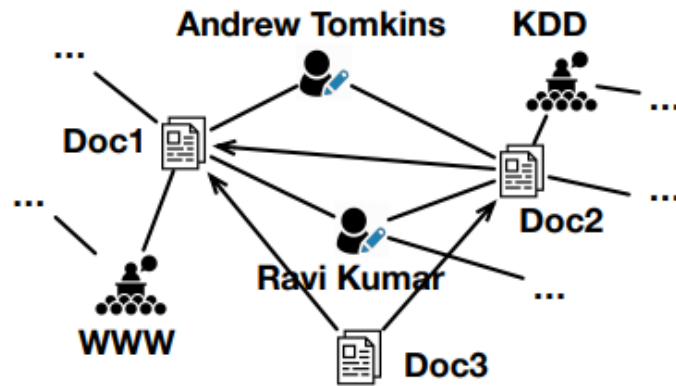
- A **unified** model to perform different text mining tasks **with a few or zero examples**
  - I went to the zoo to see giraffes, lions, and **{zebras, spoon}**. (*Lexical semantics*)
  - I was engaged and on the edge of my seat the whole time. The movie was **{good, bad}**. (*Text classification*)
  - The word for “pretty” in Spanish is **{bonita, hola}**. (*Translation*)
  - $3 + 8 + 4 = \{15, 11\}$  (*Math*)
  - ...



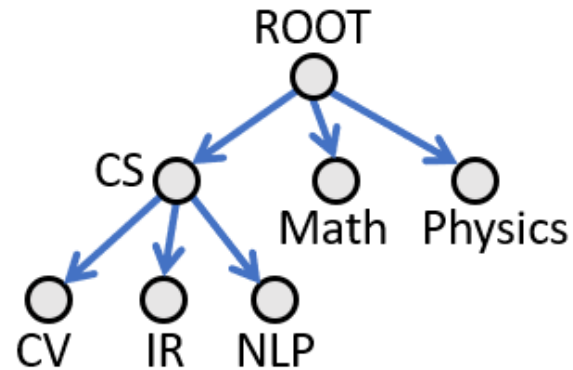
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Are PLMs aware of **graph information**?

# Graph Information Associated with Scientific Text



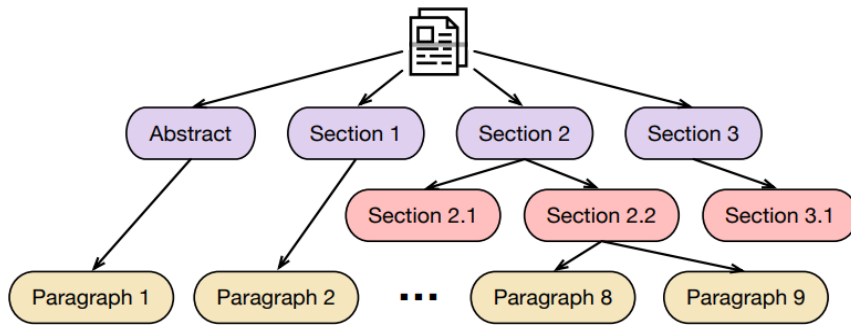
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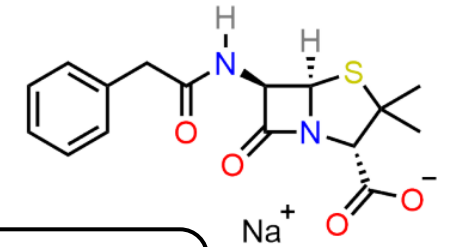
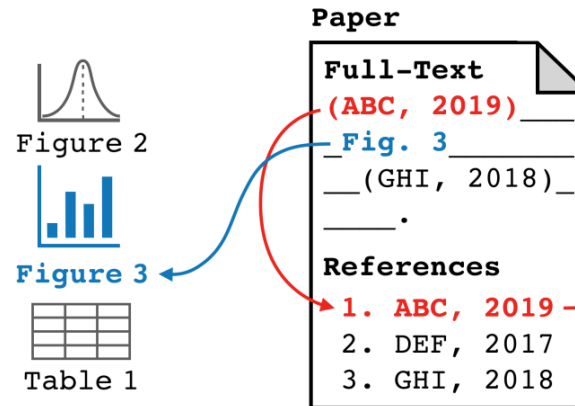
Hierarchy/Taxonomy



Knowledge Graph



In-Document Structure



Penicillin G Sodium is the sodium salt form of benzylpenicillin.

Text-Paired Molecule

# PLMs may not be graph-aware!

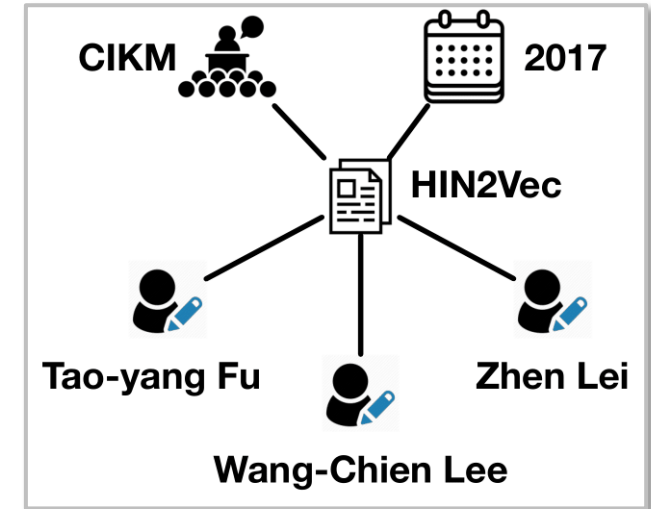
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**ChatGPT**  
As of my last update in January 2022, I don't have the real-time citation information, but one of the highly cited papers from WWW 2017 is:

**Title:** "HIN2Vec: Explore Meta-paths in Heterogeneous Information Networks for Representation Learning"

**Authors:** Cheng Yang, Zhiyuan Liu, Deli Zhao, Maosong Sun, Edward Y. Chang

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HIN2Vec was published in **CIKM 2017**.





HIN2Vec was written by **Tao-yang Fu, Wang-Chien Lee, and Zhen Lei**.

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The most cited paper from the WWW 2017 conference is "Attention Is All You Need" by Ashish Vaswani, Noam Shazeer, Niki Parmar, Jakob Uszkoreit, Llion Jones, Aidan N. Gomez, Łukasz Kaiser, and Illia Polosukhin. This paper introduced the Transformer model, which has had a significant impact on the fields of natural language processing and machine learning ([Nature](#)) ([Nature](#)) ([MIT Press Direct](#)).

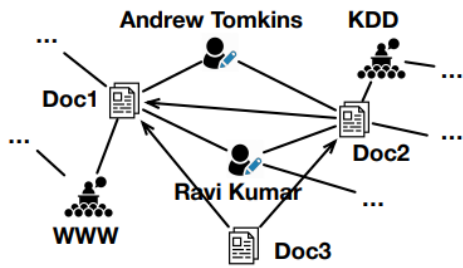
   

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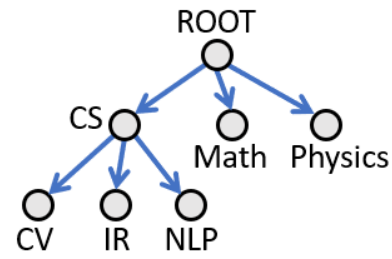
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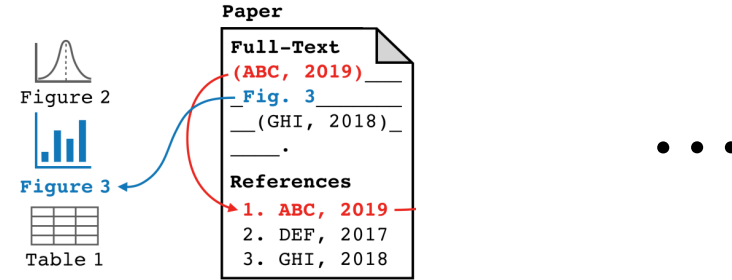
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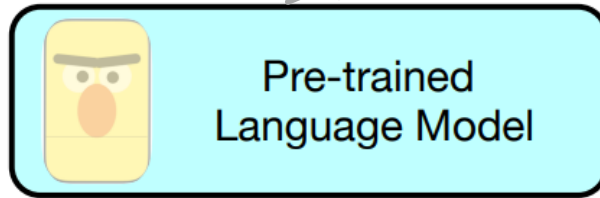


Hierarchy/Taxonomy



In-Document Structure

Injecting graph information into language models



Benefiting fundamental scientific text mining tasks

Facilitating real and complex scientific applications

Paper Classification

Literature Retrieval

Link Prediction

Advanced Scientific Applications



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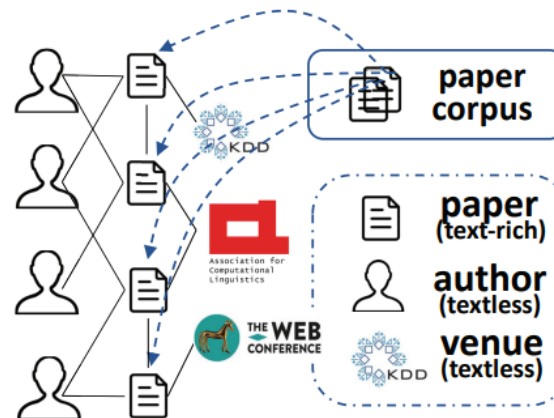
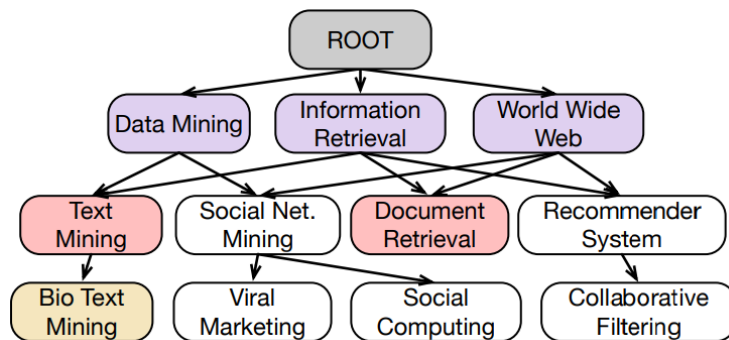
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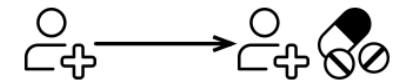
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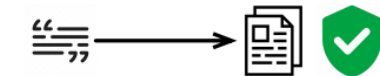
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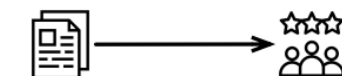
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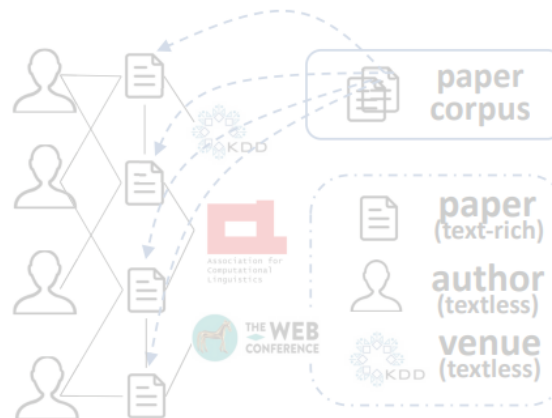
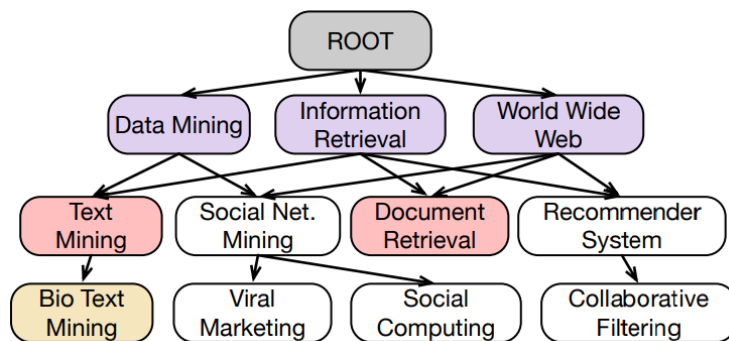
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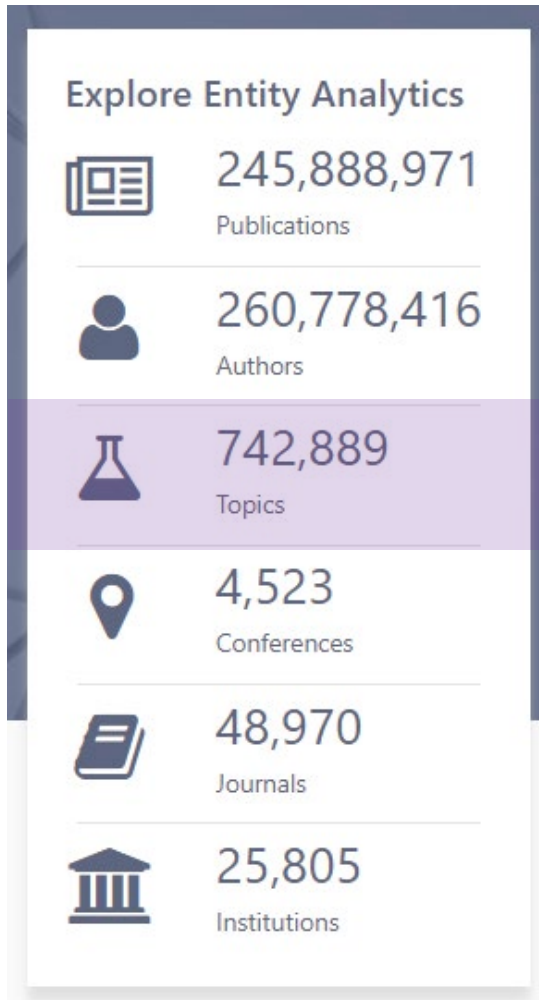
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# Extremely Fine-Grained Scientific Paper Classification



