

Information Search in Web Archives

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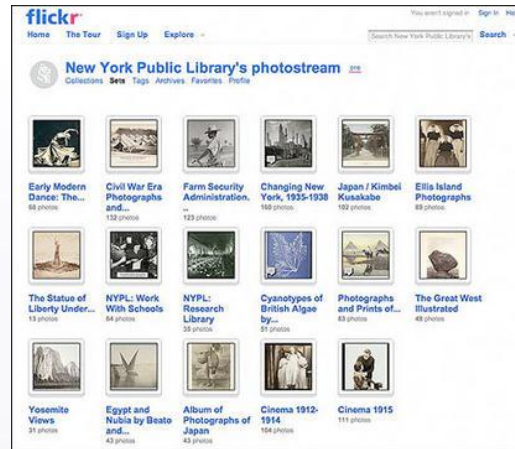
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Our Memory is in Digital Form

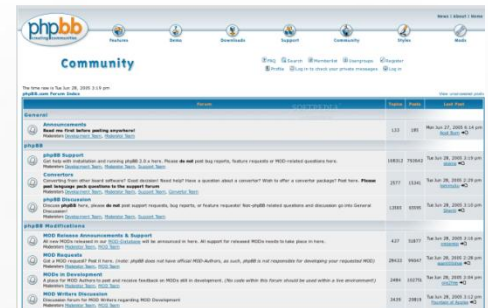
E-books



Web photo galleries



Forums



Blogs



Online newspapers



Social networks



The Web is Ephemeral

- 50 days - 50% of documents are changed
(Cho and Garcia-Molina. 2000)
- 1 year - 80% of documents become inaccessible
(Ntoulas, Cho and Olson. 2004)
- 27 months - 13% of web references disappear
(<http://webcitation.org/>. 2007)



Will we face a Digital Dark Age?



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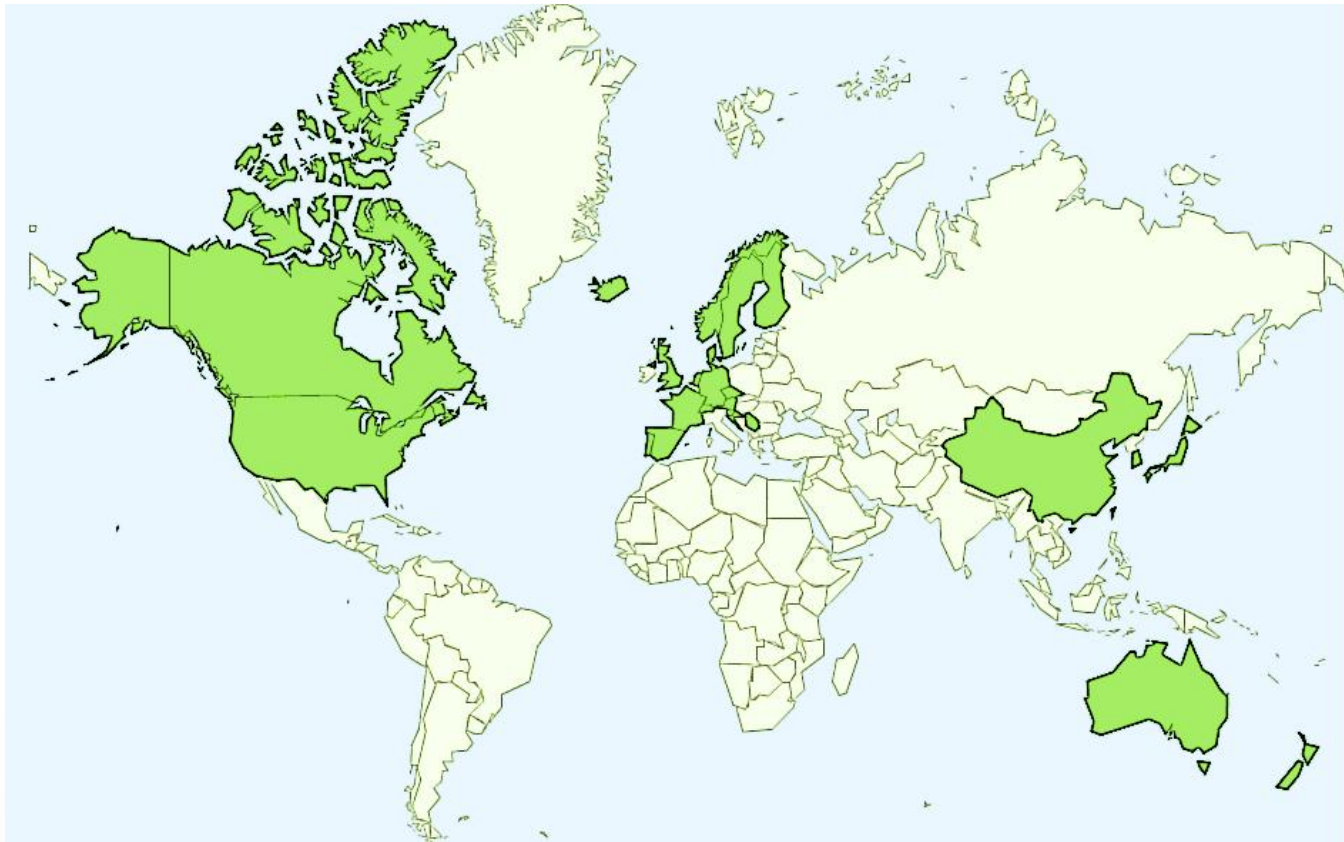
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- Click the  [Back](#) button to try another link.
- Click  [Search](#) to look for information on the Internet.

HTTP 404 - File not found
Internet Explorer


404
ERROR

2010: Worldwide Web Archiving Initiatives



- +42 initiatives in 26 countries
- +180 billions of web contents since 1996 (6.6 PB)

Wikipedia Page with Updated List



WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

- Main page
- Contents
- Featured content
- Current events
- Random article
- Donate to Wikipedia

Interaction

- Help
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- Community portal
- Recent changes
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Toolbox

- Print/export

ArticleDiscussionReadEditView historySearch


List of Web archiving initiatives

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
(Redirected from [List of Web Archiving Initiatives](#))

This page contains a list of [Web archiving](#) initiatives worldwide. For easier reading, the information is divided in three tables: [web archiving initiatives](#), [archived data](#) and [access methods](#).

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- 1 Web archiving initiatives
- 2 Archived data
- 3 Access methods
- 4 References



Map of Web archiving initiatives worldwide in June, 2011.

Web archiving initiatives [edit]

Name [v]	Country [v]	Creation Year [v]	Technologies [v]	Number of Employees [v]		Comments [v]
				Full-time	Part-time	
Australia's Web Archive ^[1]	Australia	1996	PANDORA Digital Archiving System (PANDAS), NLA Trove, HTTrack	4	>4.25	It is a collaborative program of 11 agencies that provide an estimate average monthly staffing equivalent to 4 FTE. IT outsourced support: 0.25 person-month. Whole Domain Harvests are conducted by the Internet Archive using Heritrix , Wayback Machine .
Our digital island, a Tasmanian Web Archive ^[2]	Australia	1996	HTTrack , Experimentally: Web Curator, Heritrix and Wayback Machine		1	
			Archive access tools and			

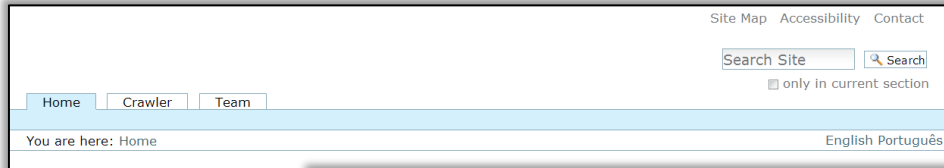
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Web_archiving_initiatives

A world map with a light blue background. Green shading indicates the distribution of the genus Echinops. The shaded areas include: North America (Alaska, Canada, and the contiguous United States); Europe (Ireland, Great Britain, and Scandinavia); North Africa (Libya); China; Japan; and Australia.

