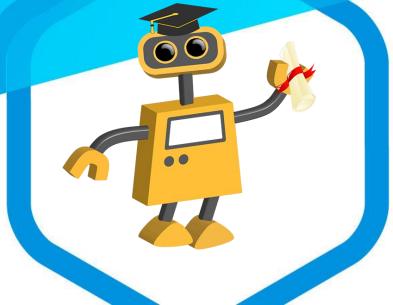


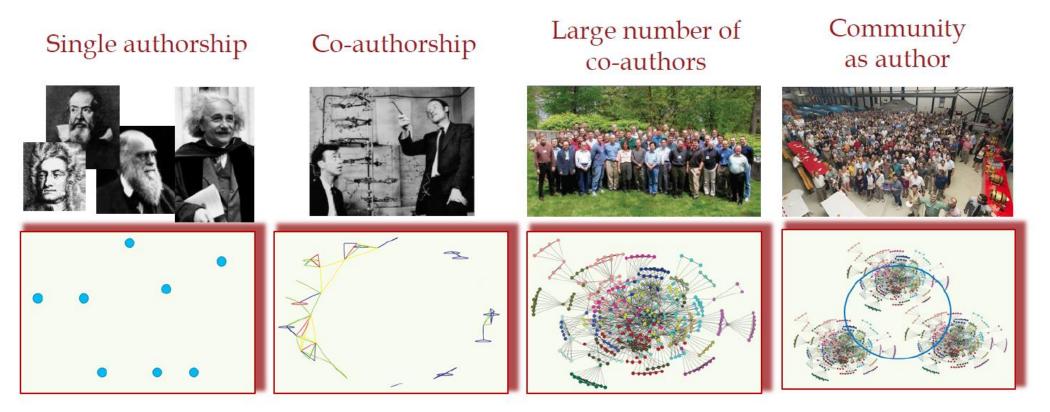
On the Role of Knowledge Graphs and Language Models in Machine Understanding of Scientific Documents

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Tackling Increasingly Complex Scientific Phenomena



Evolution of the scientific enterprise from [Barabasi, 2005] extended with the ATLAS Detector Project at the Large Hadron Collider [The ATLAS Collaboration, 2012].

The Imperative for AI in Science

Future AI Systems as Partners for Discovery [Gil DSJ 2017]

Thoughtful AI: Principles for Partnership

Rationality	Behavior is governed by explicit knowledge structures
Context	Seek to understand the purpose and scope of tasks
Initiative	Proactively learn new knowledge relevant to their task
Networking	Access external sources of knowledge and capabilities
Articulation	Respond with persuasive justifications and arguments
Systems	Facilitate integration & collaboration with humans/systems
Ethics	Behavior that conveys scope and uncertainty

These are important research challenges for AI



Yolanda Gil. Will AI Write the Scientific Papers of the Future? AAAI 2020 presidential address



AI that assists scientists

AI that **understands** scientific content

AI that **does** science

Machine Reading Comprehension

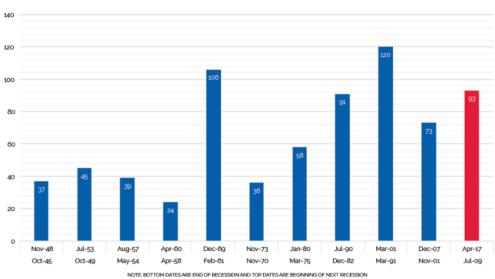
"Reading a chapter in a college freshman text (say physics or accounting) and answering the questions at the end of the chapter is a hard AI problem that requires advances in vision, language, problem-solving, and learning theory."

Raj Reddy. *Foundations and Grand Challenges of Artificial Intelligence.* AAAI 1988 presidential address.



How do humans reason?

Is Another Recession Coming?



ECONOMIC EXPANSION IN MONTHS

[..] the length of the current recovery – 93 months as of April 2017 – is the third longest of the 11 expansion periods since the end of World War II. Should the recovery last past May 2018, it would surpass the 106-month expansion of 1961-1969. It would match the longest period, 120 months, in July 2019. **Looking simply at the cycle, one could say the due date is near.**

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AS A PREDICTOR OF RECESSION



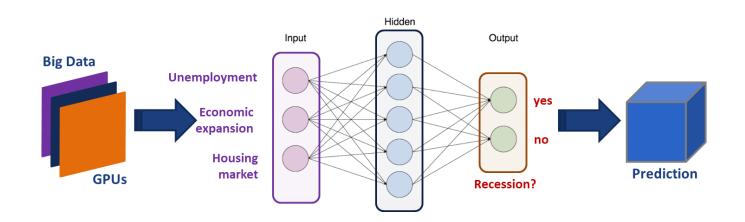
[..] when the unemployment rate falls below 5% [..] a recession usually follows within the next two or three years. For example, the unemployment rate started sinking below 5% in December 2005, and the Great Recession started in January 2008 – 25 months later.



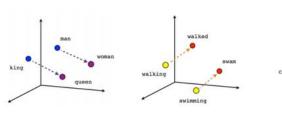


The statistic/neural approach

Is Another Recession Coming?