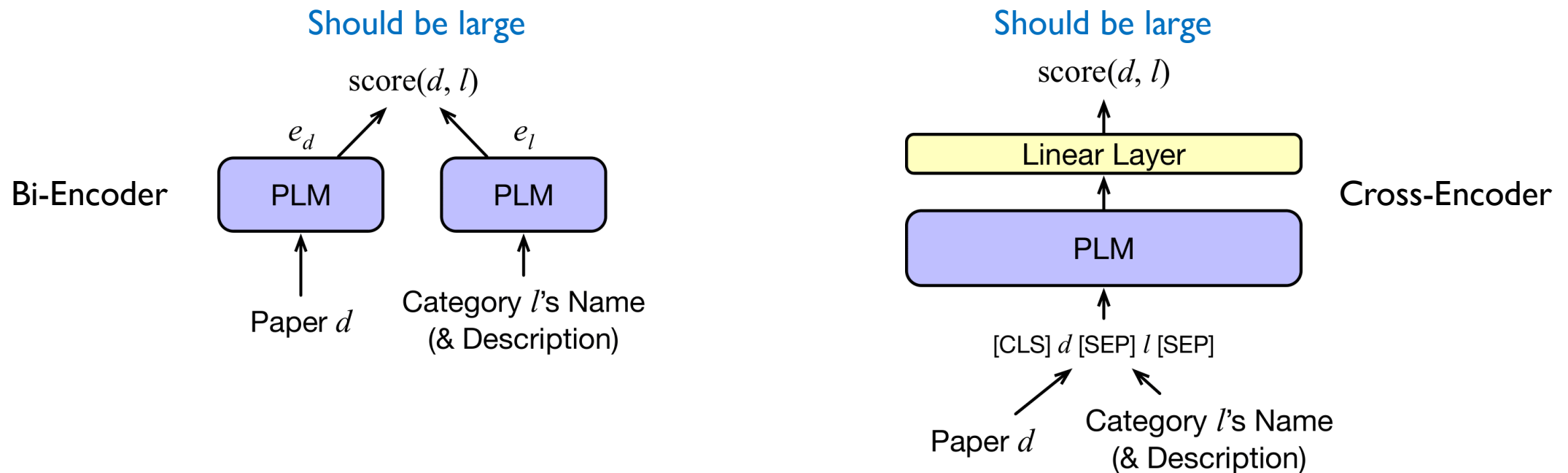
- The Microsoft Academic Graph has **740K+** categories.
- The Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) for indexing PubMed papers contain **30K+** categories.
- Each paper can be relevant to **more than one** category (5-15 categories for most papers).

 Clinical course and risk factors for mortality of adult inpatients with COVID-19 in Wuhan, China: a retrospective cohort study.

- **Relevant categories:** Betacoronavirus, Cardiovascular Diseases, Comorbidity, Coronavirus Infections, Fibrin Fibrinogen Degradation Products, Mortality, Pandemics, Patient Isolation, Pneumonia, ...

# If we could have some training data ...

- We could use relevant (paper, category) pairs to fine-tune a pre-trained language model.
- Both **Bi-Encoder** and **Cross-Encoder** are applicable.



- However, human-annotated training samples are **NOT available** in many cases!
  - We are asking annotators to find  $\sim 10$  relevant categories from  $\sim 100,000$  candidates!

# Using Graph Information to Replace Annotations

- If relevant (paper, category) pairs are not available, can we automatically create **relevant (paper, paper)** pairs?
  - Two papers sharing **the same author(s)** are assumed to be similar.
  - Two papers sharing **the same reference(s)** are assumed to be similar.
  - ...
- The notion of meta-paths and meta-graphs



(a) meta-path: PAP



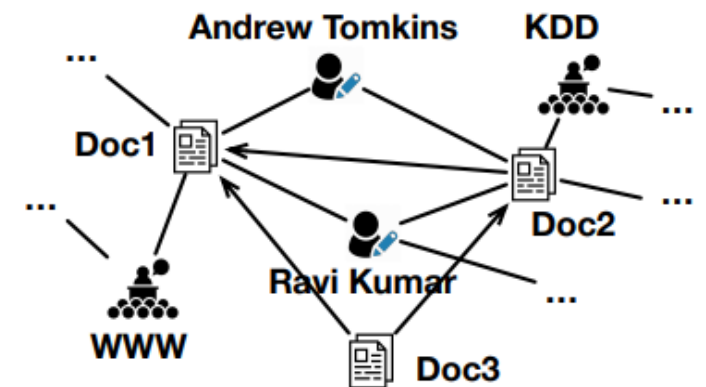
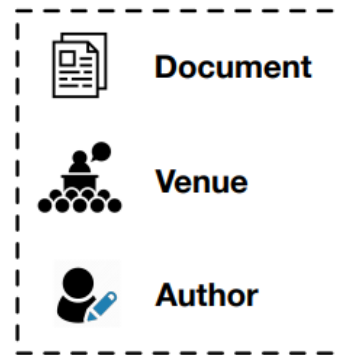
(b) meta-path: P->P<-P



(c) meta-graph: P(AV)P



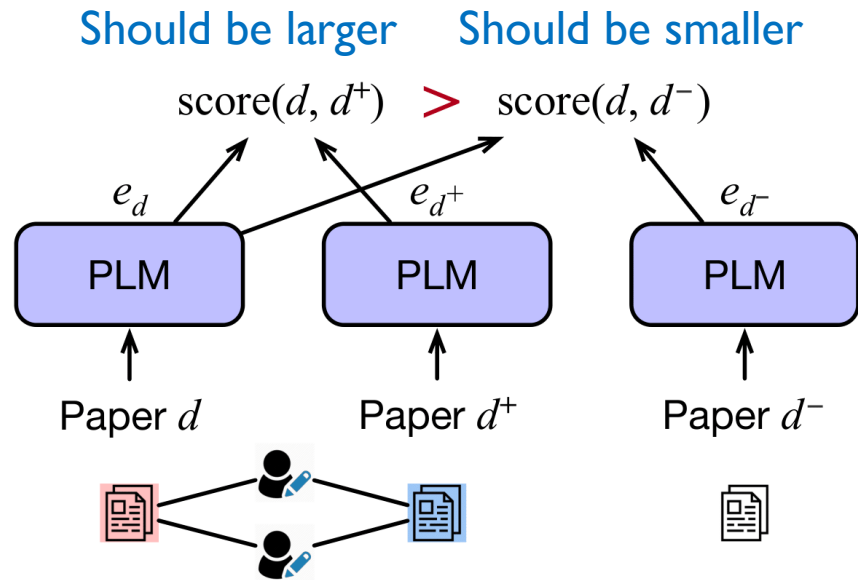
(d) meta-graph: P<- (PP) -> P



# Graph-Induced Text Contrastive Learning

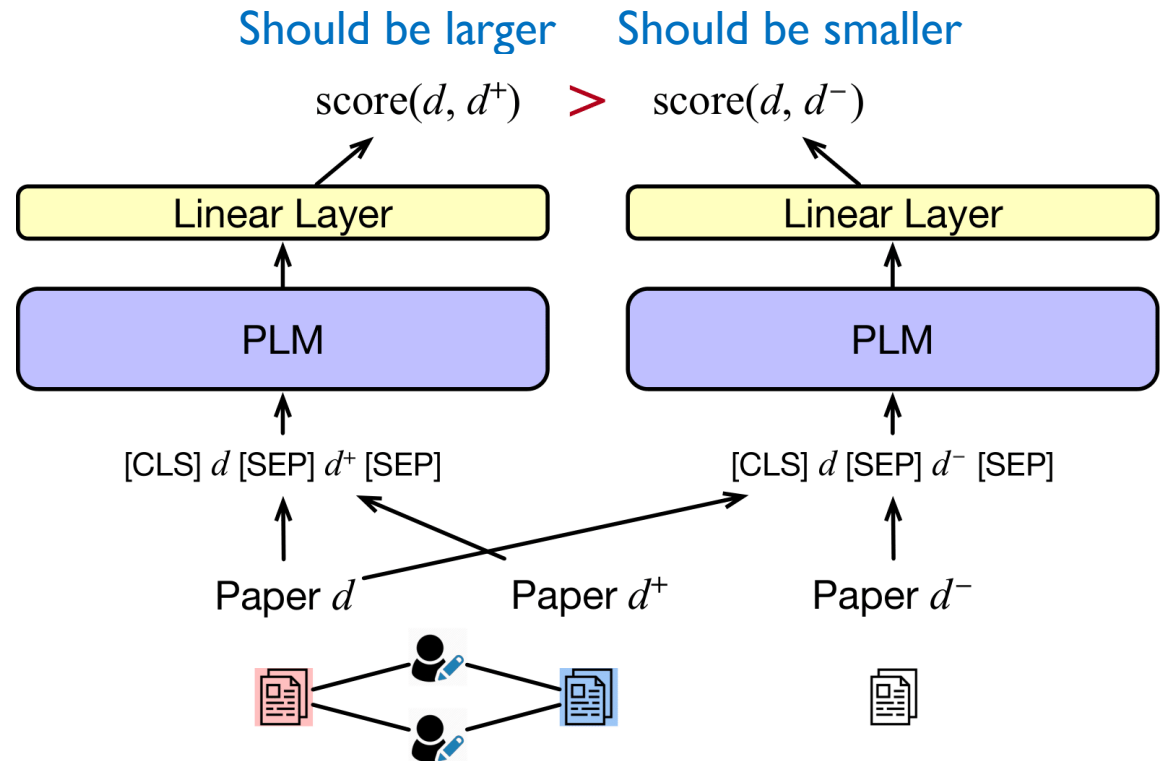
- Two papers connected via a certain meta-path/meta-graph should be more similar than two randomly selected papers.

Bi-Encoder



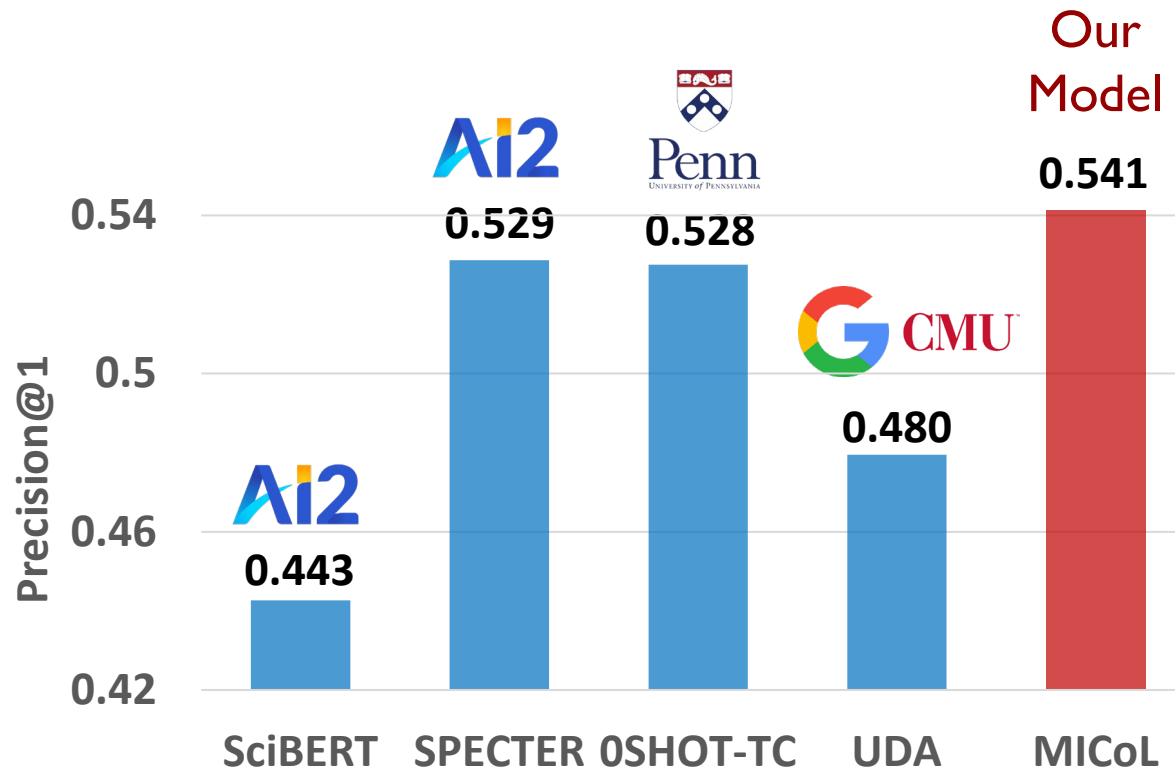
$$-\log \frac{\exp(\cos(\mathbf{e}_d, \mathbf{e}_{d^+})/\tau)}{\exp(\cos(\mathbf{e}_d, \mathbf{e}_{d^+})/\tau) + \sum_{i=1}^N \exp(\cos(\mathbf{e}_d, \mathbf{e}_{d_i^-})/\tau)}$$