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Portuguese Web Archive

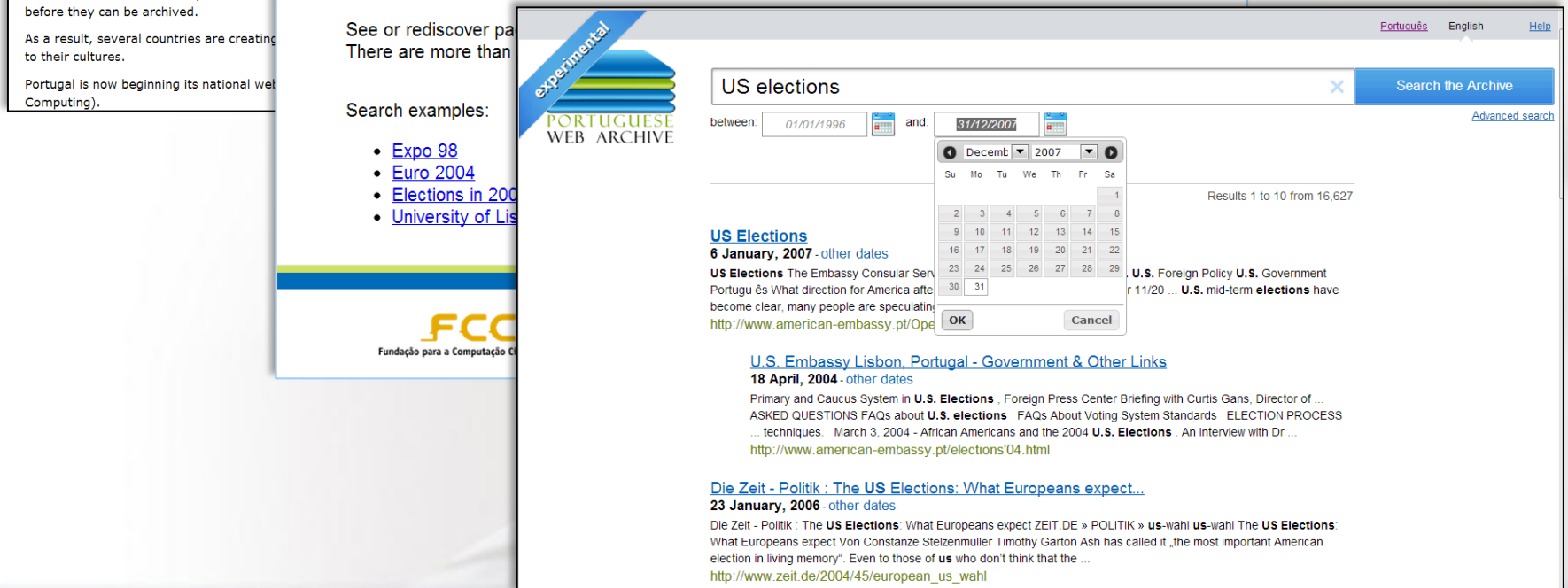
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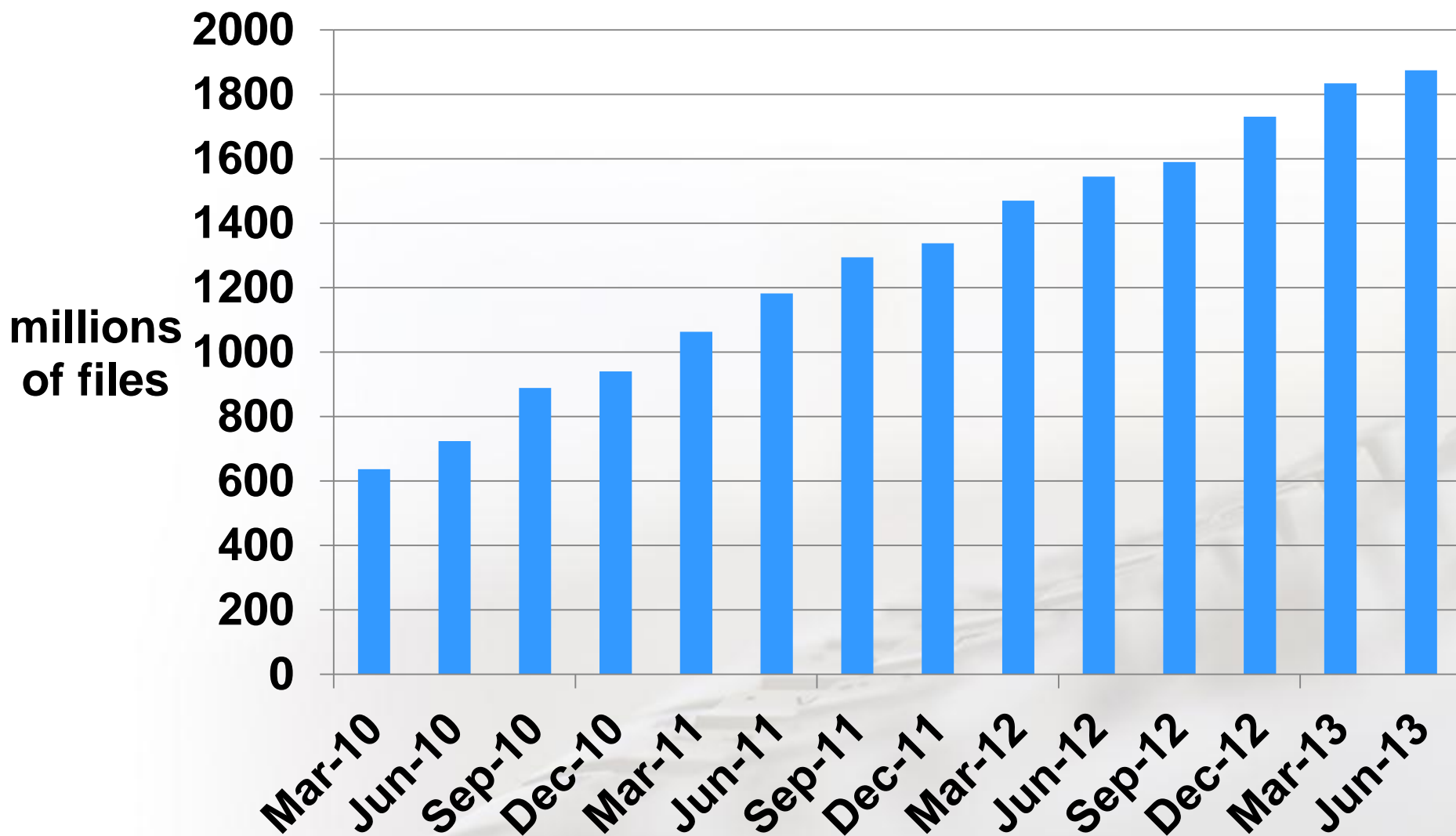
2010



2013



1.8 Billion Archived Files (52 TB)





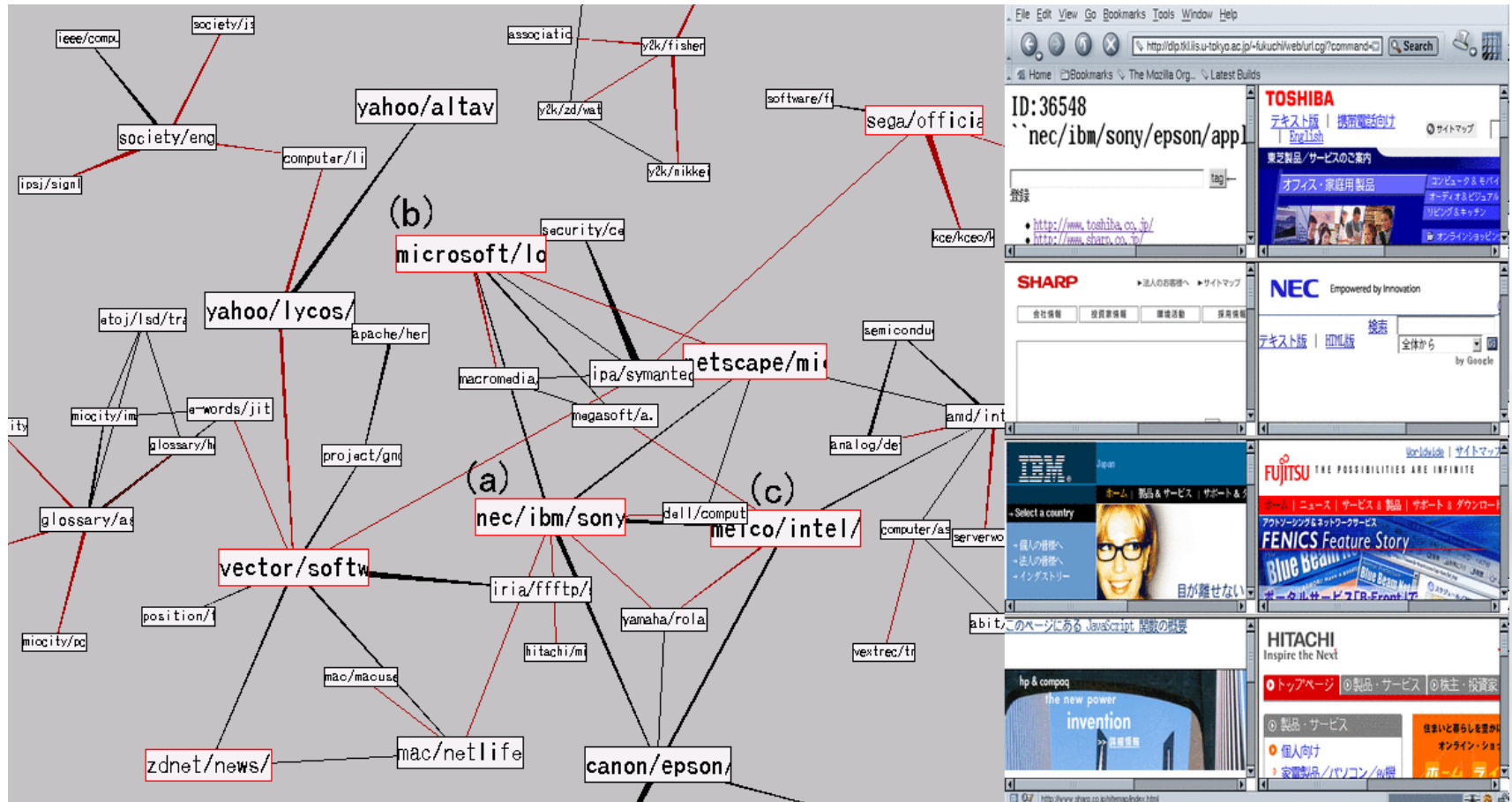
What can we do with all this data?