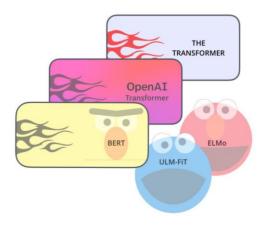
Word embeddings



Verb tense

Country-Capital

Language models



Pros

- Grounded on the data
- Broad, flexible, scalable
- SotA in most NLP/NLU benchmarks

• Cons

- Black box: Induction, not logical explanation
- Lack of true understanding of realworld semantics and pragmatics
- Risk of bias if training data not carefully curated

Male-Female



Explainability is important

nature International weekly journal of science

https://www.nature.com/articles/483531a

47 of 53 landmark publications in cancer research could not be reproduced







Raise standards for preclinical cancer research

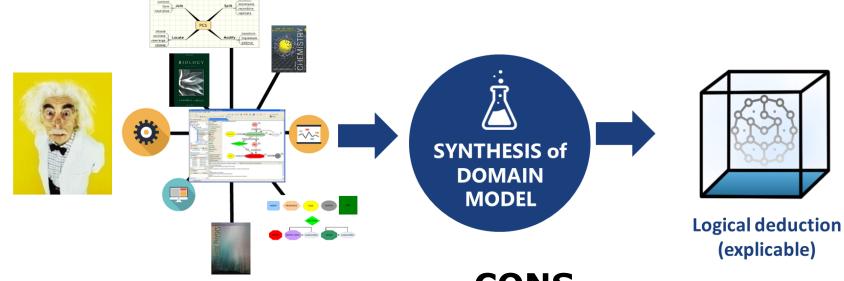
C. Glenn Begley and Lee M. Ellis propose how methods, publications and incentives must change if patients are to benefit.

Horison over the past decade to characterize the genetic alterations in human cancers have led to a better complexes of diseases. Although we in the cancer field hoped that this would lead to more effective rugs, historically, our ability to translate cancer research to clinical successhas been remarkably (w², stady, chincia

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The knowledge-based approach



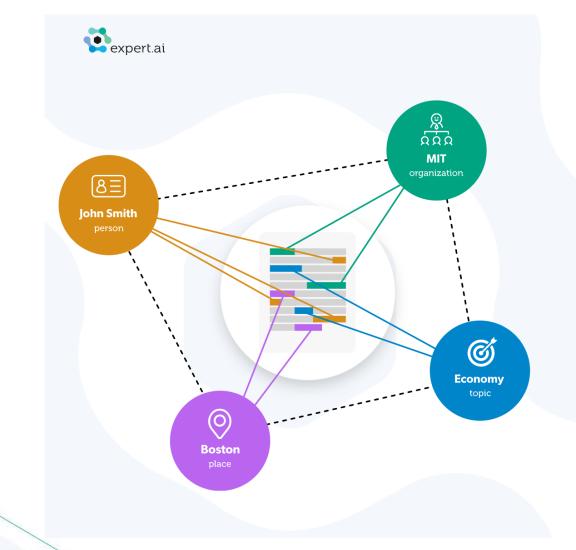
PROS

- Based on highly curated resources
- No need for training, just a few examples (in theory)
- Logically interpretable, explainable
- Structured representations are great for tasks like WSD
- Good modeling tools available

CONS

- Representations can be rich and deep but also rigid and brittle
- Automation can be challenging
- Well trained labor needed to manually model a domain can be expensive
- May be hard to scale

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Vecsigrafo Nowledge Graph WSD Usambiguated view Corpus

- Unlike Knowledge Graph Embeddings, Vecsigrafo
 - Combines corpus-based and graph-based approaches
 - Jointly learns word and concept embeddings
- Considers both lexical and semantic entries as part of the vocabulary
 - The corpus is lemmatized following different tokenization strategies, disambiguated and expanded with grammatical (PoS) and semantic information
 - Word and semantic (lemma and concept from the KG) embeddings are then jointly learnt
- For our experiments, we use Sensigrafo, expert.ai's KG
 - 300K concepts, 400K lemmas and 80+ relation types 2.8 million links) per language (14)
 - Other lexical KGs like WordNet can be equally used

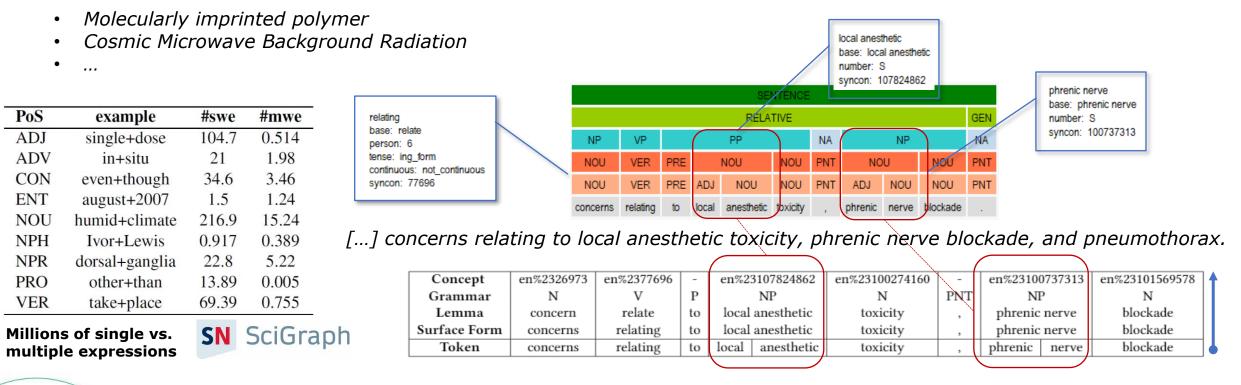


UMBC WebBase Corpus



Scientific terminology & tokenization

- Domain-specific terminology requires specialized lexical resources
- Homonymy is frequent, also with named entities (Galileo the space probe vs. the scientist)
- Multiple-word expressions requires specific tokenization



A Garcia-Silva, R Denaux, JM Gomez-Perez. 2019. Learning Embeddings from Scientific Corpora using Lexical, Grammatical and Semantic Information. 3rd Intl. Workshop on Capturing Scientific Knowledge (SciKnow'19)



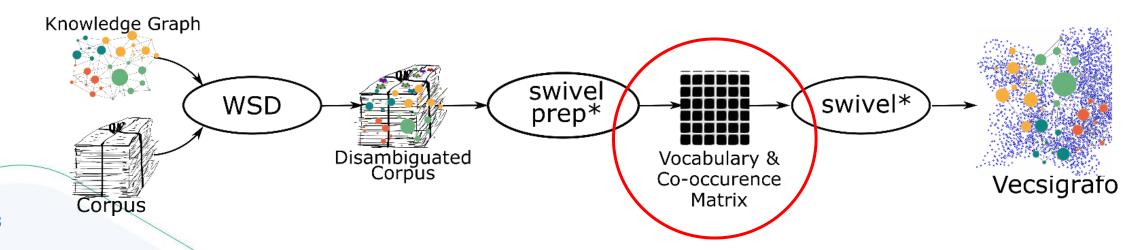
Vecsigrafo - Encoding

A Novel WASP Gene Mutation in a Chinese Boy with Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome Hui Wu¹, Cheng Hu², Dan Dang¹, Ying-Jie Guo³