Cross-Encoder



# Comparison with Previous Approaches

- Dataset: Microsoft Academic Graph and PubMed
- Metric: Precision@1, 3, and 5





# Case Study

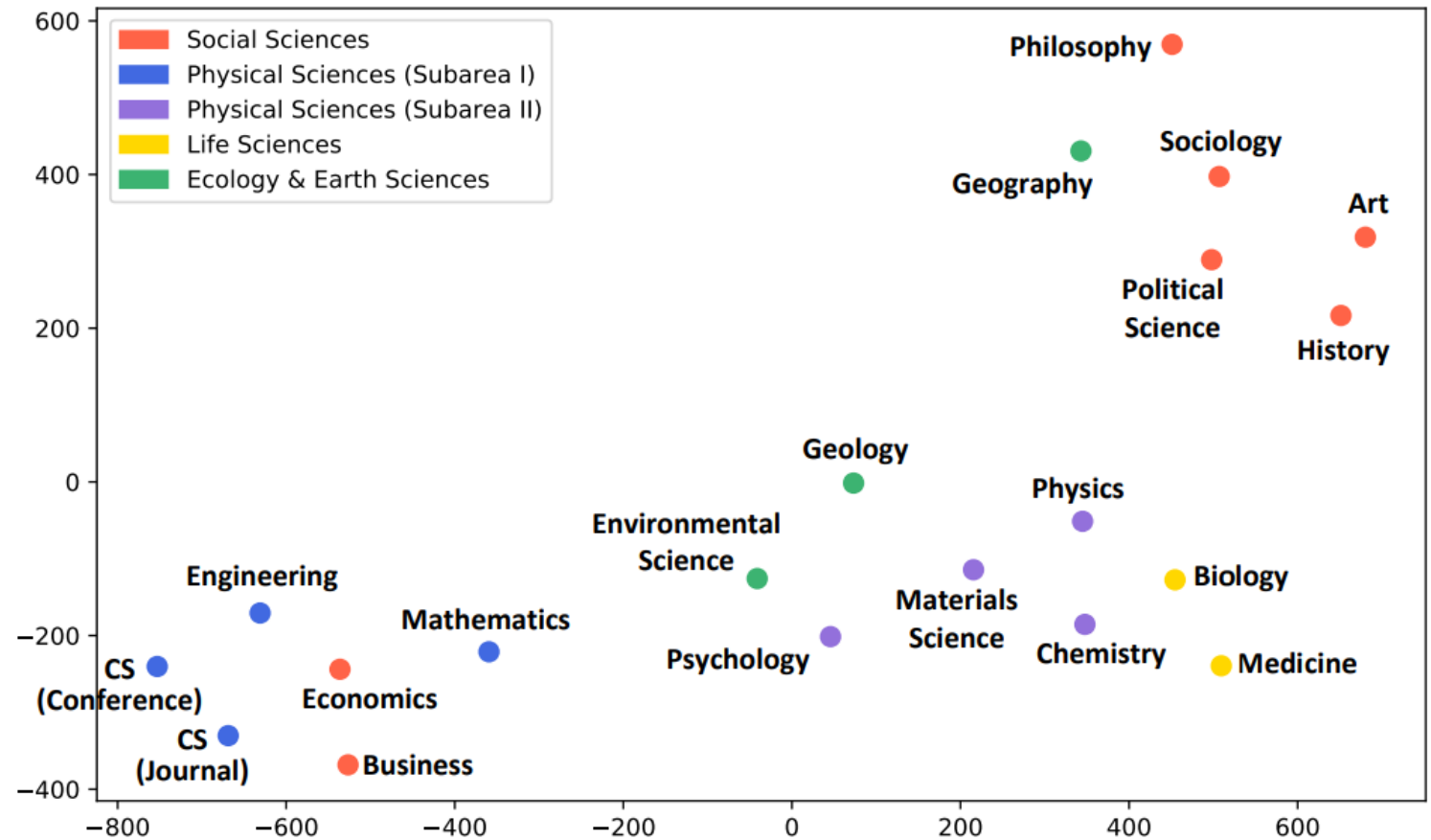
- Title: Improving Text Categorization Methods for Event Tracking
- Venue: [SIGIR](#) (2000)
- Authors: [Yiming Yang](#), Tom Ault, Thomas Pierce, Charles W. Lattimer
- Abstract: : Automated tracking of events from chronologically ordered document streams is a new challenge for statistical text classification. Existing learning techniques must be adapted or improved in order to effectively handle difficult situations where the number of positive training instances per event ...

- Top-5 Predictions of a **Text-Only** Baseline: K Nearest Neighbors Algorithm (✓), Data Mining (✓), Pattern Recognition (✓), Machine Learning (✓), **Nearest Neighbor Search (X)**

- Top-5 Predictions of our **Metadata-Aware** Method: K Nearest Neighbors Algorithm (✓), Data Mining (✓), **Information Retrieval (✓)**, Pattern Recognition (✓), Machine Learning (✓)

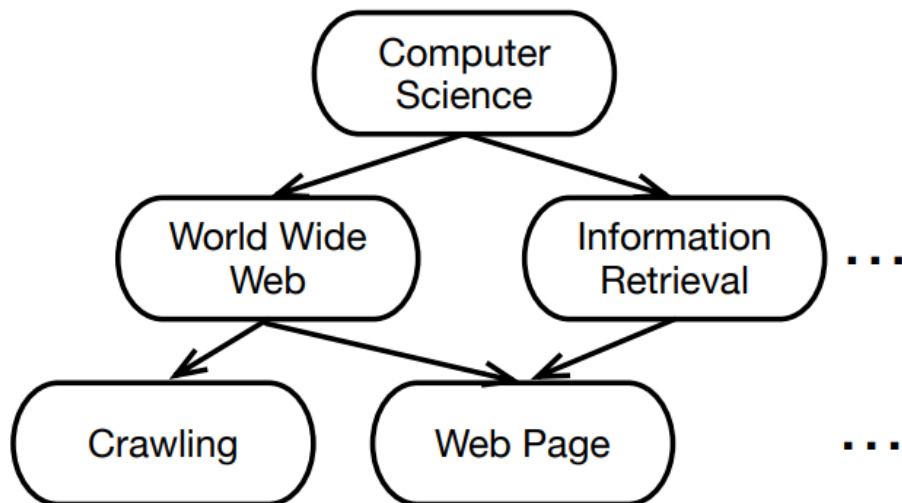
# Which type of nodes is the most helpful?

- Is the contribution of venues, authors, and references to paper classification consistent **across different fields?**
  - NO! BUT the effects of metadata tend to be similar in two similar fields.
  - The experience of using metadata in one field can be **extrapolated** to a similar field.



# How about other types of graph information?

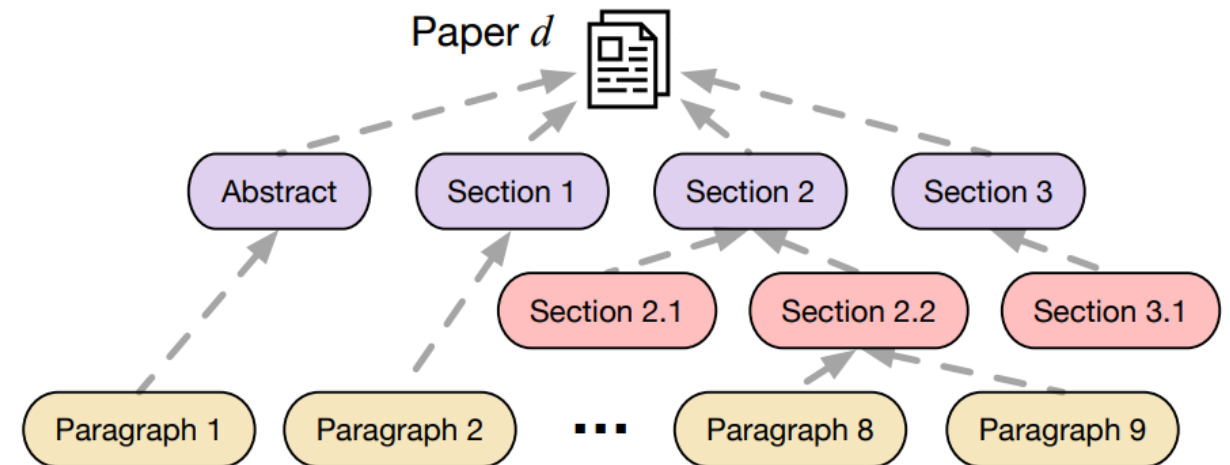
## Label Hierarchy



Top-Down Pruning:

Irrelevant to **WWW**  $\Rightarrow$  Irrelevant to **Crawling**

## In-Document Structure



Bottom-Up Aggregation:

**Paragraphs**  $\rightarrow$  **Subsections**  $\rightarrow$  **Sections**  $\rightarrow$  **Paper**

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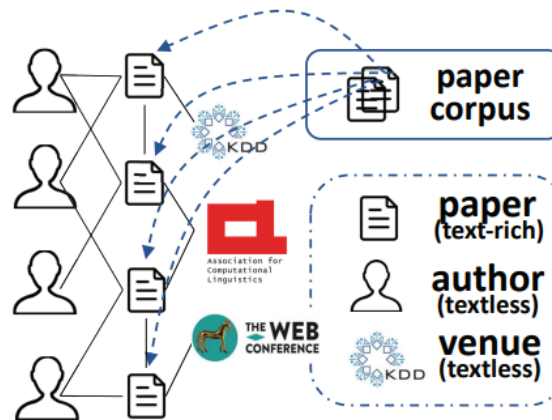
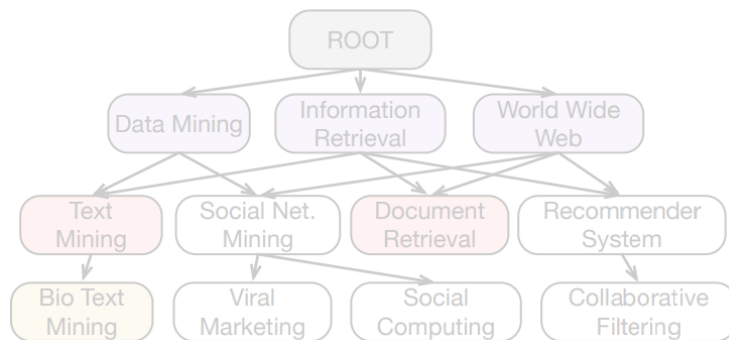
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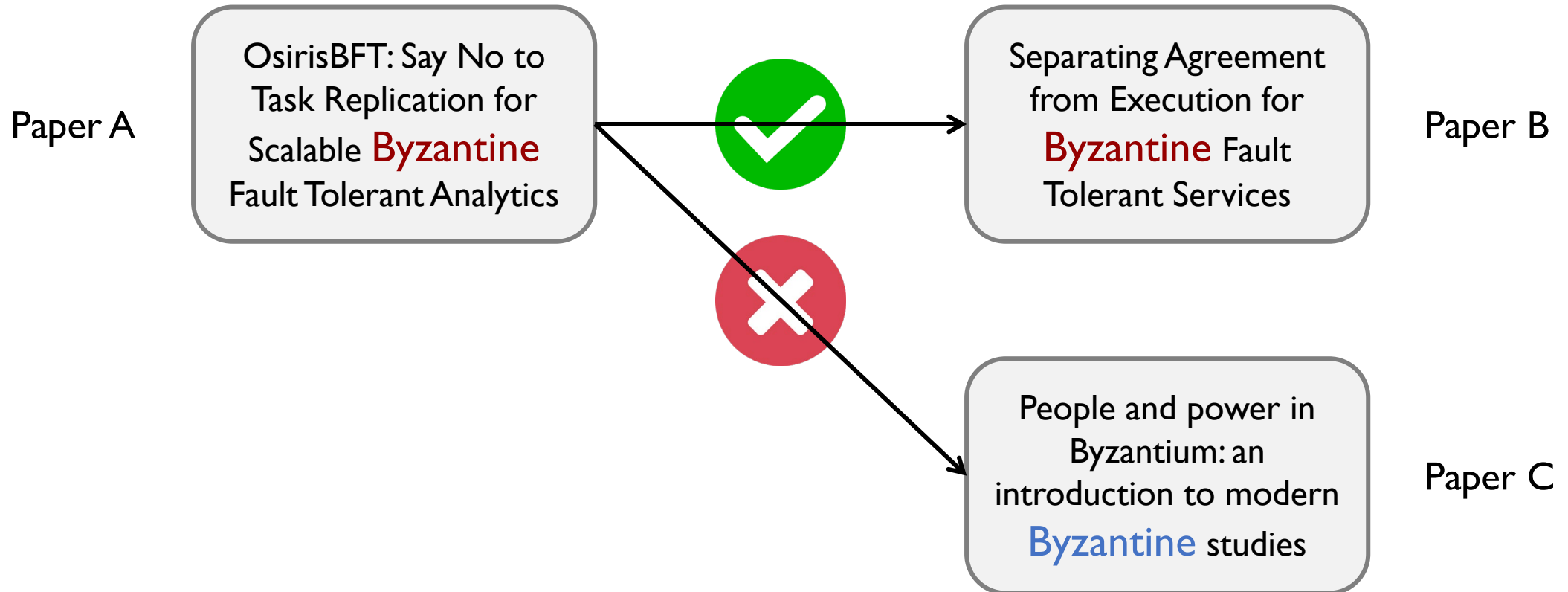


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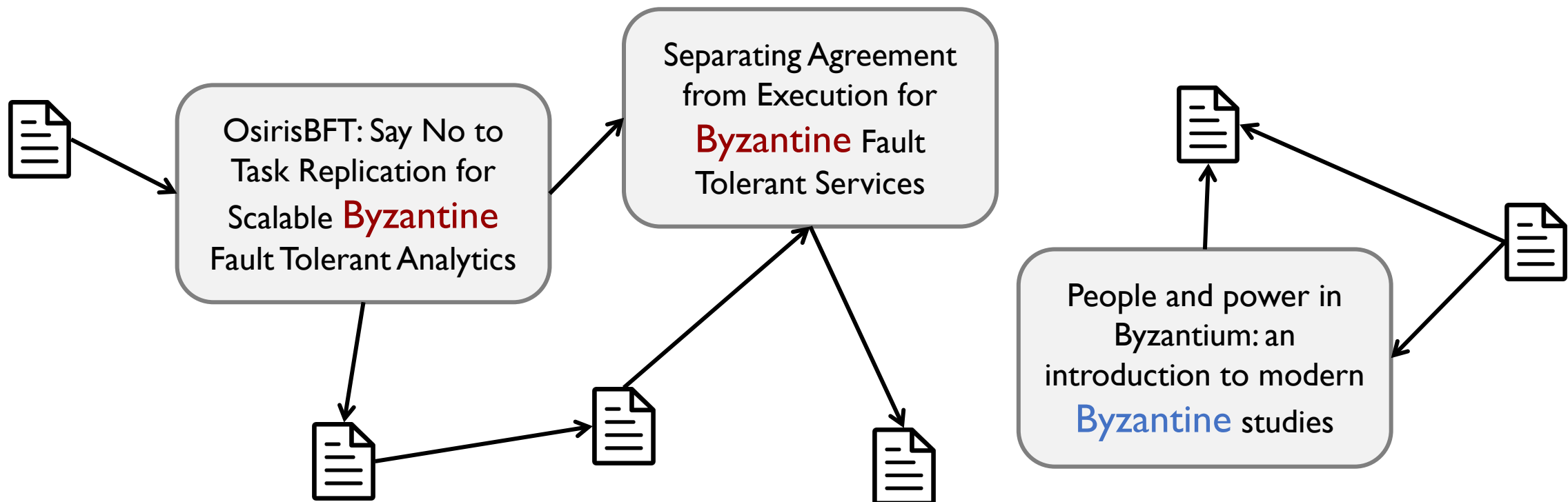
# Text complements graph signals in link prediction, but ...