Portuguese WA: Web Characterization

Media type	% contents 2005	% contents 2008	Trend
Text/html	61.2%	57.8%	-5.5%
Image/jpeg	22.6%	22.8%	+1.2%
Image/gif	11.4%	9.4%	-17.4%
Text/pdf	1.6%	1.9%	+18.5%
Other	3.2%	8.1%	-

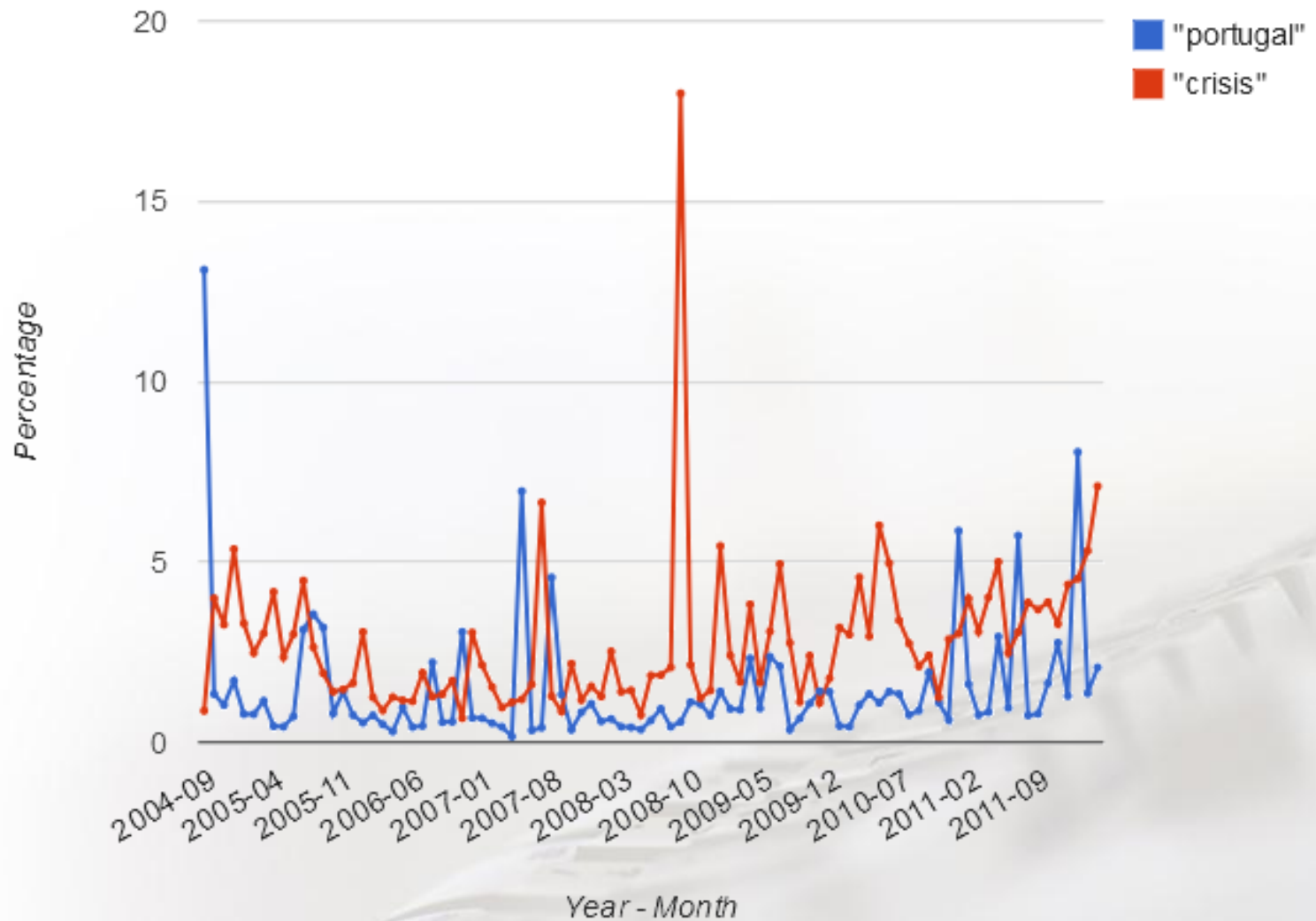
Trends in Web Characteristics, *7th Latin American Web Congress* 2009.

Japanese WA: Evolution of Web Communities



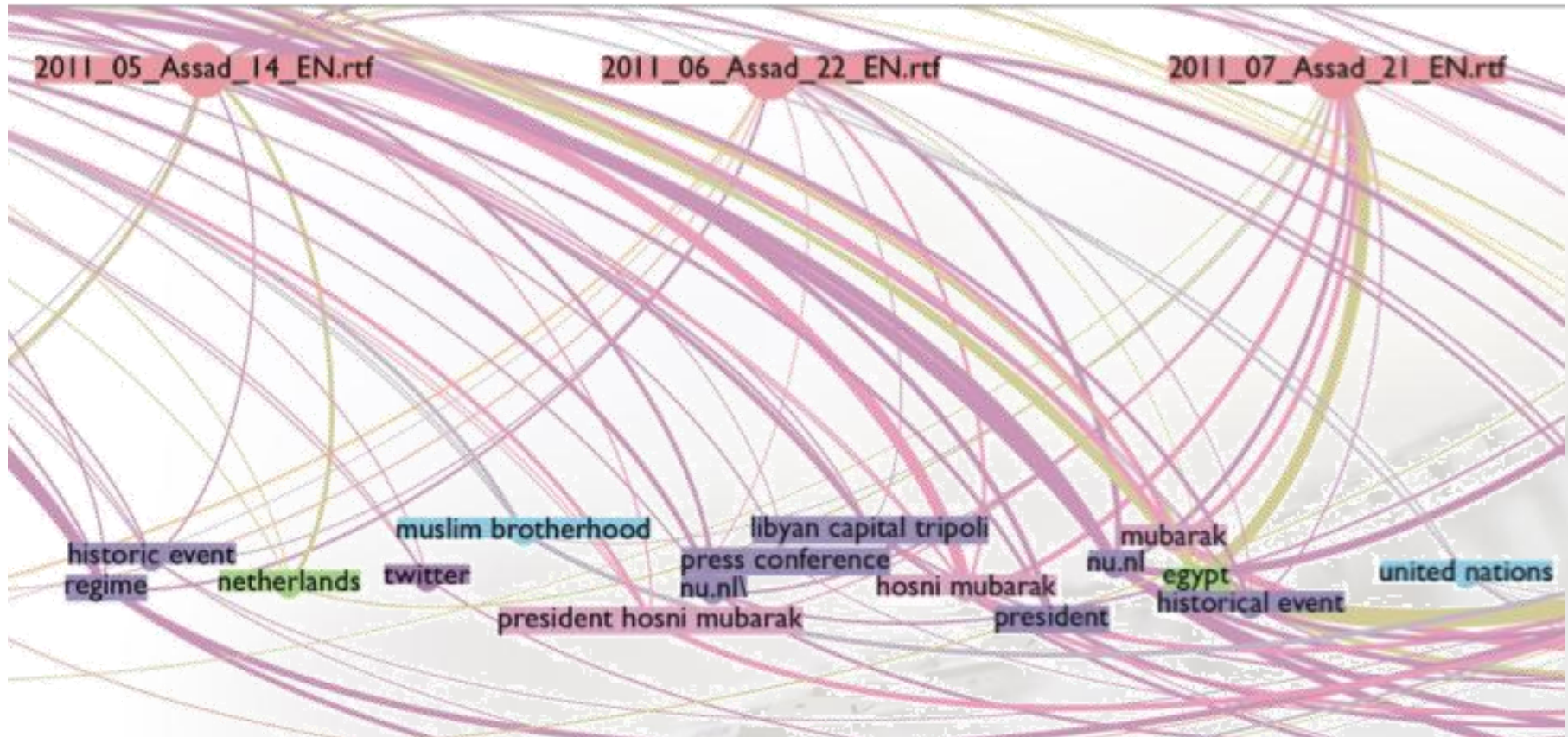
Extracting Evolution of Web Communities from a Series of Web Archives, *14th ACM Conference on Hypertext and Hypermedia* 2003.