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Transigrafo: Transformers + KGs expert.ai "Atrophy, small vessel disease and old, deep ischaemic strokes KG (SensiGrafo, were the commonest findings." WordNet...) k-NN Language Model Disambig **EXTEND** uate Word-sense disambiguated Contextualized corpus (SemCor, silver sense Disambiguated Extended KG standards...) embeddings sense coverage

en#100988343 (vessel) "a tube in which a body fluid circulates"

- Focused on Word-Sense Disambiguation
- Decouples language and knowledge representations, allowing for parallel development by independent, possibly unrelated teams
 - LM models human language and how sentences are built
 - KG human-engineered, interpretable conceptualization of a domain

Transigrafo based on work by Loureiro and Jorge: Language modelling makes sense: Propagating representations through WordNet for full-coverage word sense disambiguation. In: Proceedings of the 57th Annual Meeting of the ACL, pp. 5682–5691.



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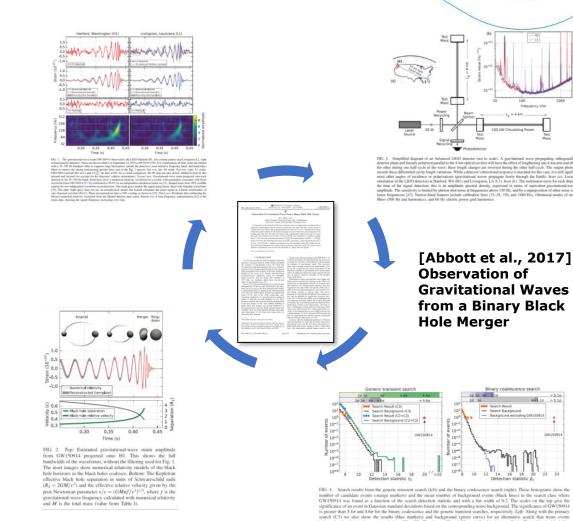
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Reading a scientific document

- The scientific discourse usually adopts the form of a narrative
- However, we rarely read a whole paper sequentially
 - We may start with the abstract, then check figures and tables to get an idea of the methods and experimental results, and iterate until we acquire an overall understanding
- To facilitate human understanding, scientific information is represented in mutually supportive ways across modalities
- This entails understanding text, but also figures, diagrams and tables





Relating scientific language and visual information

Captions are a source of FREE supervision!

Definition What is this?

Description What is the experimental setting?

Supporting information What are the details?

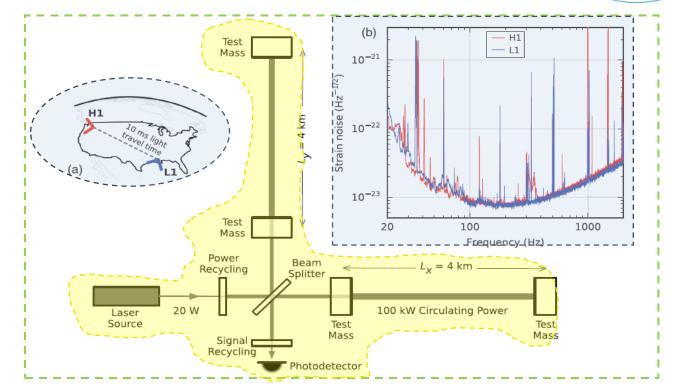
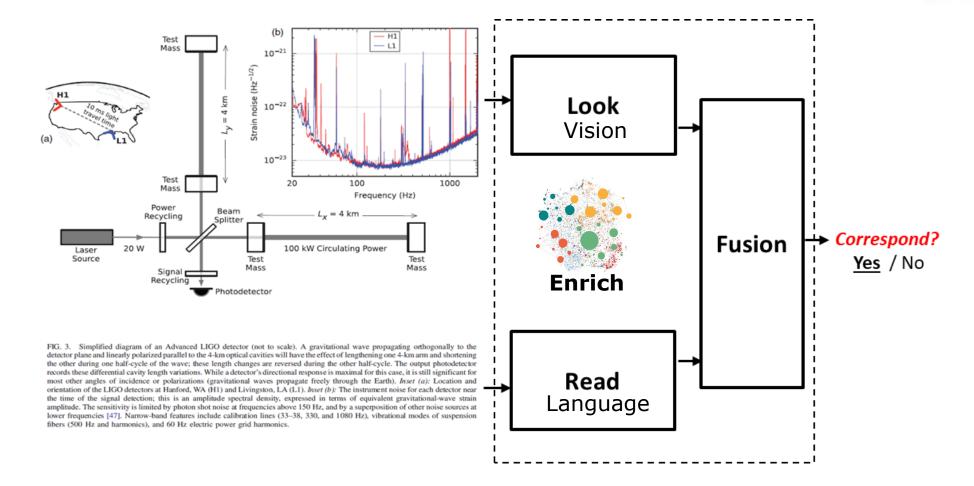


FIG. 3. Simplified diagram of an Advanced LIGO detector (not to scale). A gravitational wave propagating orthogonally to the detector plane and linearly polarized parallel to the 4-km optical cavities will have the effect of lengthening one 4-km arm and shortening the other during one half-cycle of the wave; these length changes are reversed during the other half-cycle. The output photodetector records these differential cavity length variations. While a detector's directional response is maximal for this case, it is still significant for most other angles of incidence or polarizations (gravitational waves propagate freely through the Earth). *Inset (a):* Location and orientation of the LIGO detectors at Hanford, WA (H1) and Livingston, LA (L1). *Inset (b):* The instrument noise for each detector near the time of the signal detection; this is an amplitude spectral density, expressed in terms of equivalent gravitational-wave strain amplitude. The sensitivity is limited by photon shot noise at frequencies above 150 Hz, and by a superposition of other noise sources at lower frequencies [47]. Narrow-band features include calibration lines (33–38, 330, and 1080 Hz), vibrational modes of suspension fibers (500 Hz and harmonics), and 60 Hz electric power grid harmonics.