- We need contextualized text representations rather than bag of words!



# Language Model Pre-training on Networks

- Given a pre-trained language model (e.g., BERT) and a network (where nodes are associated with text), we need to continue pre-training the language model to make it aware of network information.
- The network-aware pre-trained model can be used for **link prediction**, **classification**, ...



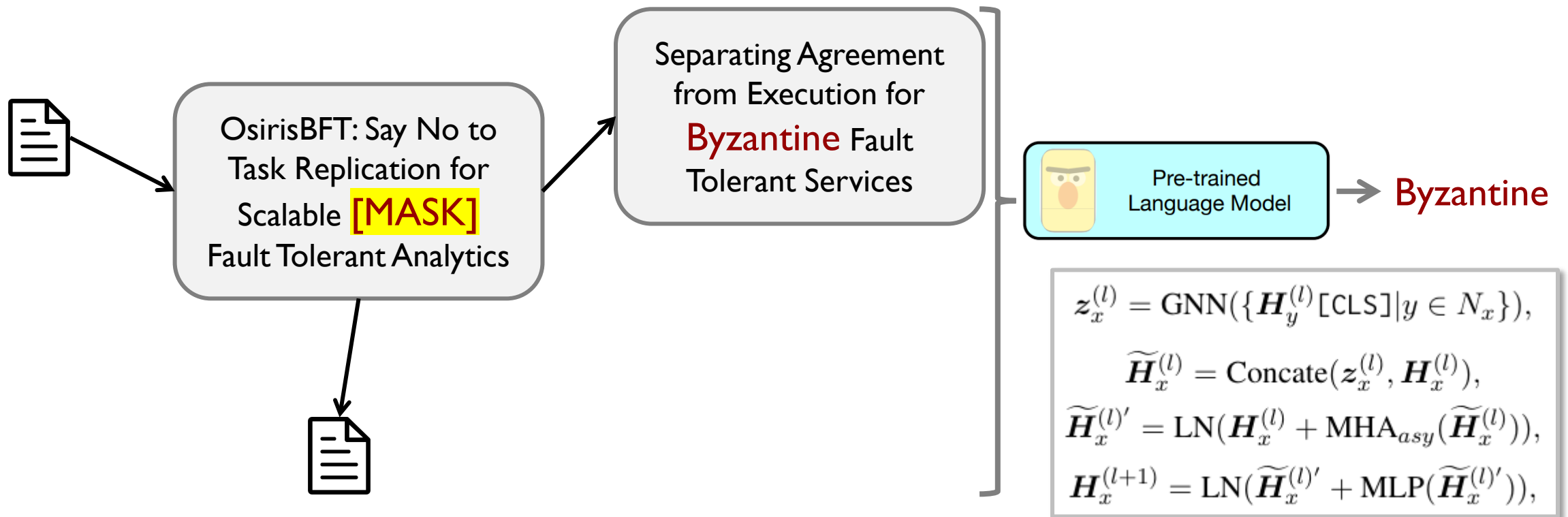
# Masked Language Modeling

- Masked Language Modeling in BERT pre-training:
  - Recovering the masked token given its context **within the document**.
  - Links between documents are not considered.



# Network-Contextualized Masked Language Modeling

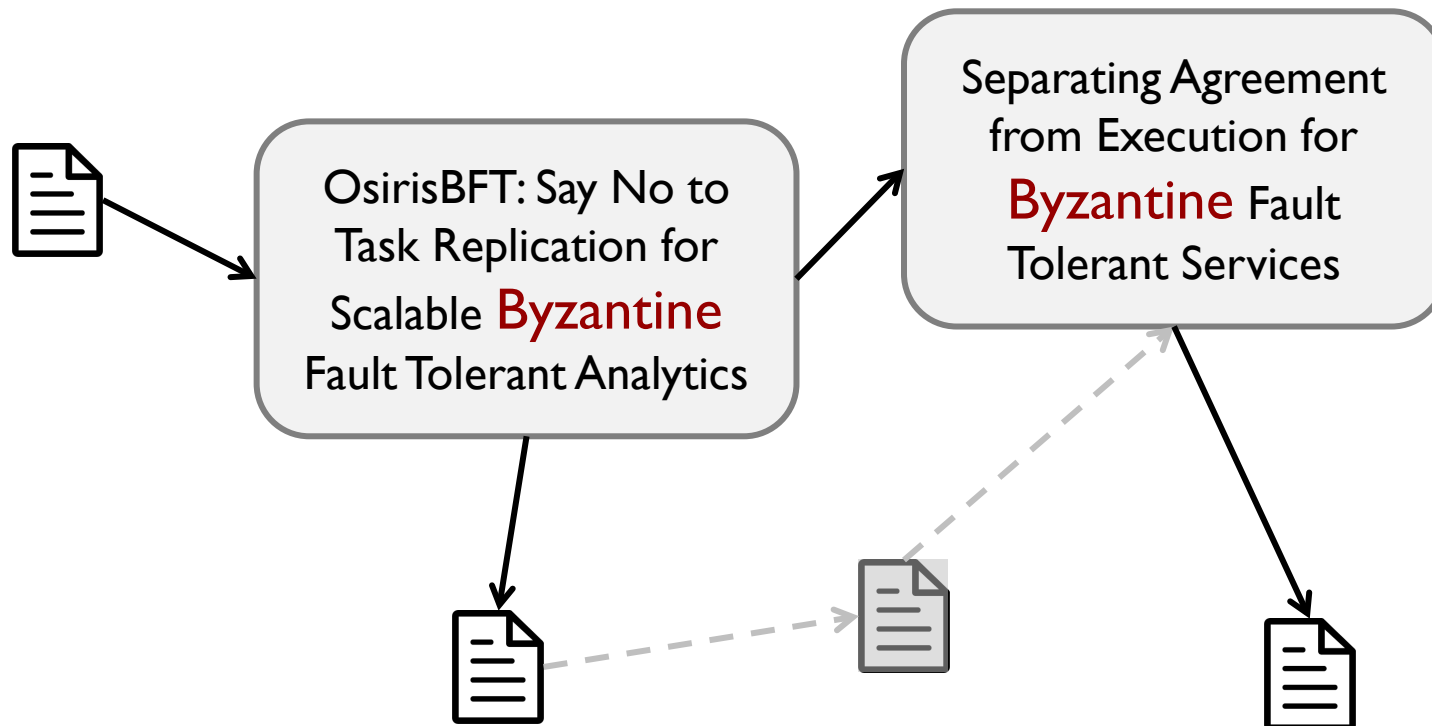
- Masked Language Modeling with network information:
  - Recovering the masked token given its context **within the document AND** across citation links.





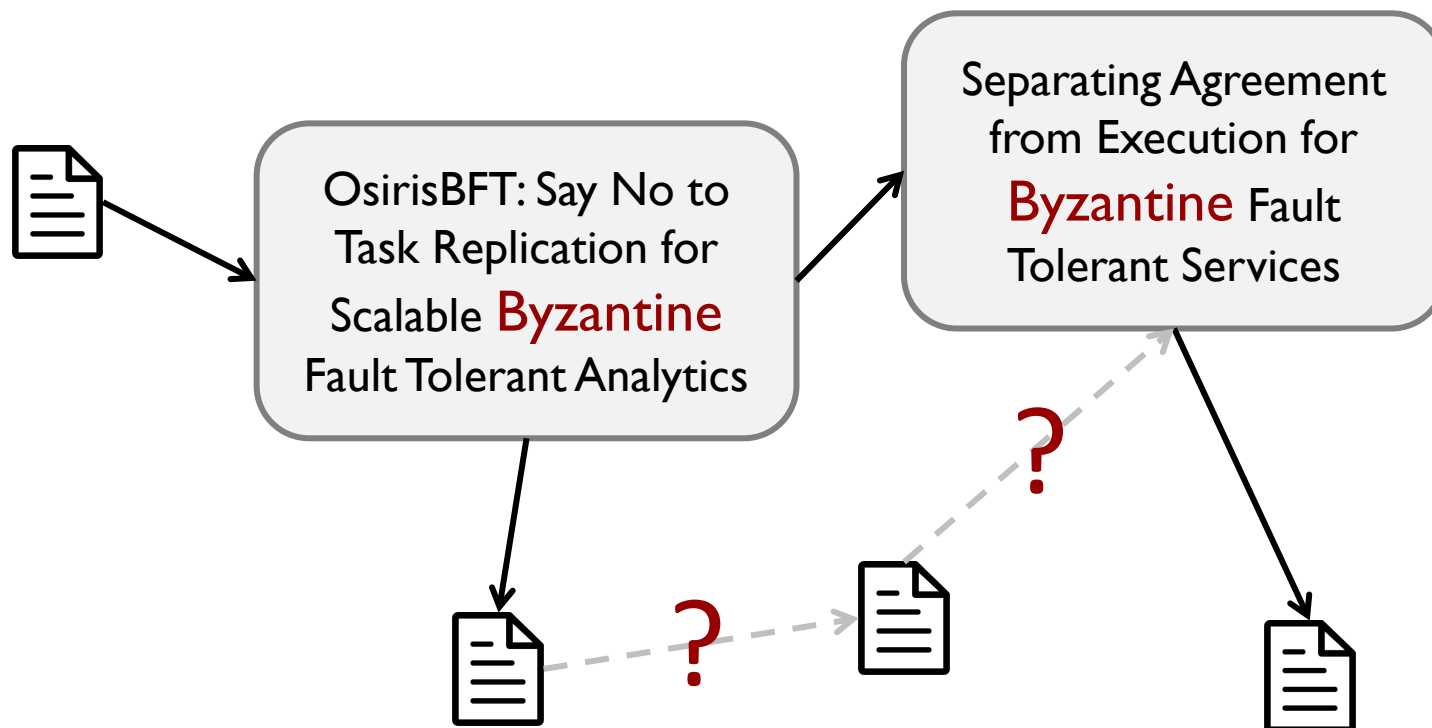
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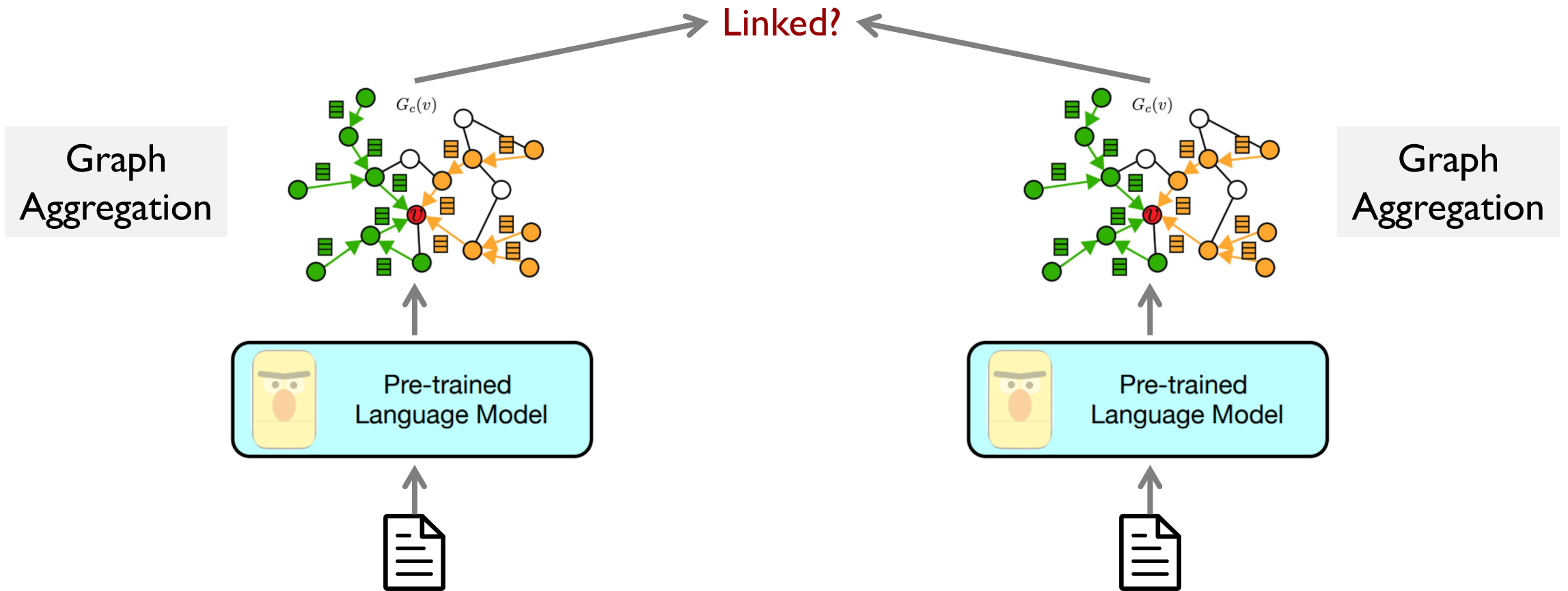
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- **Mathematically equivalent to link prediction**