UK WA: Word Frequency Analysis



<http://www.webarchive.org.uk/ukwa/ngram/>

WebART: Co-word Analysis



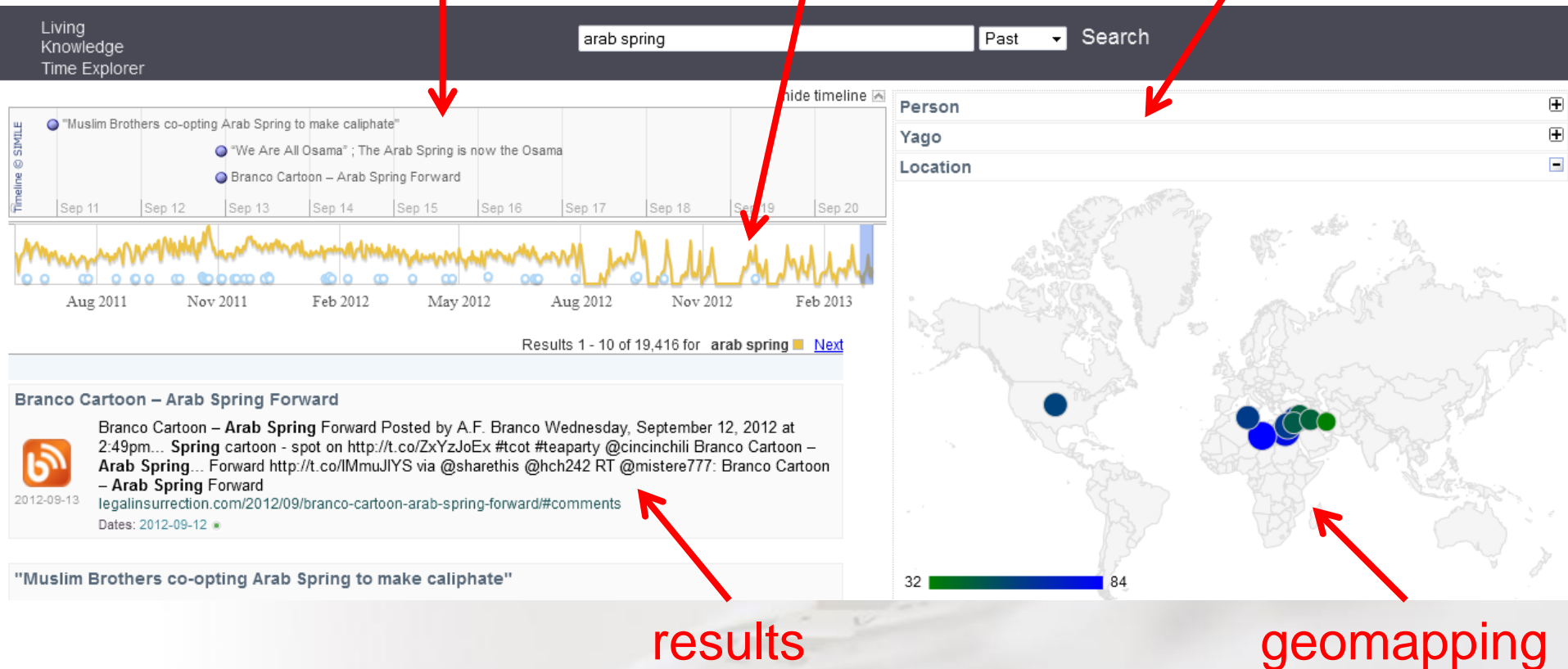
<http://www.webarchiving.nl/>

Living Knowledge (Yahoo!): News Analysis

timeline

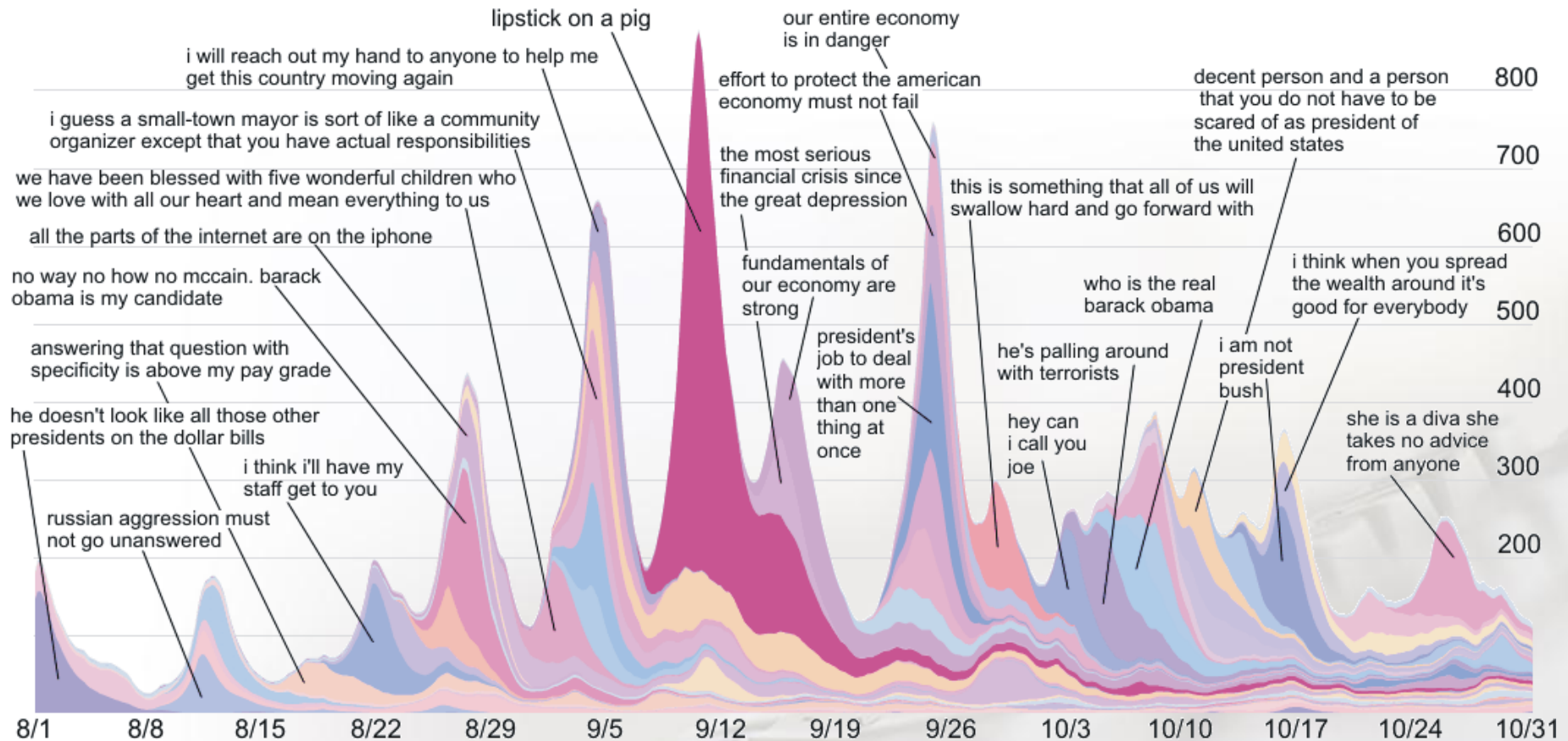
frequency graph

entity selection



Searching through time in the New York Times, *Human Computer and Information Retrieval* 2010.

MemeTracker: News Analysis



Meme-tracking and the Dynamics of the News Cycle, *Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining* 2009.

Facebook: Social Analysis



Paul Butler created this friend relationship visualization map using Facebook data.

Twitómetro: Sentiment Analysis



<http://dmir.inesc-id.pt/project/Reaction>

NYT Archive: Forecast Events

In deep **drought**, at 104 degrees,
dozens of Africans are **dying**.

New York Times 02/17/2006

Angola **cholera** cases
rise sharply after **floods**.

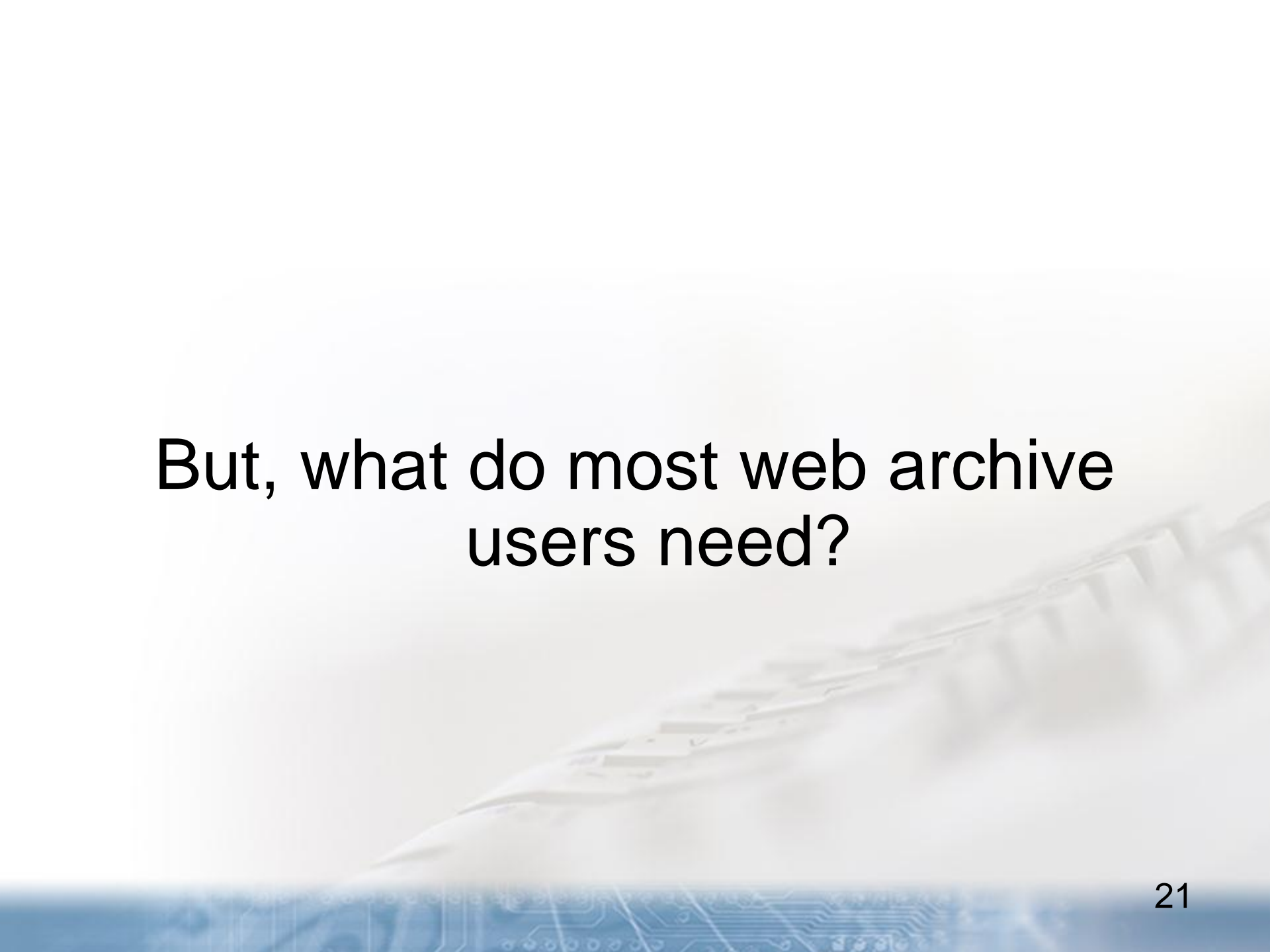
New York Times 01/30/2007

Mining the Web to Predict Future Events, *Web Search and Data Mining*
2013.