Figure-Caption Correspondence

How can we tap on this source of supervision?



JM Gomez-Perez and R Ortega. 2019. Look, Read and Enrich - Learning from Scientific Figures and their Captions. 10th International Conference on Knowledge Capture (K-CAP '19). Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, 101–108



Look, Read... and Enrich

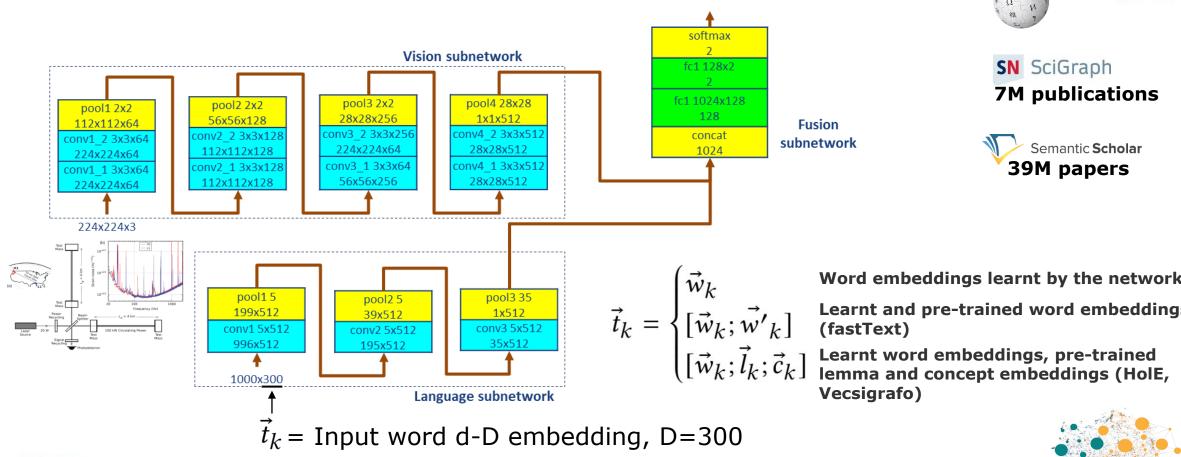


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Word embeddings learnt by the network

Learnt and pre-trained word embeddings

Vecsigrafo)



Some Experimental Results



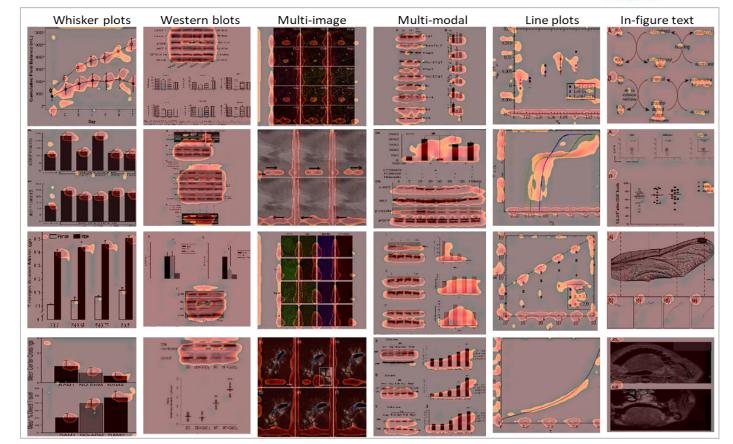
Figure-caption correspondence

	Corpus	Word rep.	Acc_{vgg} .	Acc.	
Direct SciGraph		\vec{w}_k	60.30		
Pre-train	otionapii	$ec{w}_k$	68.40		
FCC_1		\vec{w}_k	78.09	78.48	
FCC_2	SciGraph	$[\vec{w}_k; \vec{w'}_{k_sem}]$	79.75	80.35	
FCC_3	Sciolaph	$[\vec{w}_k; \vec{l}_{k_holE}; \vec{c}_{k_holE}]$	78.64	78.08	
FCC_4		$[\vec{w}_k; \vec{l}_{k_wiki}; \vec{c}_{k_wiki}]$	79.71	80.50	
FCC_5		$[\vec{w}_k; \vec{l}_{k_sem}; \vec{c}_{k_sem}]$	80.50	81.97	
FCC ₆	SemScholar	\vec{w}_k	80.42	81.44	
FCC_7	Semscholar	$[\vec{w}_k; \vec{l}_{k_sem}; \vec{c}_{k_sem}]$	82.21	84.34	

Caption and figure classification

Model	Captio	on	Figure	e
moder	Non-trainable	Trainable	Non-trainable	Trainable
Random	39.92	78.20	44.19	61.21
VGG16	n/a	n/a	58.43	n/a
Ours FCC6	61.31	<u>79.24</u>	58.57	<u>63.60</u>
Ours FCC7	67.40	79.11	60.19	63.49