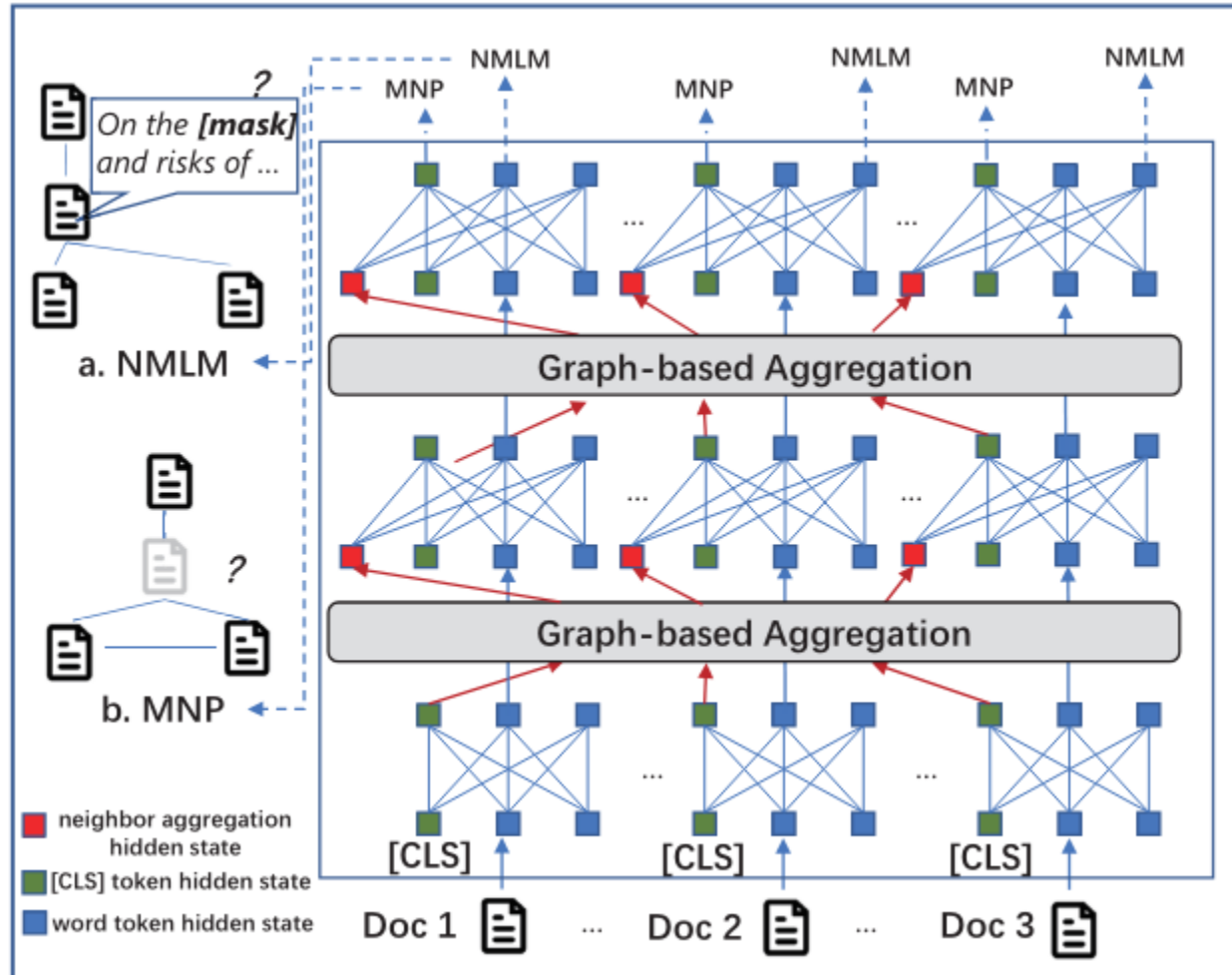
$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{v_{[\text{MASK}]} \in M_v} p(v_{[\text{MASK}]} = v_i | v_k \in N_{v_{[\text{MASK}]}}) \\ & \propto \prod_{v_{[\text{MASK}]} \in M_v} p(v_k \in N_{v_{[\text{MASK}]}} | v_{[\text{MASK}]} = v_i) \\ & = \prod_{v_{[\text{MASK}]} \in M_v} \prod_{v_k \in N_{v_{[\text{MASK}]}}} p(v_k | v_{[\text{MASK}]} = v_i) \\ & = \prod_{v_{[\text{MASK}]} \in M_v} \prod_{v_k \in N_{v_{[\text{MASK}]}}} p(v_k \longleftrightarrow v_i) \end{aligned}$$

# Previous PLM-GNN Cascaded Architecture



- **Drawback:** Graph information is not used by the PLM when encoding text.

# Patton: An Interleaved Architecture



- Cascaded Architecture:
  - Transformer → Transformer → ...  
→ Transformer → Aggregation
- Interleaved Architecture:
  - Transformer → Aggregation →  
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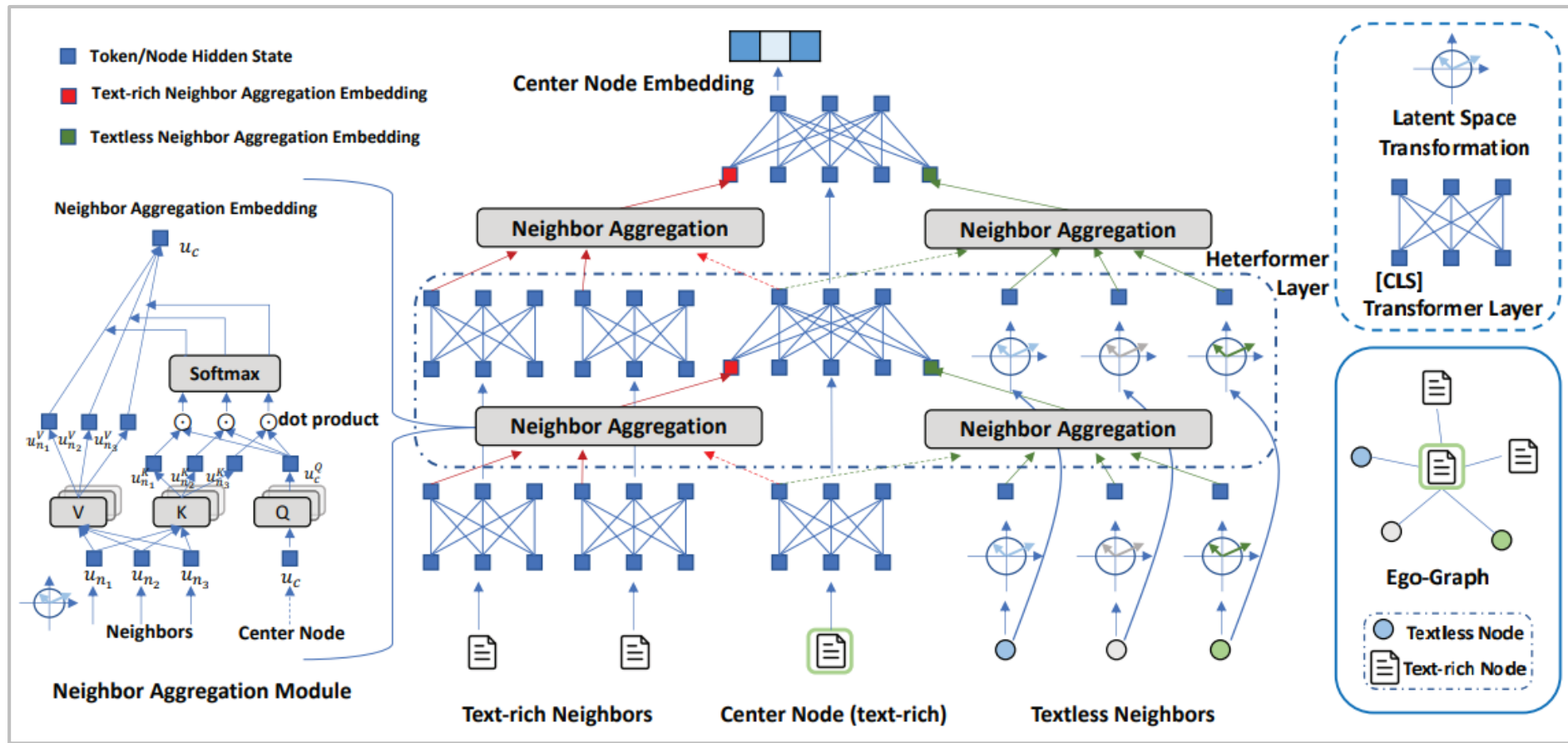
# Comparison with Previous Approaches

- Dataset: Microsoft Academic Graph (3 fields)

Method	Mathematics		Geology		Economics	
	PREC@1	MRR	PREC@1	MRR	PREC@1	MRR
BERT	6.60 <sub>0.16</sub>	12.96 <sub>0.34</sub>	6.24 <sub>0.76</sub>	12.96 <sub>1.34</sub>	4.12 <sub>0.08</sub>	9.23 <sub>0.15</sub>
GraphFormers	6.91 <sub>0.29</sub>	13.42 <sub>0.34</sub>	6.52 <sub>1.17</sub>	13.34 <sub>1.81</sub>	4.16 <sub>0.21</sub>	9.28 <sub>0.28</sub>
SciBERT	14.08 <sub>0.11</sub>	23.62 <sub>0.10</sub>	7.15 <sub>0.26</sub>	14.11 <sub>0.39</sub>	5.01 <sub>1.04</sub>	10.48 <sub>1.79</sub>
SPECTER	13.44 <sub>0.5</sub>	21.73 <sub>0.65</sub>	6.85 <sub>0.22</sub>	13.37 <sub>0.34</sub>	6.33 <sub>0.29</sub>	12.41 <sub>0.33</sub>
SimCSE (unsup)	9.85 <sub>0.10</sub>	16.28 <sub>0.12</sub>	7.47 <sub>0.55</sub>	14.24 <sub>0.89</sub>	5.72 <sub>0.26</sub>	11.02 <sub>0.34</sub>
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LinkBERT	8.05 <sub>0.14</sub>	13.91 <sub>0.09</sub>	6.40 <sub>0.14</sub>	12.99 <sub>0.17</sub>	2.97 <sub>0.08</sub>	6.79 <sub>0.15</sub>
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SciBERT.MLM	22.44 <sub>0.08</sub>	34.22 <sub>0.05</sub>	16.22 <sub>0.03</sub>	27.02 <sub>0.07</sub>	9.80 <sub>0.00</sub>	17.72 <sub>0.01</sub>
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SciPATTON	<b>71.22</b> <sub>0.17</sub>	<b>80.79</b> <sub>0.10</sub>	<b>44.95</b> <sub>0.24</sub>	<b>57.84</b> <sub>0.25</sub>	<b>57.36</b> <sub>0.26</sub>	<b>68.71</b> <sub>0.31</sub>
w/o NMLM	71.04 <sub>0.13</sub>	80.60 <sub>0.07</sub>	44.33 <sub>0.23</sub>	57.29 <sub>0.22</sub>	56.64 <sub>0.25</sub>	68.12 <sub>0.16</sub>
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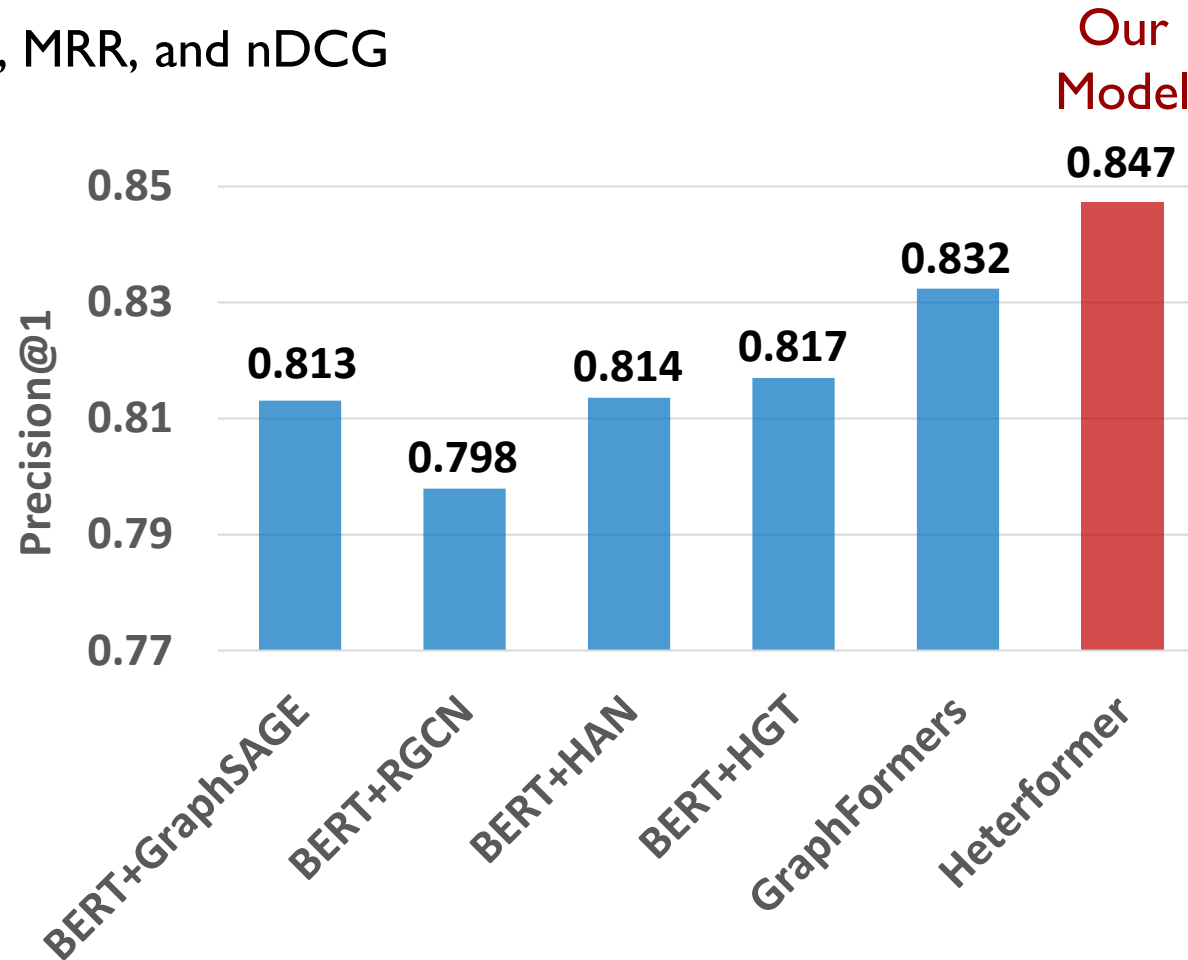
# Dealing with Network Heterogeneity

- Some types of nodes (e.g., author, year) may not have semantic-indicative text information!