What can we do with all this data?

**all kinds of machine learning
over time**

model the **past** and predict the **future**



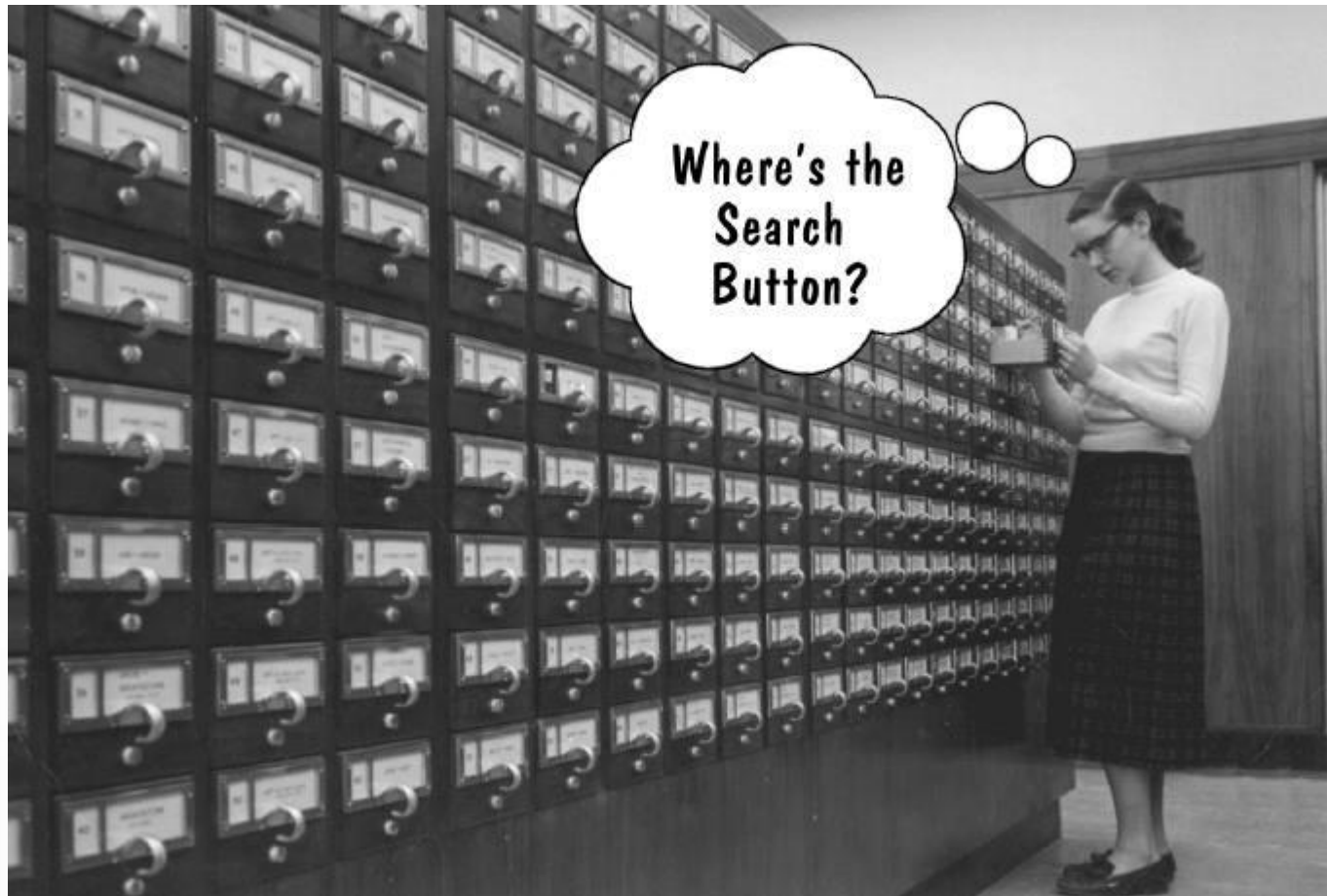
But, what do most web archive
users need?

Use Cases

- **User** visits a missing bookmark
- **Journalist** investigates past information
- **Webmaster** recovers the lost site
- **Historian** searches for digital documents
- **Web designer** creates portfolio of sites
- **Professor** downloads missing slides
- **Lawyer** looks for evidences

Users don't understand Web Archives

What do you want? I don't know!



PWA Search System



- Available since 2010: <http://archive.pt>
- 1.2 billion documents
 - searchable by full-text and URL
 - range between 1996 and 2012

URL Search



sapo.pt



Search the Archive

between:

01/01/1996



and:

31/12/2012



[Advanced search](#)

Did you want to see webpages with the text: <http://sapo.pt?>

Versions of the archived the Web pages

We archived 1,832 versions of the Web page <http://sapo.pt> from 1 January, 1996 and 26 August, 2013.

1997 2	1998 4	1999 23	2000 87	2001 58	2002 20	2003 29	2004 199	2005 444	2006 119	2007 120	2008 5	2009 6	2010 255	2011 368
8 Oct	10 Jan	25 Jan	29 Feb	5 Jan	24 Jan	5 Feb	16 Feb	1 Jan	1 Jan	2 Jan	1 Jan	20 May	26 Mar	1 Jan
10 Dec	29 Jan	25 Jan	29 Feb	6 Jan	6 Feb	10 Feb	19 Mar	2 Jan	1 Jan	5 Jan	14 Mar	24 Jun	1 Apr	2 Jan
	7 Feb	8 Feb	29 Feb	7 Jan	30 Mar	19 Feb	5 Apr	3 Jan	2 Jan	7 Jan	14 Mar	26 Sep	5 Apr	3 Jan
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SAPO.PT 2011

1 de Janeiro — Faça do SAPO a sua homepage

Acesso: Internet SAPO | Meo Fibra | Meo | Telepac | TMN | TDT

Área de Cliente SAPO



Web | Imagens | Vídeos **Novo!** | Notícias | Blogs | Produtos | PAi | PBi

Insira o texto a pesquisar

Pesquisar

Mail | Blogs | Carros | Casas | Fotos | Mapas | Vídeos | Notícias | Messenger

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Destaques

Desporto

Economia

Vida

Tecnologia

Local

Vídeos

Fontes: DD | DE | Lusa | RTP | SIC | Sol



Mulheres no poder

192 países, apenas nove mulheres presidentes (SAPO)

São 192 os Estados com assento nas Nações Unidas e a maioria são repúblicas, mas o ano 2011 começa

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Mail



Tempo



Horóscopo



Emprego

personalizar página

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type Status report

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SAPO.PT 1997



Informações

Correio Electrónico

TOP SAPO

Novidades



Imagens Satélite

Pesquisar

Opções

Procura pelo E-Mail de alguém ? Já conhece a [base de E-Mails](#) do SAPO ?

- **Novidades**

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Full-text Search



Search interface showing the query "sapo" and the search button "Search the Archive". Below the search bar, there are date filters: "between: 01/01/1996" and "and: 31/12/2012", with a link to "Advanced search".

Results 1 to 10 from 149,648,512

[SAPO - Servidor de Apontadores Portugueses](#)

10 December, 1997 - [other dates](#)

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<http://www.sapo.pt/>

[SAPO - Portugal Online!](#)