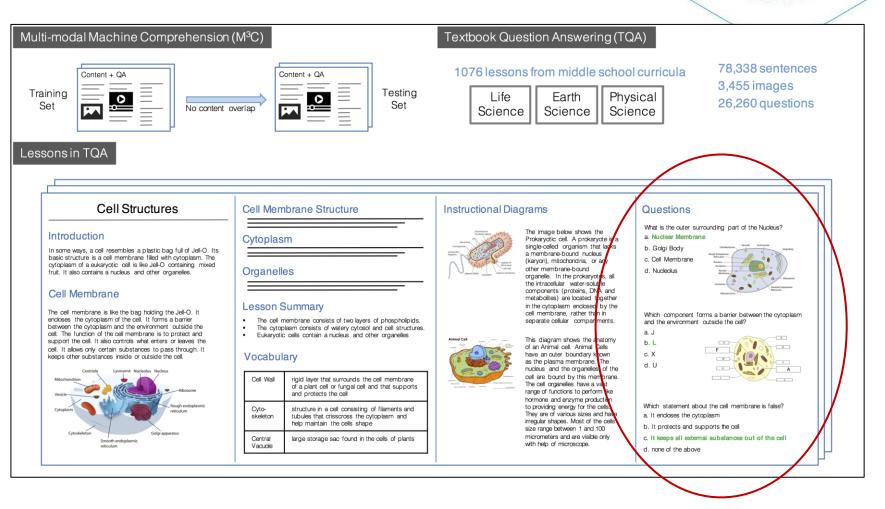
Emerging visual patterns



- Vecsigrafo boosts performance in FCC and downstream tasks
- FCC leads to detailed textual and visual discrimination through cross-modal learning

Textbook Question Answering

- TQA describes complex scientific phenomena through a combination of text and diagrams
- Answering TQA questions may involve language, visual information or both
- Often, TQA questions cannot be answered by correlation or lookup
- Negation, conjunction, polarity, qualities (high frequency), quantities (20.000 Hz)
- Diagrams describe concepts hard to represent in a single natural image, like mitosis
- Also, they comprise constituents and relationships whose semantics needs to be captured



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TQA facts: 10% questions formulated assertively, 20% multi-paragraphs or multi-lesson, 40% diagram questions require complex diagram parsing, only 2% can be answered with an OCR.

TQA SotA

Model	Text T/F	Text MC	Text All	Diagram MC	All
Random	50,10	22,88	33,62	24,96	29,08
MemN+VQA	50,50	31,05	38,73	31,82	35,11
MemN+DPG	50,50	30,98	38,69	32,83	35,62
BiDAF+DPG	50,40	30,46	38,33	32,72	35,39
FCC+Vecsigrafo	-	40,21	-	35,30	-
IGMN	57,41	40,00	46,88	36,35	41,36
f-GCN1+SSOC	62,73	49,54	54,75	37,61	45,77



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Nice progress, but still poor performance!



Mastering TQA with ISAAQ

ISAAQ: Intelligent System for Automatically Answering Textbook Questions



ISAAQ leverages transformers and cross-modal attention

Pre-training on related datasets is key

- Text: RACE, ARC-Easy, ARC-Challenge, OpenBookQA
- Diagrams: VQA abstract scenes, AI2D

JM Gomez-Perez, R Ortega. 2020. ISAAQ - mastering textbook questions with pretrained transformers and bottom-up and top-down attention. 2020 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), pp 5469–5479. Association for Computational Linguistics

Background retrieval



Scope: whole textbook

What is the most related sentence to the question?

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"Wave erosion threatens many homes and beaches on the ocean. Deposits by waves include beaches. (...) Wave-cut cliffs form when waves erode a rocky shoreline. (...)" Scope: question lesson

NSP

 What is the most likely sentence following the question?

"Erosion by waves can create unique landforms (figure 10.12) such as wave-cut cliffs, sea arches, and sea stacks. Other wave deposits are spits, sand bars, and barrier islands. (...)" Scope: question lesson

What is the most similar sentence to the question?

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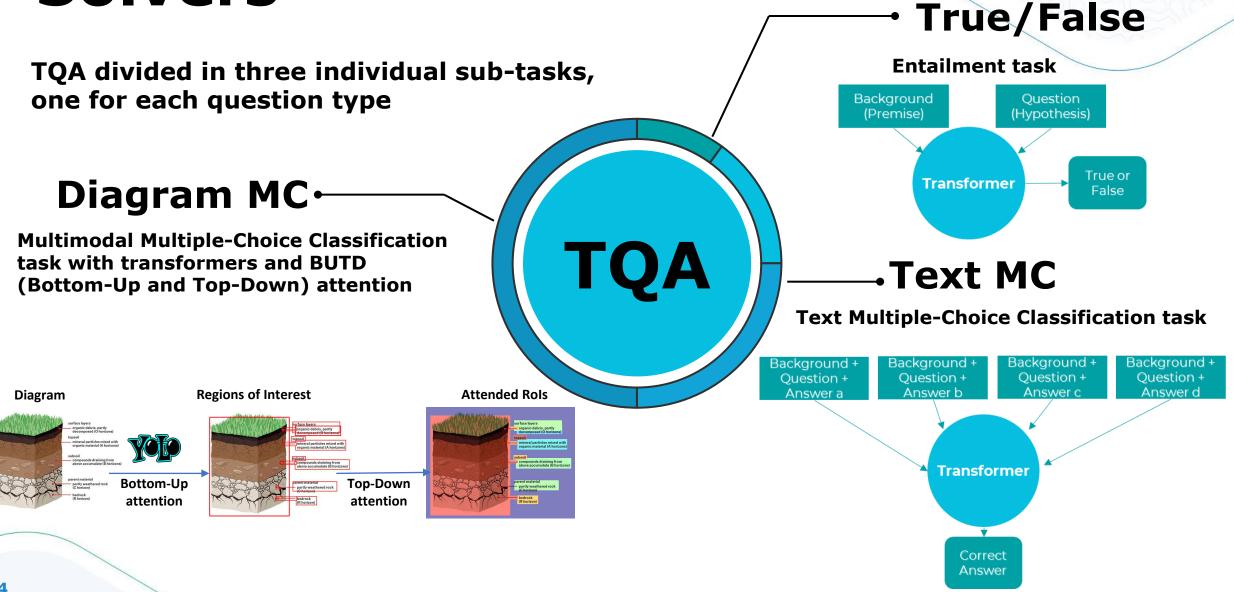
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Information retrieval