# Comparison with Previous Approaches

- Dataset: DBLP
- Metric: Precision@1, MRR, and nDCG



# Today's Talk: Overview

## Part I: Extremely Fine-Grained Classification

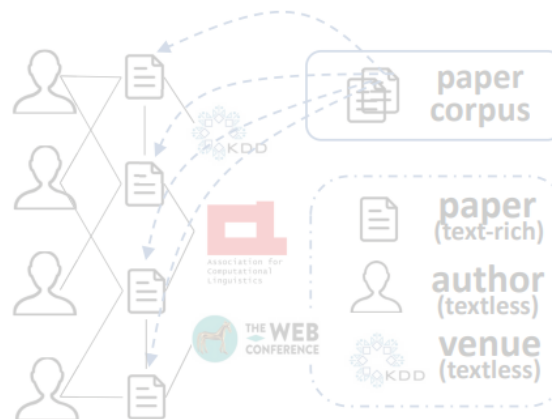
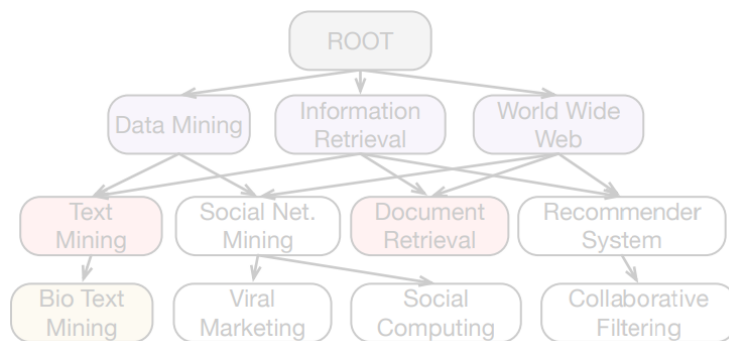
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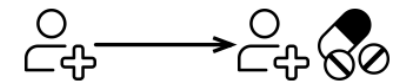
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## Part III: Advanced Scientific Applications

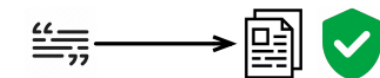
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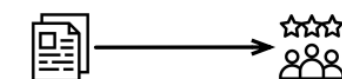
Patient-to-Patient Matching



Claim Verification



Peer Review Assignment

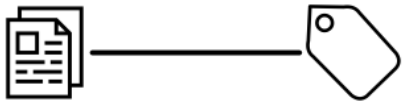




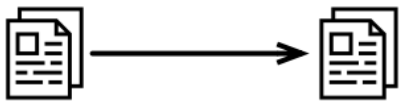
# Facilitating Complex Tasks for Scientific Discovery

## Fundamental Scientific Text Mining Tasks

Paper Classification



Link Prediction

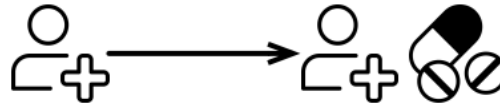


Literature Retrieval

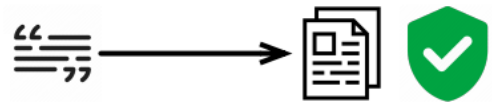


## Advanced Applications for Scientific Discovery

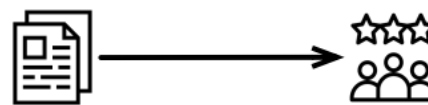
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Peer Review Assignment



Given a patient summary, find similar patients/clinical case reports.

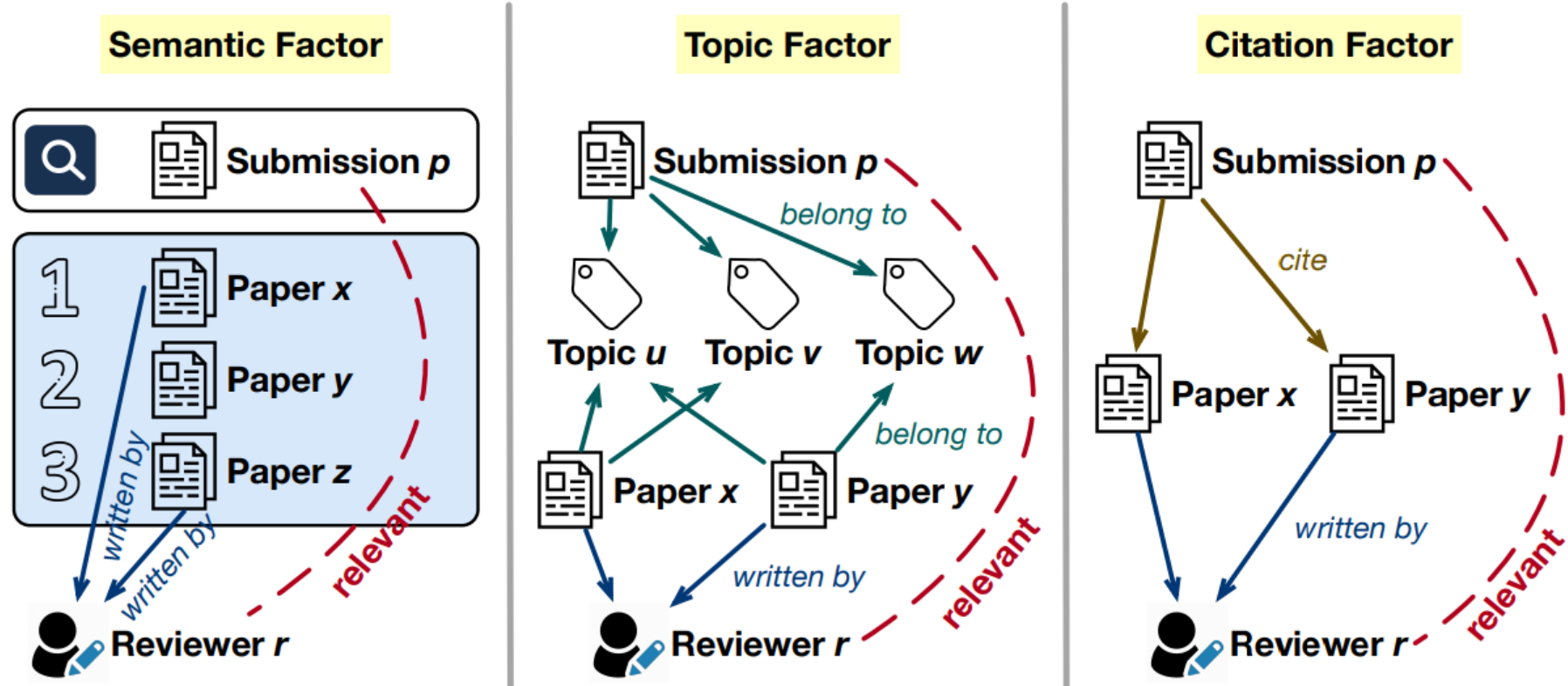
Given a scientific claim, find relevant papers (and predict their stance).

Given a paper submission, find expert reviewers.

- Why are these tasks more complex?
  - **Multiple** factors should be considered when judging the **relevance**.

# Multiple Factors for Judging Relevance

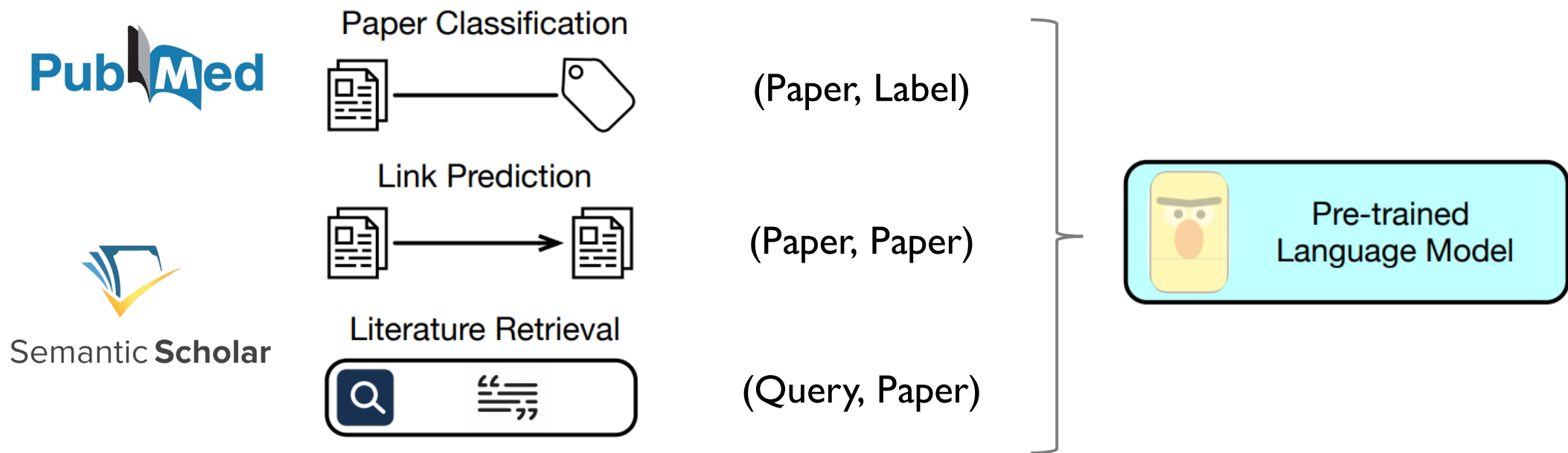
- Example: Paper-Reviewer Matching
  - Why is a pair of (Paper, Reviewer) **relevant**?



- Multiple factors exist in other tasks (e.g., Patient-to-Article Matching) as well.

# Naïve Multi-task Pre-training

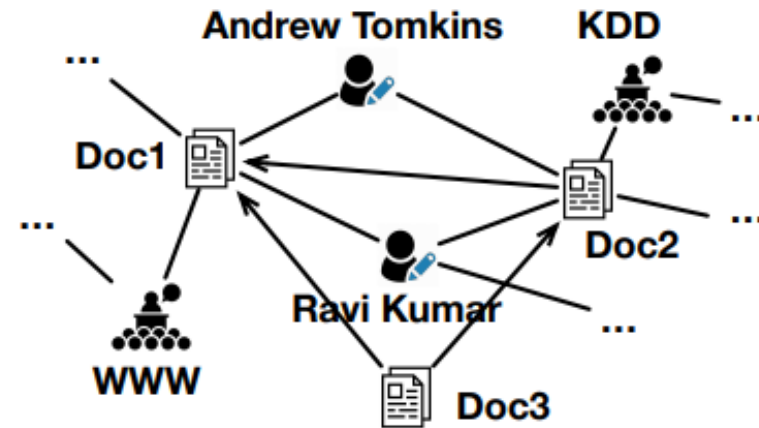
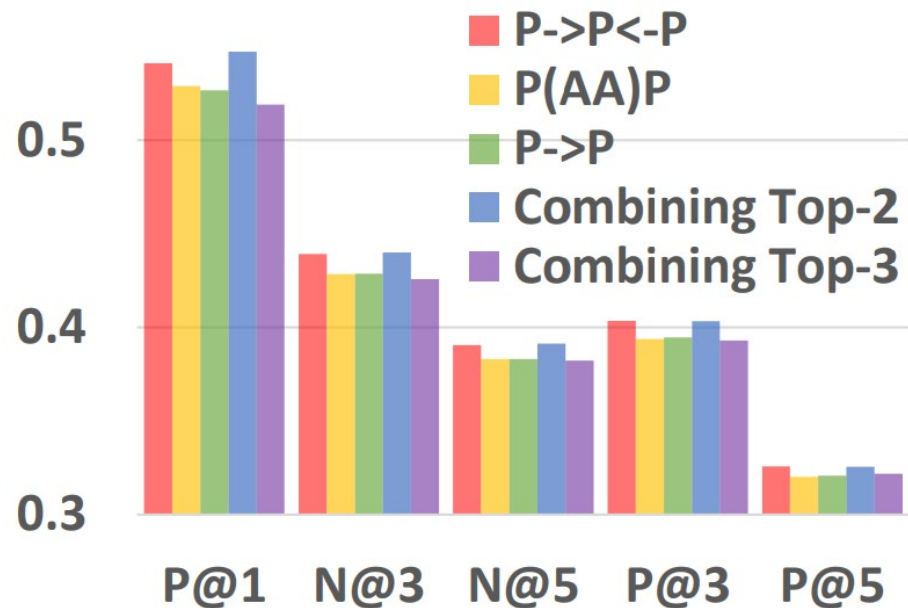
- Each factor (topic, citation, and semantic) relies on one **fundamental** text mining task.
- Directly combining pre-training data from different tasks to train a model?