8 June, 2010 - [other dates](#)

SAPO - Portugal Online! Saltar para: Pesquisa [1] , Lista de Serviços [2] , Notícias [3] ou Destaques SAPO
[4] SAPO.pt Pesquisa SAPO Web Imagens Notícias Blogs Produtos Directório PAi PBi Pesquisar: Onde:
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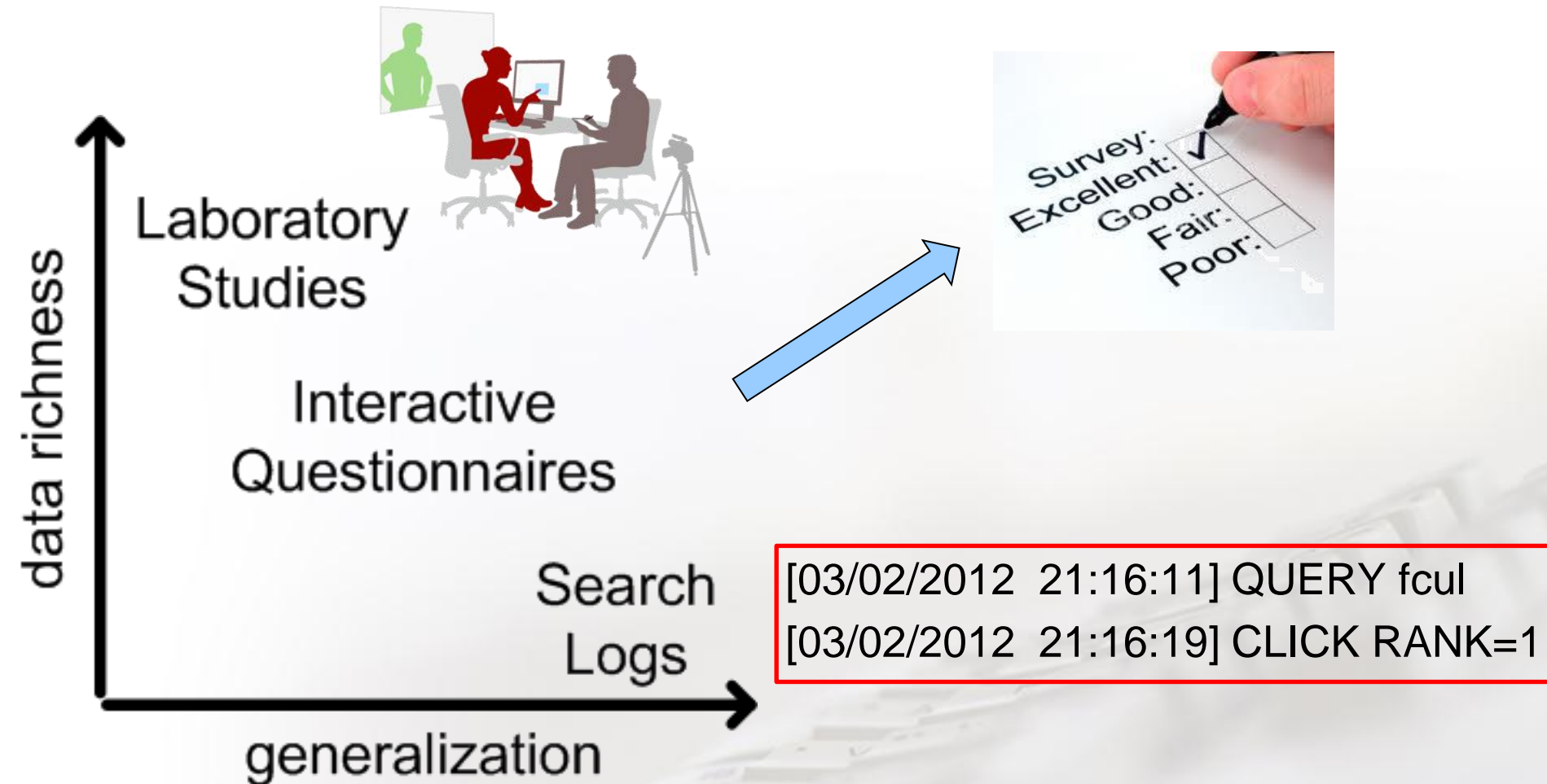
[Eu Não Desisto: abril 2004 Archives](#)

17 October, 2009 - [other dates](#)

Jornal de Notícias, Minho, Braga, 17.12.2004, ou em [http://jn.sapo.pt/2004/12/17/minhoblogs.sapo.pt/arquivo/2004_04.html#128423](http://jn.sapo.pt/2004/12/17/minho...blogs.sapo.pt/arquivo/2004_04.html#128423) Posted by mauricio_102 at 02:46 PM | Comentários: (20 ... Portugueses ... III". 30_4_04 - "LISTAGEM dos Artigos do Mês de Abril 2004". 28_4_04 - "blogs.sapo" 25 ...

http://eunaodesisto.blogs.sapo.pt/arquivo/2004_04.html

Understanding the Users' Information Needs



Understanding the Information Needs of Web Archive Users, *10th International Web Archiving Workshop 2010*.

What are the Users' Information Needs?

- **Navigational** – 53% to 81%
 - seeing a web page in the **past** or how it evolved
- **Informational** – 14% to 38%
 - collecting information about a topic written in the **past**

What is the best tool to support
navigational (and **informational**)
information needs?

Searching vs Analytical tools

State-of-the-Art

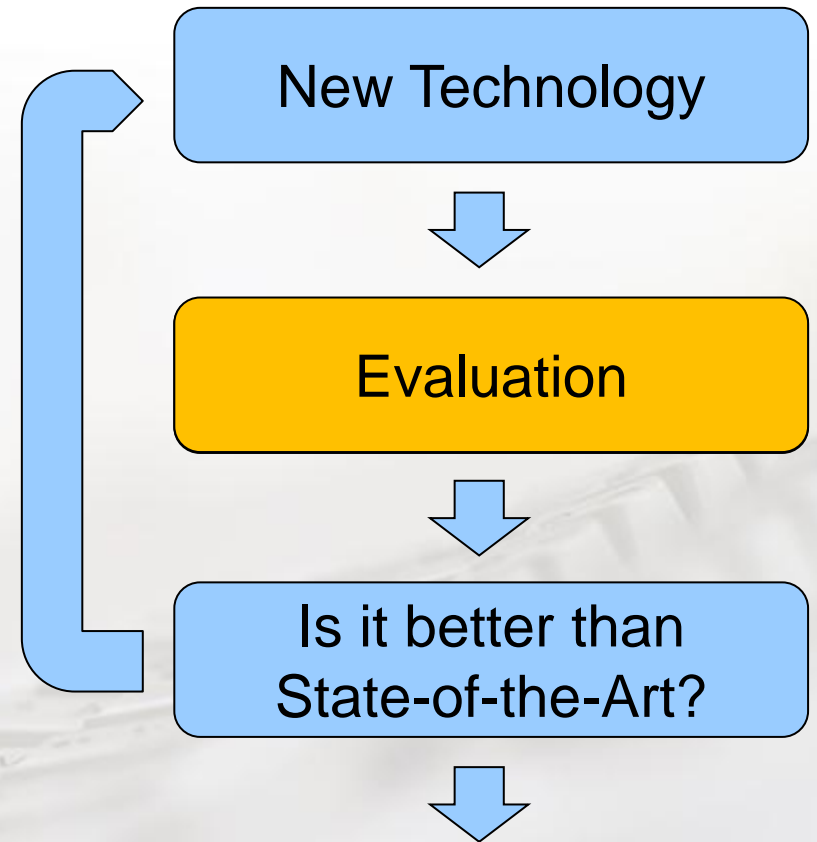
- **URL Search** – Internet Archive's Wayback Machine
 - difficult to remember or unknown



- **Full-text Search** – Lucene extensions (NutchWAX & Solr)
 - does not scale for large collections
 - slow searches
 - poor quality results

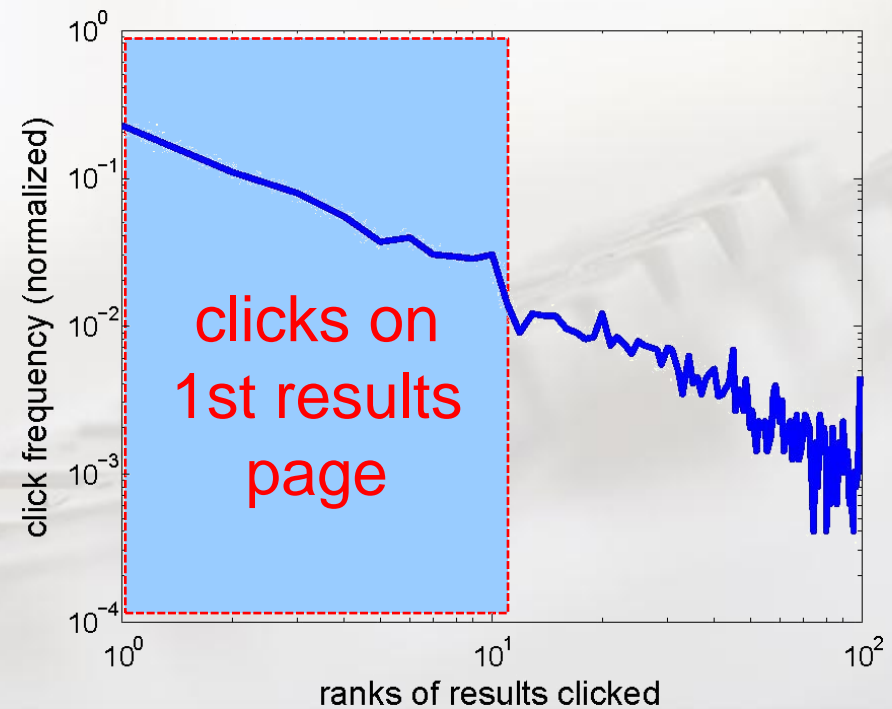


~~How to improve?~~
How to evaluate?