Next sentence prediction

Nearest neighbors

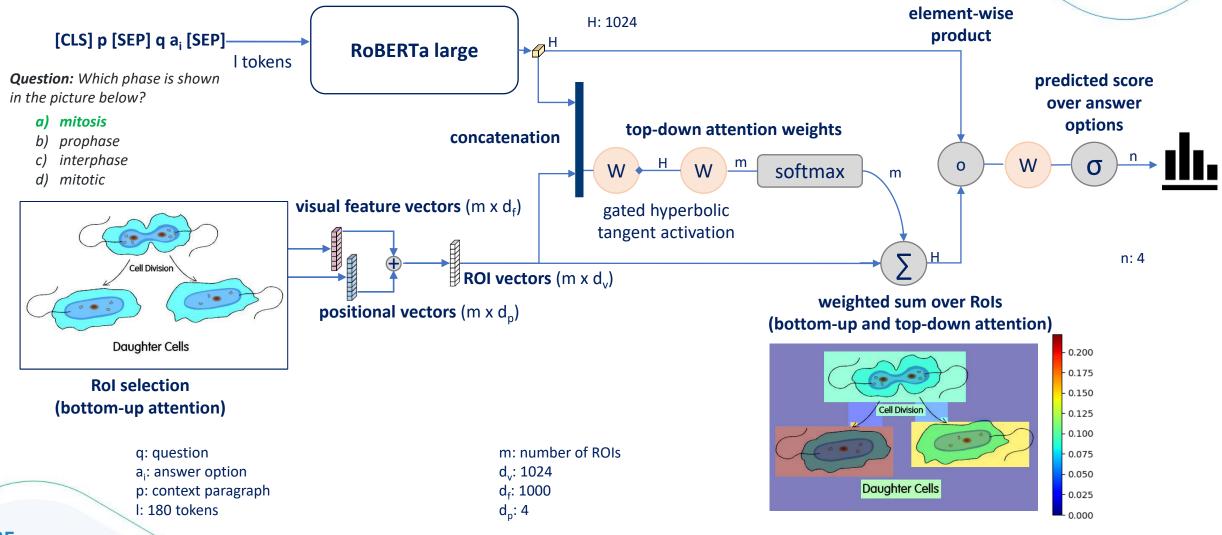
Solvers



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Results



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IGMN	57,41	40,00	46,88	36,35	41,36	
f-GCN1+SSOC	62,73	49,54	54,75	37,61	45,77	
RoBERTa + VQA	76,85	62,81	68,38,	41,14	54,09	
ISAAQ	81,36	71,11	75,16	55,12	64,66	



Average 19% accuracy points over the previous SotA 10% points over a RoBERTa + VQA baseline (14% in Diagram MC)

Some examples

ISAAQ discriminates the key visual information necessary to answer the question

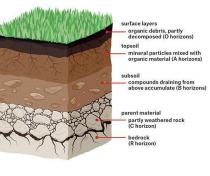


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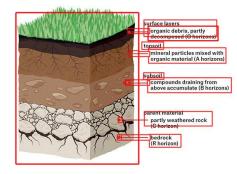
Which of the following layers comprise mineral particles?

- a) bedrock
- b) subsoil
- c) surface layers
- d) topsoil

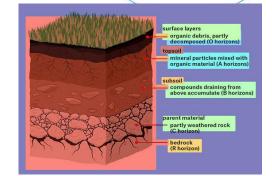
Diagram



Regions



Attention



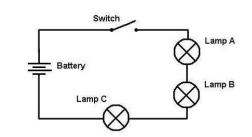
Which lamps would turn on if switch is connected? a) b b) a

- c) a, b, c
- d) c

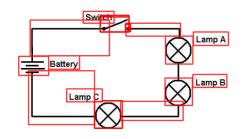
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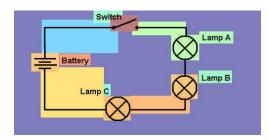
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- b) liquid
- c) gas
- d) none

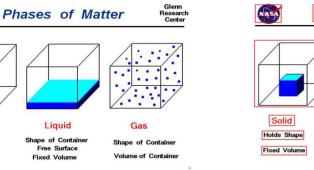
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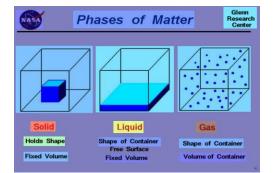
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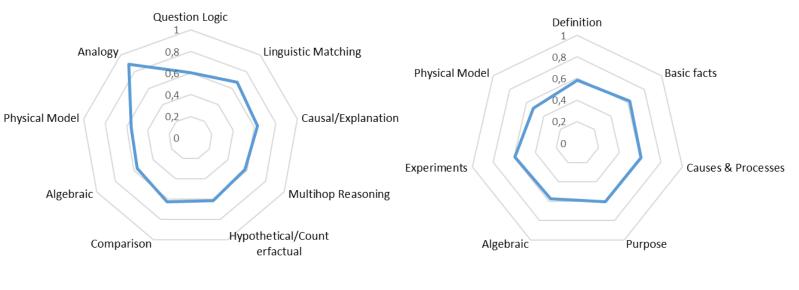
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What do we know about our transformer-based models?



- We executed ISAAQ on a sample of 203 text MC questions from ARC-Challenge annotated (*) against 7 knowledge and 9 reasoning types
- Results in-line with the overall iSAAQ accuracy on ARC-Challenge (60.34%)
- Notice the spike in analogical reasoning (90% accuracy), a key reasoning type for textbook question answering
- Consistent with recent findings (**) on the **reasoning ability** of transformer language models
- Probing: Are models actually learning knowledge and reasoning skills when trained on benchmark tasks? (***)



Knowledge types

(*) M Boratko et al. 2018. A systematic classification of knowledge, reasoning, and context within the ARC dataset. Workshop on Machine Reading for Question Answering, pp. 60–70, Melbourne, Australia. Association for Computational Linguistics.