- **Task Interference:** The model is confused by different types of “relevance”.

# An Illustrative Example of Task Interference

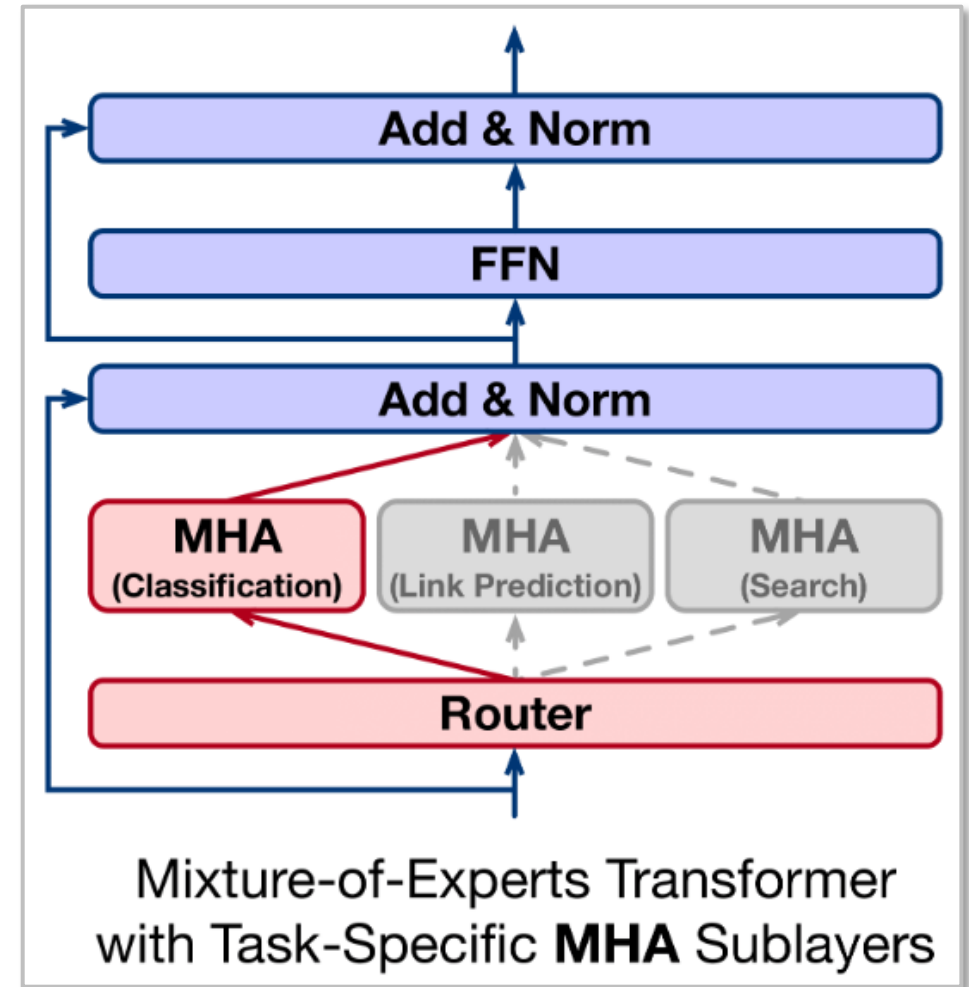
- Recall graph-induced contrastive learning
- Imagine each meta-path/meta-graph is a “task” (i.e., defines one type of “relevance”)
- Directly merging the relevant (paper, paper) pairs induced by different meta-paths for training?
  - **Cannot consistently improve the classification performance!**



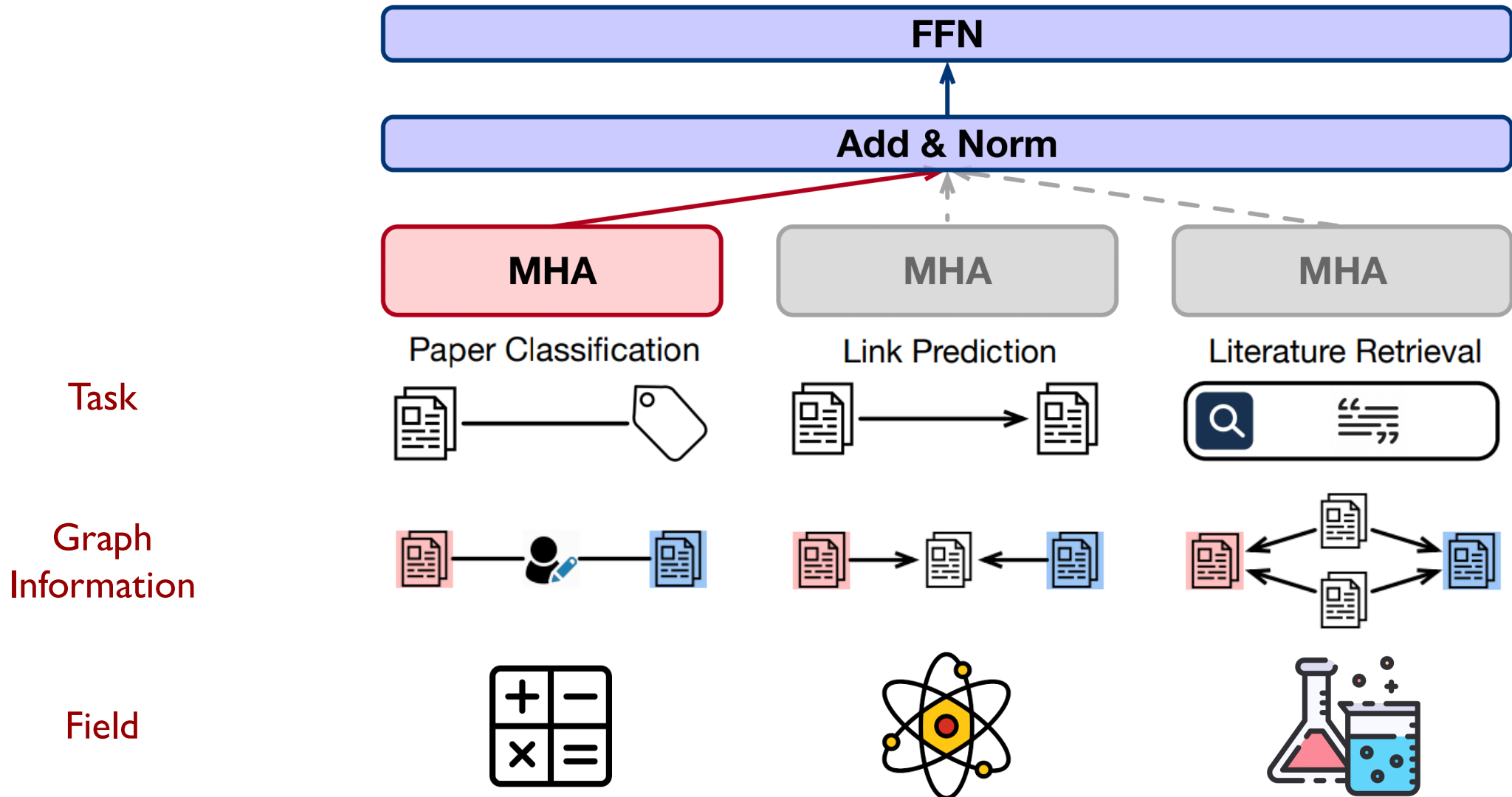
(Doc2, Doc3) are **relevant** according to  $P \rightarrow P \leftarrow P$  but **irrelevant** according to  $P(AA)P$ .

# Tackling Task Interference: Mixture-of-Experts Transformer

- A typical Transformer layer
  - **1** Multi-Head Attention (MHA) sublayer
  - **1** Feed Forward Network (FFN) sublayer
- A Mixture-of-Experts (MoE) Transformer layer
  - **Multiple** MHA sublayers
  - **1** FFN sublayer
  - (Or 1 MHA & Multiple FFN)
- Specializing some parts of the architecture to be an “expert” of one task
- The model can learn both **commonalities** and **characteristics** of different tasks.



# Tackling Task Interference: Mixture-of-Experts Transformer

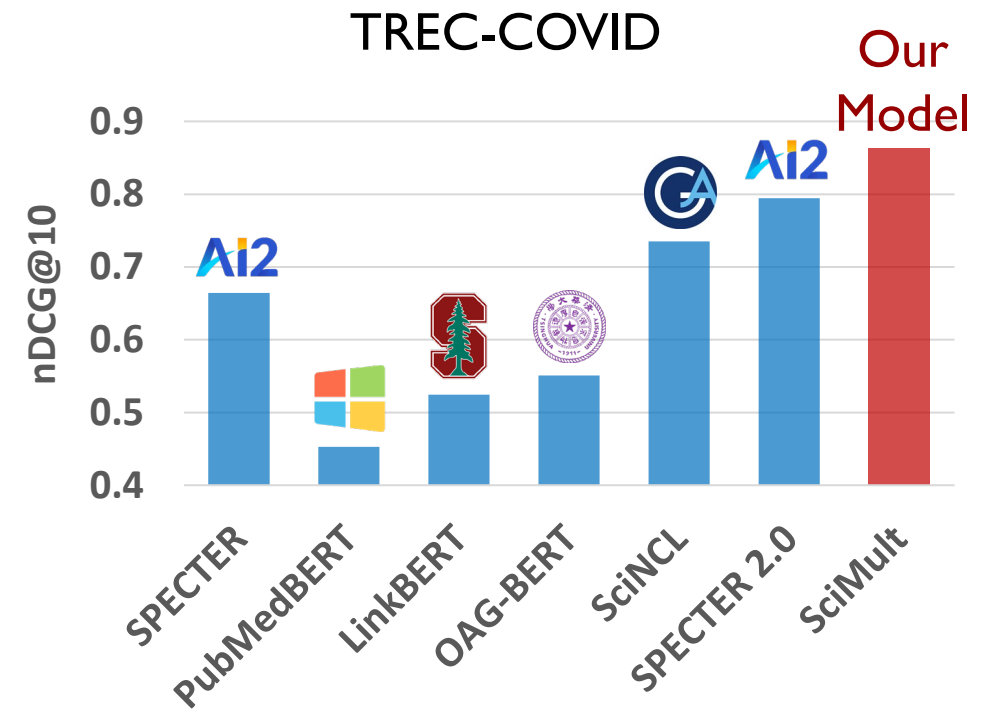


# Comparison with Previous Approaches

- New **SOTA** on the PMC-Patients benchmark (**patient-to-article retrieval**)
- Outperforming previous scientific pre-trained language models in classification, link prediction, literature retrieval (**TREC-COVID**), paper recommendation, and claim verification (**SciFact**)

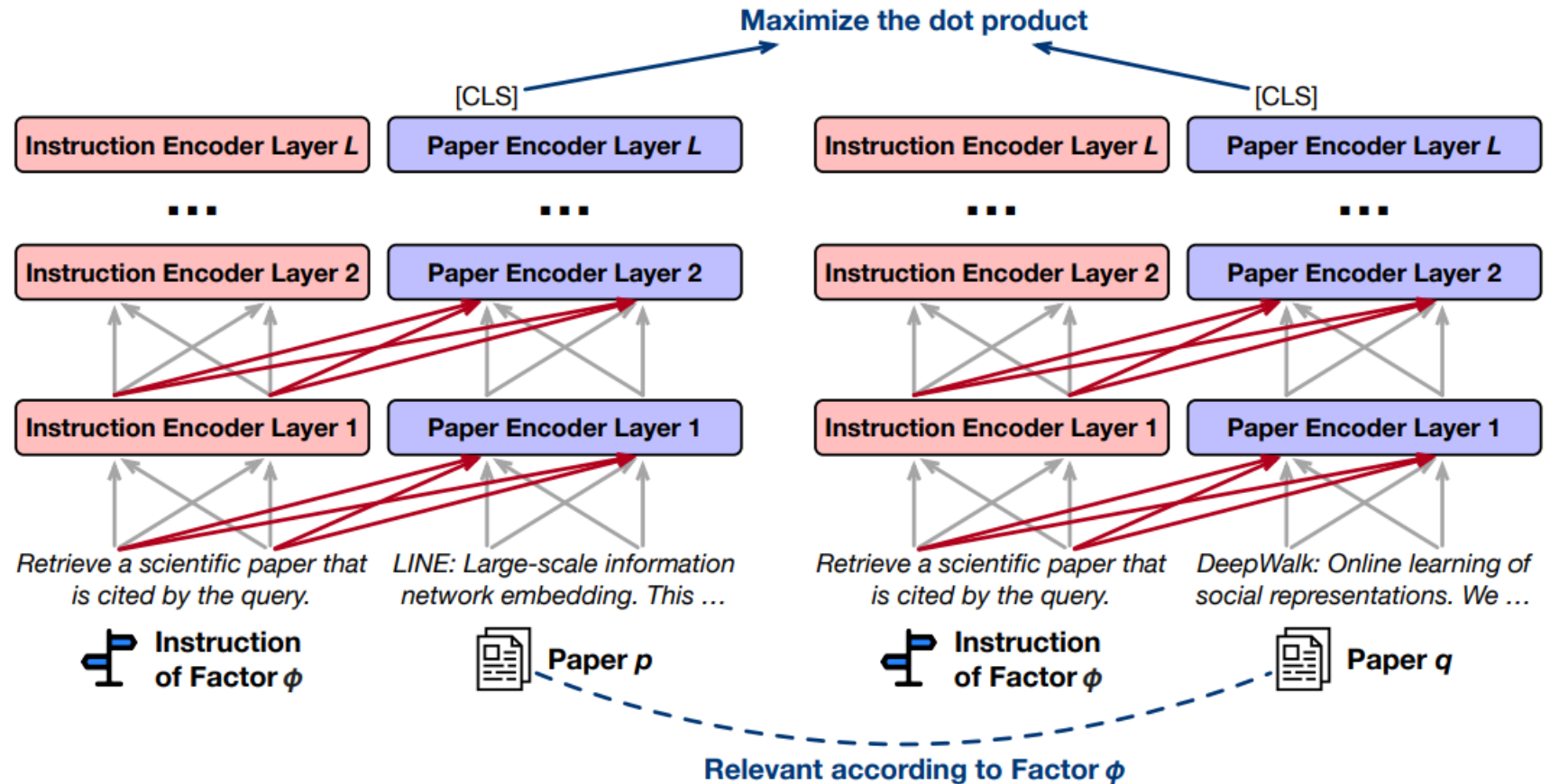
	Model	MRR (%)	P@10 (%)	nDCG@10 (%)	R@1k (%)
<b>Our Model</b> 1 June 25, 2023	DPR (SciMult-MHAExpert) <i>UIUC/Microsoft</i> (Zhang et al. 2023)	29.89	9.35	13.79	53.71
2 Apr 5, 2023	RRF <i>Tsinghua University</i> (Zhao et al. 2023)	29.86	8.86	13.36	49.45