Evaluation Methodology

- Test Collection (Cranfield Paradigm):
 - Corpus
 - **What** are the typical web collections?
 - Topics
 - **Why, what** and **how** do users search?
 - Relevance Judgments
 - **What** is relevant for users?
 - Measures
 - **What** and **how** many documents do users see?
- Wrong assumptions lead to wrong conclusions



Evaluation Methodology

- Test Collection (Cranfield Paradigm):
 - **Corpus:** 6 web collections, 255M contents, 8.9TB
 - broad crawls, selective crawls, integrated collections
 - **Topics:** 50 navigational
 - I need the page of Público newspaper between 1996 and 2000.
 - **Relevance Judgments:** 3 judges, 3-level scale of relevance, 267 822 versions assessed
 - **Measures:** (S@k, NDCG@k, P@k | k=1,5,10)
 - only 14% see the second page (> top 10)

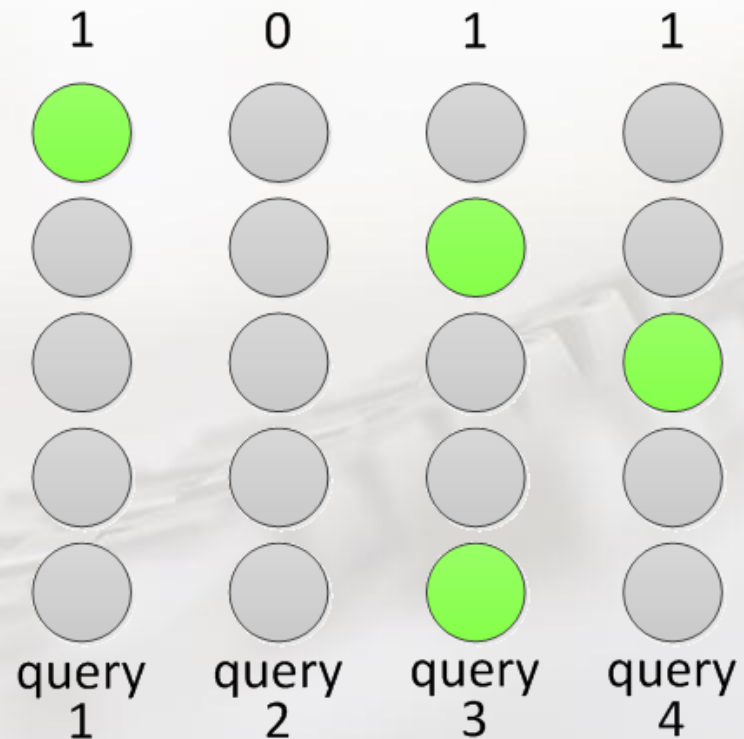
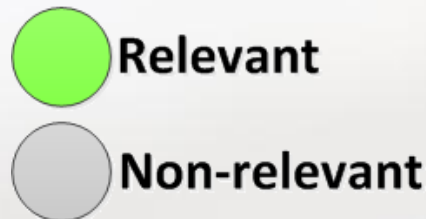
Evaluating Web Archive Search Systems, *13th International Conference on Web Information System Engineering* 2012.

Evaluation Metric: Success@k

- 1 if a relevant version has been found on the top-k
- 0 otherwise

– Example:

- avg. Success@5 = 3/4



Search Effectiveness of the State-of-the-Art

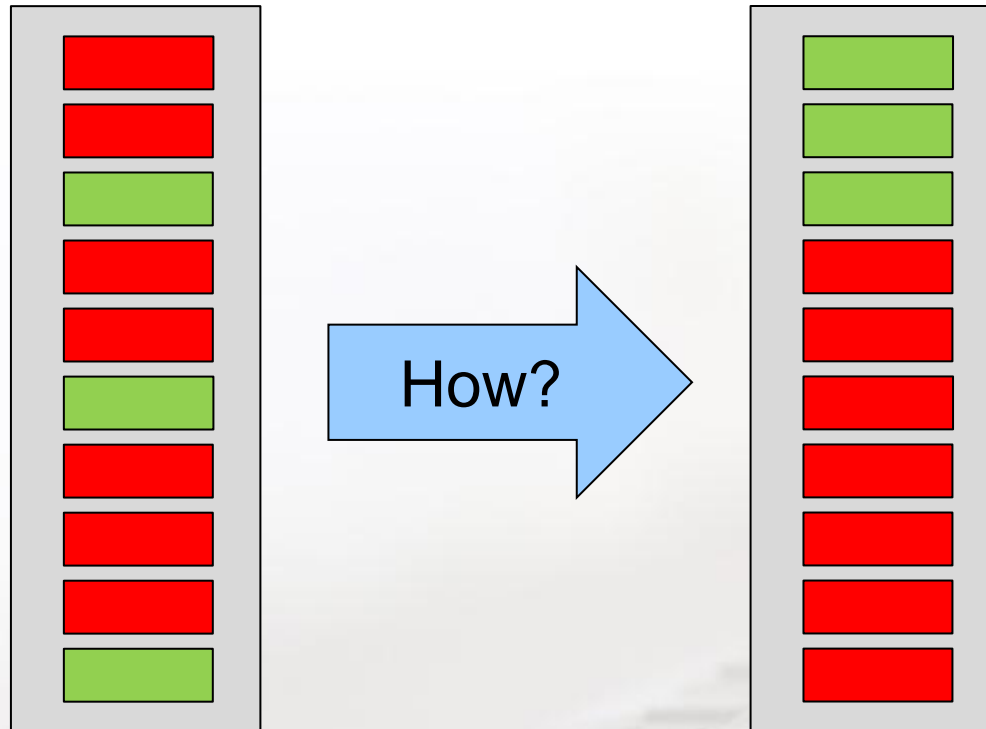
State-of-the-Art (SoA) Effectiveness







How to improve?

Goal: Maximize Relevance



-  Relevant document
-  Non-relevant document

State-of-the-Art: Ranking Features

Query: sapo (toad in English)

<http://www.sapo.pt>

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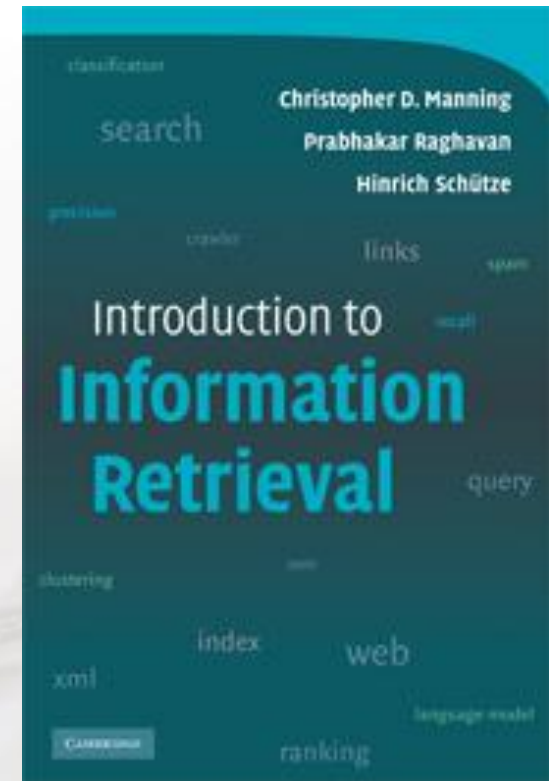
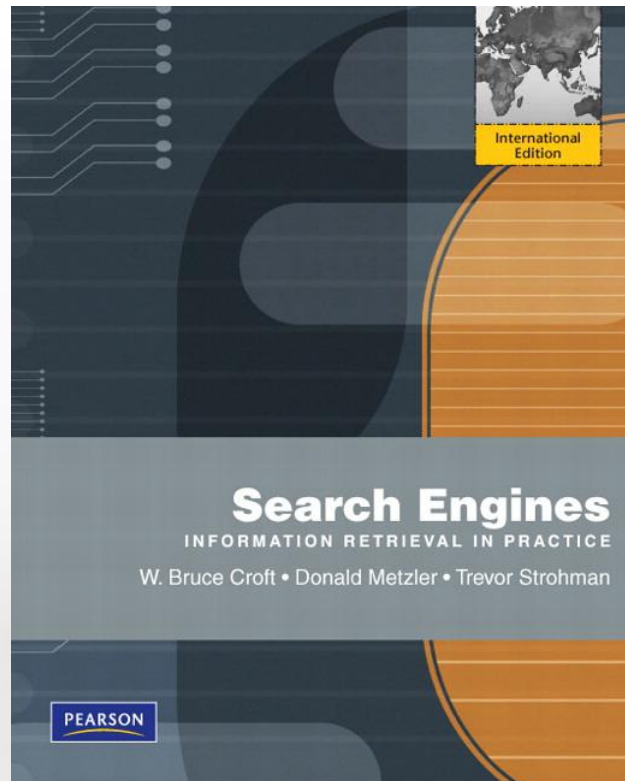
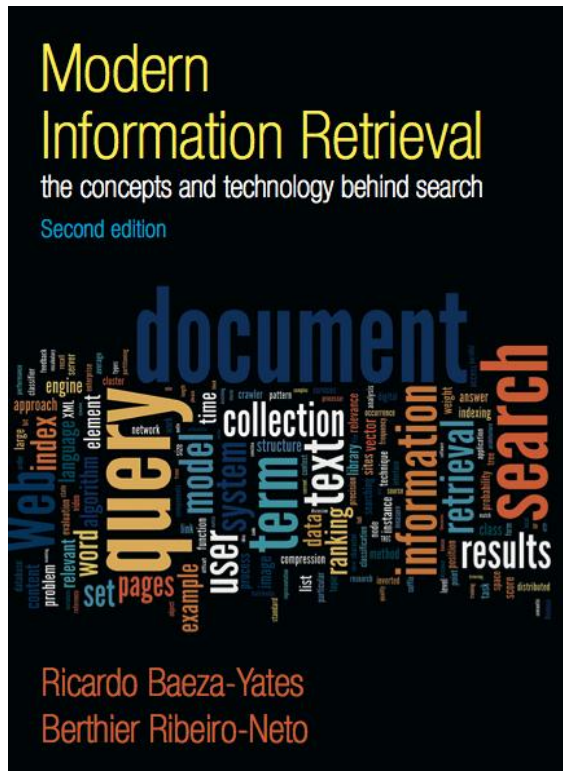
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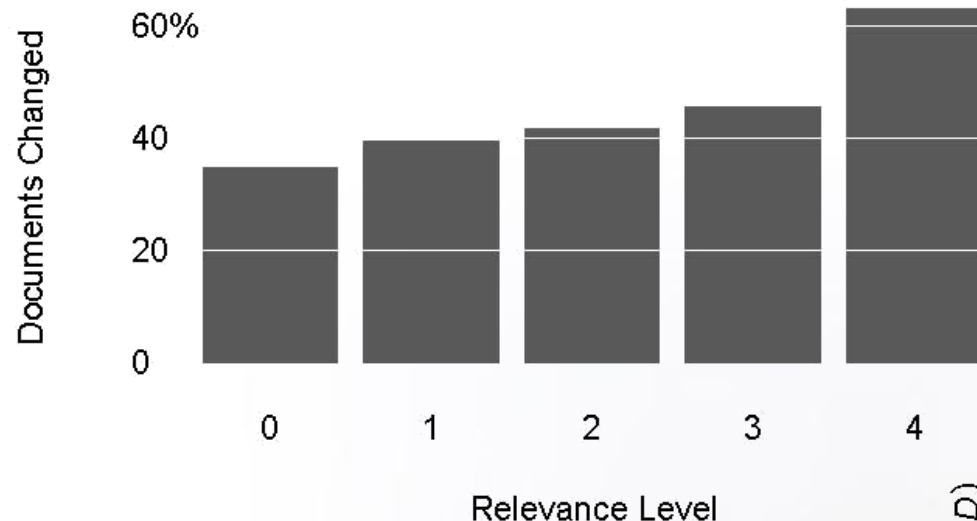
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What other Features can we use?