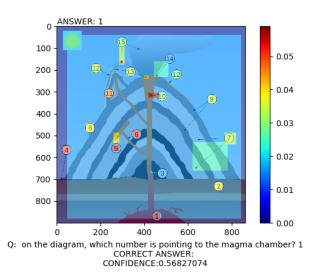
(**) P Clark, O Tafjord, and Kyle Richardson. 2020. Transformers as soft reasoners over language. ArXiv, abs/2002.05867.

Reasoning types

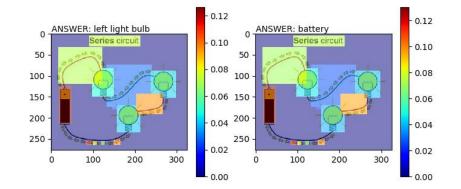
(***) K Richardson, A Sabharwal, A. 2019. What Does My QA Model Know? Devising Controlled Probes Using Expert Knowledge. Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics, 8, 572-588.

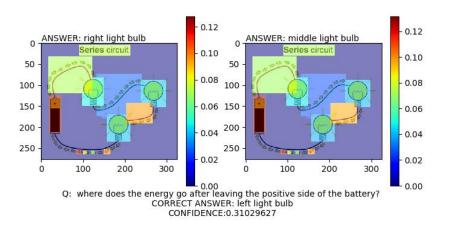
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The intensity of visual attention is generally low...



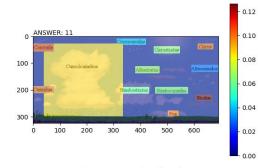
...even when confidence on the predicted answer is high The intensity of the visual attention across the candidate answers tends to be very similar



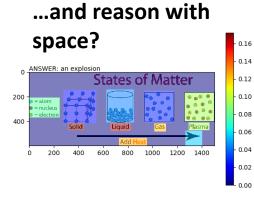


Can ISAAQ count?

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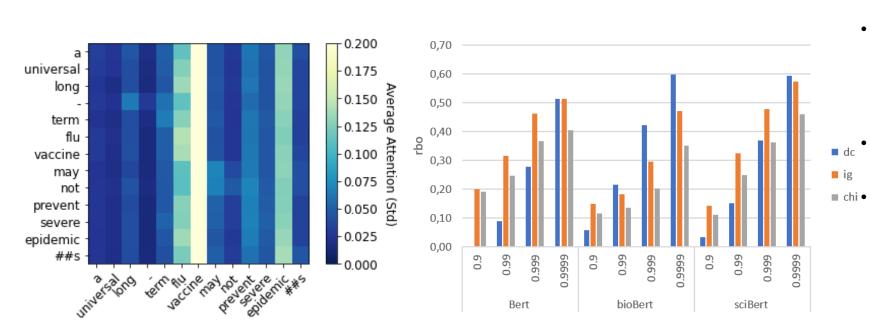
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Q: if you cool gas, what do you get? CORRECT ANSWER: liquid CONFIDENCE:0.6637937



Self-attention as feature selection SciGraph ConceptNet



BERT average weights in the selfattention heads of the last hidden state, <u>fine-tuned</u> on a classification task over SciGraph.

Rank biased overlap between most attended words and feature selection algorithms Key terms (*flu, vaccine,* epidemics) for the relevant class (*Medical and Health Sciences*) are attended more intensely

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 Most attended words cover only 16% of the vocabulary

- Compared against words selected through conventional feature selection methods: chi-square (chi), information gain (ig), document frequency(df), and categorical proportional diference (pd)
- Relevant overlap, especially with ig and dc
- Mapped against ConceptNet (HasContext), showed more domain relevance than conventional methods

A Garcia, JM Gomez-Perez. 2021. *Classifying Scientific Publications with BERT - Is Self-Attention a Feature Selection Method?* European Conference on Information Retrieval (ECIR 2021), to appear.



What else?

Question generation

• to evaluate scientific knowledge comprehension

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Hypothesis generation

to propose new experimental work

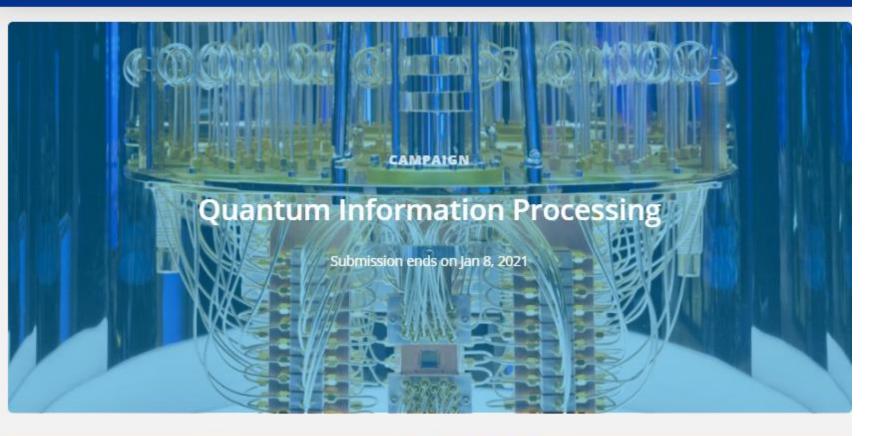
Novelty evaluation

- to estimate the potential impact of new work
- to verify its coherence with the SotA



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- Channels: permanent calls
- Ideas

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Semantic similarity as novelty indicator



EXISTING SIMILAR EXISTING SIMILAR IDEAS PROJECTS



Building the model



Extract domainspecific terminology and extend the KG



Automatically spot problems and proposed solutions in idea descriptions





Learn latent representations with transformer language models

Model semantic similarity and novelty evaluation based on joint idea representations