<https://pmc-patients.github.io/>



# Tackling Task Interference: Instruction Tuning

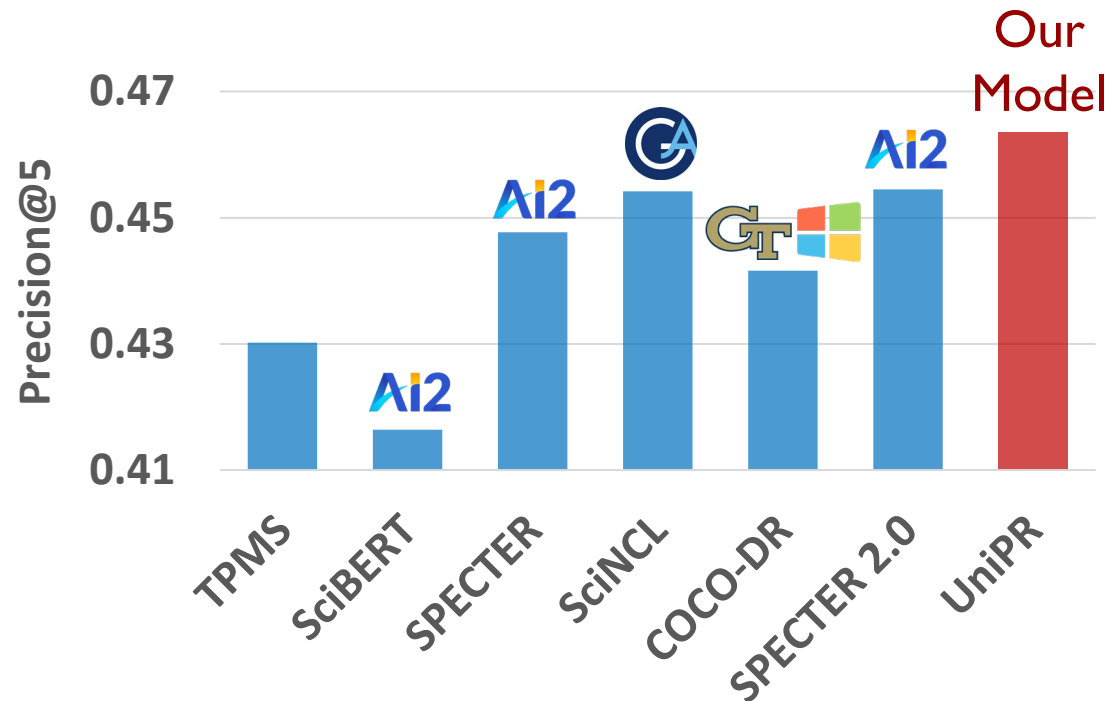
- Using a **factor-specific instruction** to guide the paper encoding process
- The instruction serves as the context of the paper.
- The paper does NOT serve as the context of the instruction.



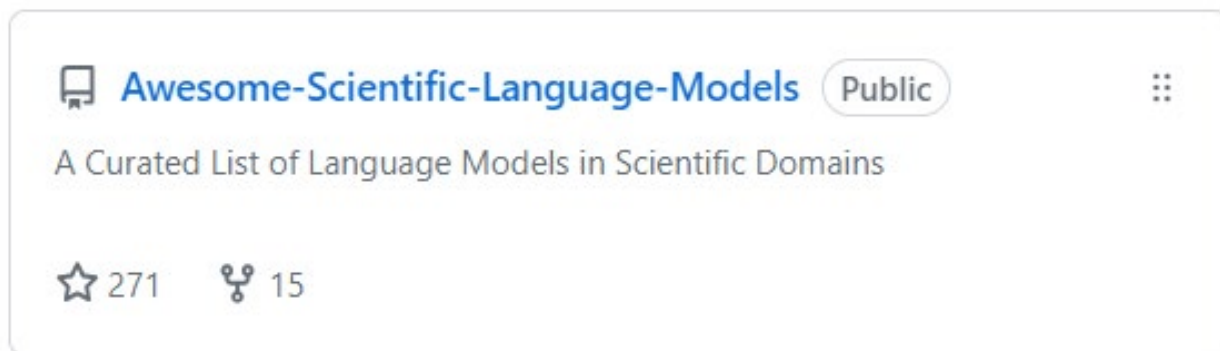


# Comparison with Previous Approaches

- Public benchmark datasets
  - Expert C judges whether Reviewer A is qualified to review Paper B.
- Outperforming the **Toronto Paper Matching System** (TPMS, used by Microsoft CMT)



# Scientific Language Models: A Survey




Awesome-Scientific-Language-Models Public

A Curated List of Language Models in Scientific Domains

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<https://github.com/yuzhimanhua/Awesome-Scientific-Language-Models>

## Awesome Scientific Language Models

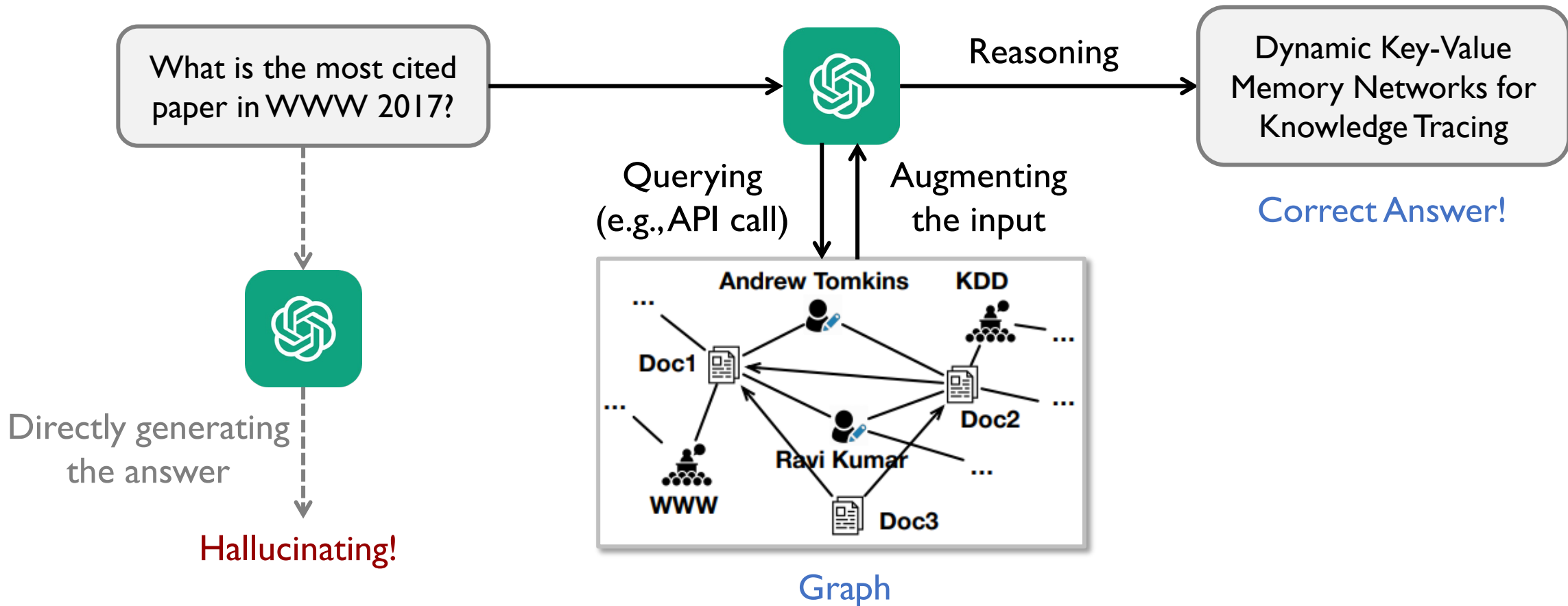
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A curated list of pre-trained language models in scientific domains (e.g., **mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, medicine, materials science, and geoscience**), covering different model sizes (from **<100M to 70B parameters**) and modalities (e.g., **language, vision, graph, molecule, protein, genome, and climate time series**). The repository will be continuously updated.

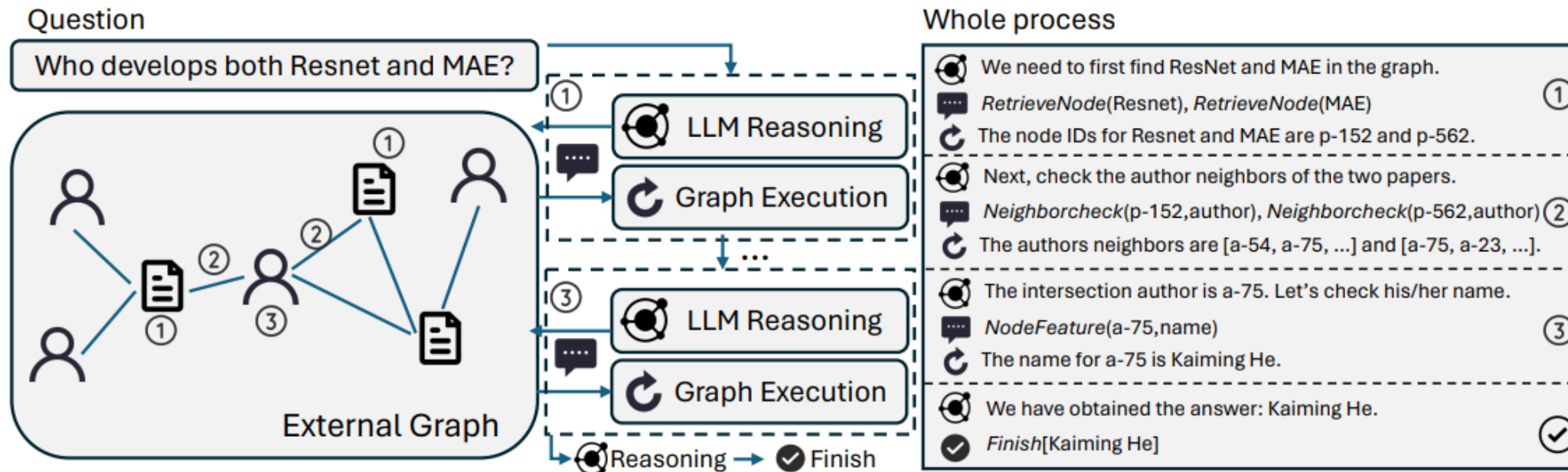
# Looking Back to the Motivating Example

- Can we teach LLMs to explore graphs as **environments** / use graphs as **tools**?



# Initial Trial: Graph Chain-of-Thoughts

- *RetrieveNode*(Text): Identify related nodes in the graph with semantic search.
- *NeighborCheck*(NodeID, NeighborType): Return the neighboring information in the graph for a specific node.
- *NodeFeature*(NodeID, FeatureName): Extract the textual feature information from the graph for a specific node.



# Comparison with Previous Approaches

- Easy questions: one-node / one-hop
  - “Who are the authors of {paper}?”
- Medium questions: multi-hop
  - “Who is the closest collaborator with {author} in {year}?”
- Hard questions: graph information alone is not sufficient to answer the question, but the graph can be useful by providing informative context
  - “Which paper should be recommended to the reader of {paper}?”

	Model	Academic		E-commerce		Literature		Healthcare		Legal	
		EM	GPT4score	EM	GPT4score	EM	GPT4score	EM	GPT4score	EM	GPT4score
Graph RAG	LLaMA-2-13b	22.01	22.97	12.48	20.00	9.25	20.00	2.97	4.81	17.98	17.22
	Mixtral-8x7b	27.77	31.20	32.87	37.00	20.08	33.33	8.66	15.19	23.48	25.56
	GPT-3.5-turbo	18.45	26.98	17.52	28.00	14.94	24.17	8.69	14.07	18.66	22.22
	GRAPH-COT	<b>31.89</b>	<b>33.48</b>	<b>42.40</b>	<b>44.50</b>	<b>41.59</b>	<b>46.25</b>	<b>22.33</b>	<b>28.89</b>	<b>30.52</b>	<b>28.33</b>

Thank you! Questions?