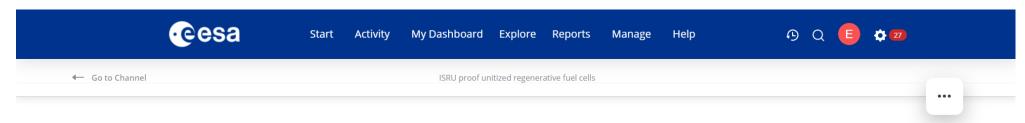




EXISTING SIMILAR PROJECTS

Evaluating ideas

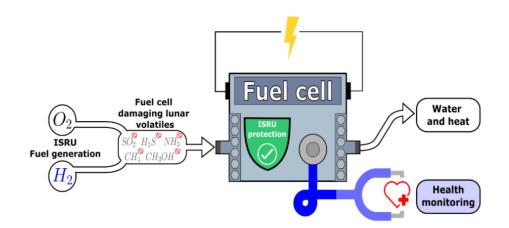




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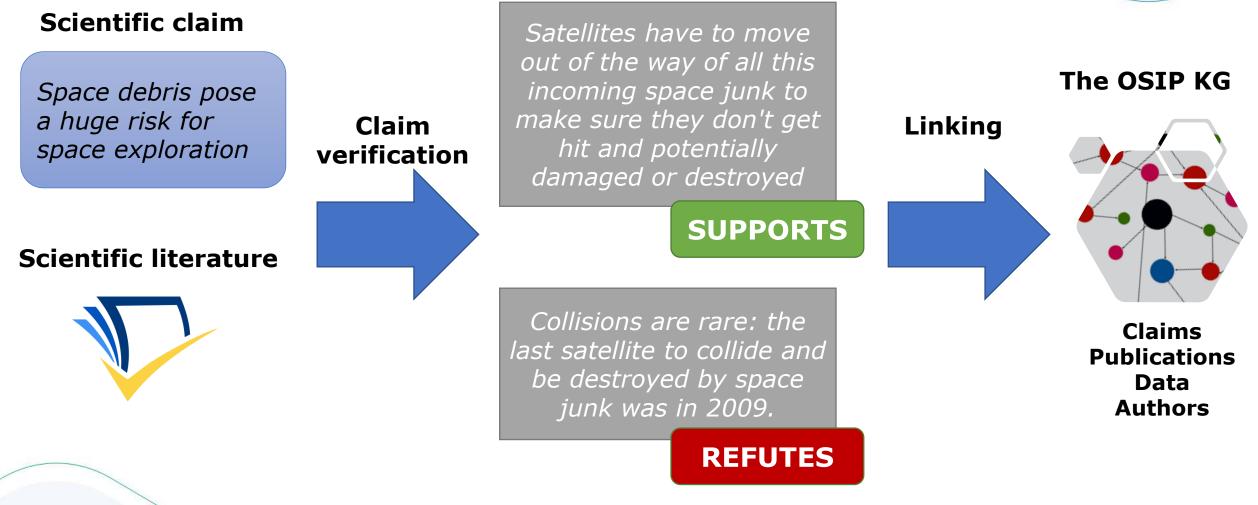
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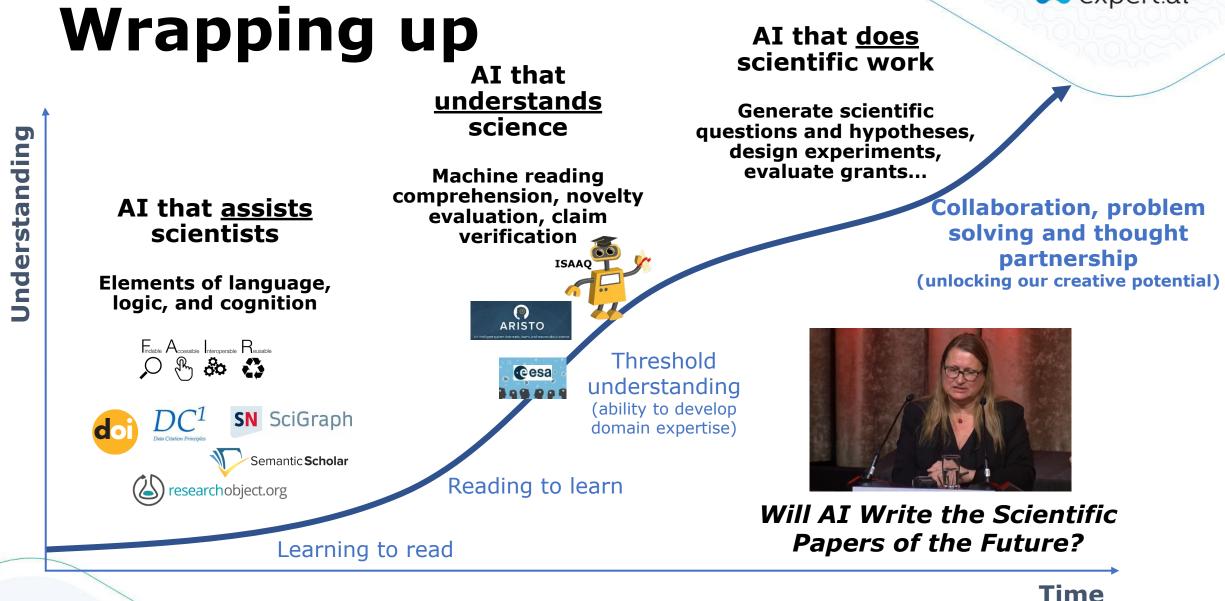


Scientific claim analysis



Interesting related work by: D Wadden et al. 2020. *Fact or Fiction: Verifying Scientific Claims.* 2020 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP). Association for Computational Linguistics





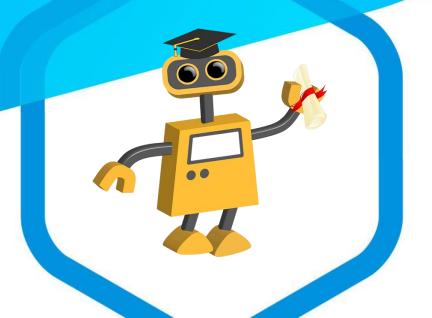






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