Document Change Over Time

Change vs. Relevance



documents with higher relevance are more likely to change

documents with higher relevance tend to change to a greater degree

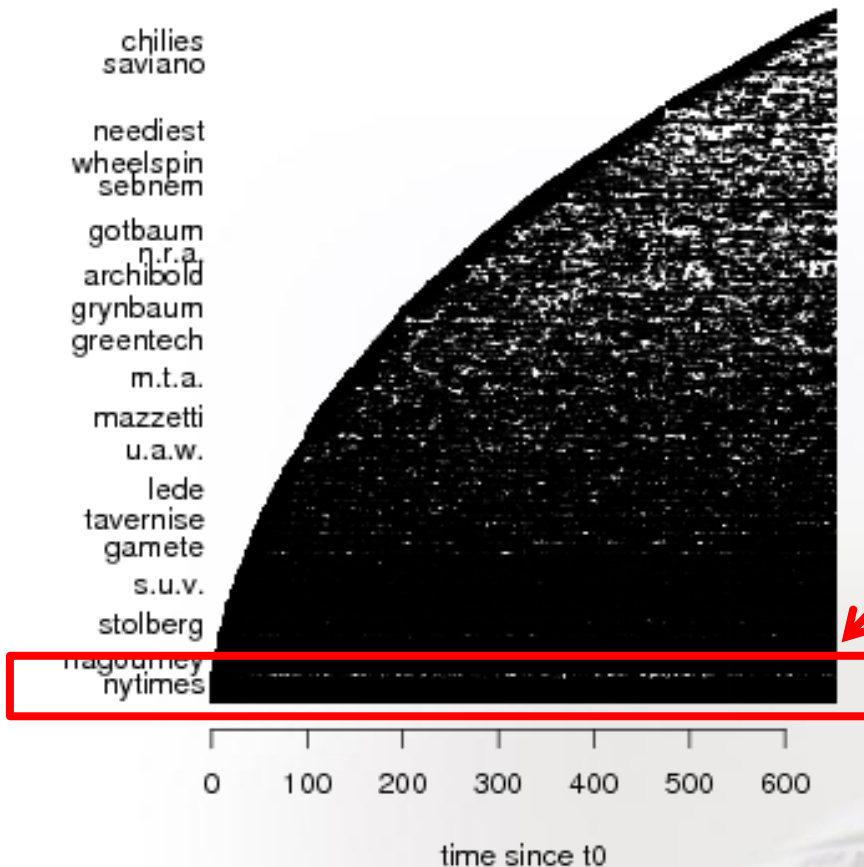
Change Amount vs. Relevance



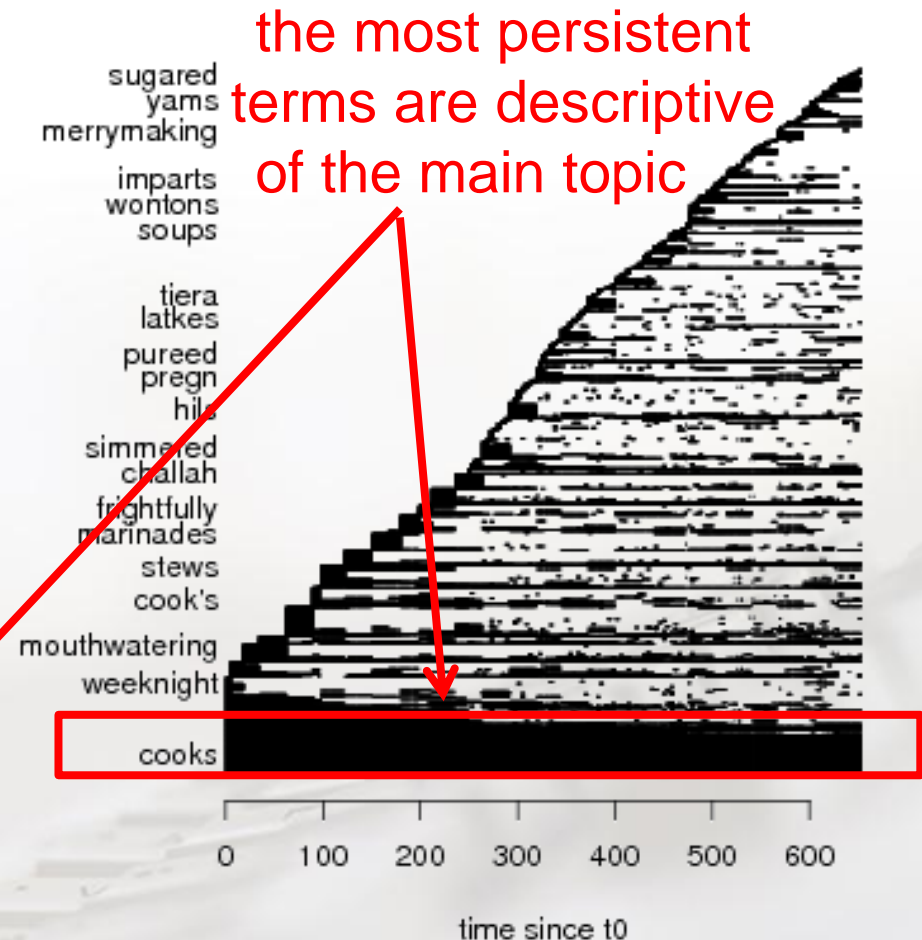
Leveraging Temporal Dynamics of Document Content in Relevance Ranking, *Web Search and Data Mining* 2010.

Vocabulary Change Over Time

nytimes.com



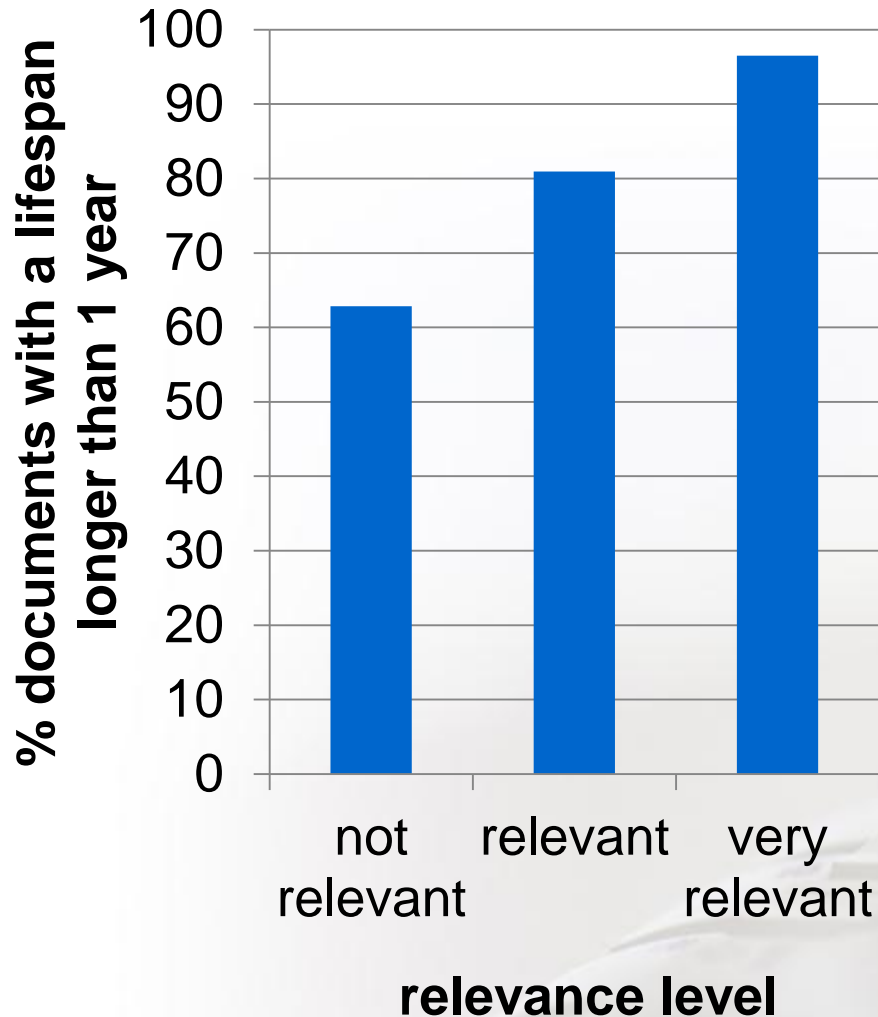
allrecipes.com



the most persistent
terms are descriptive
of the main topic

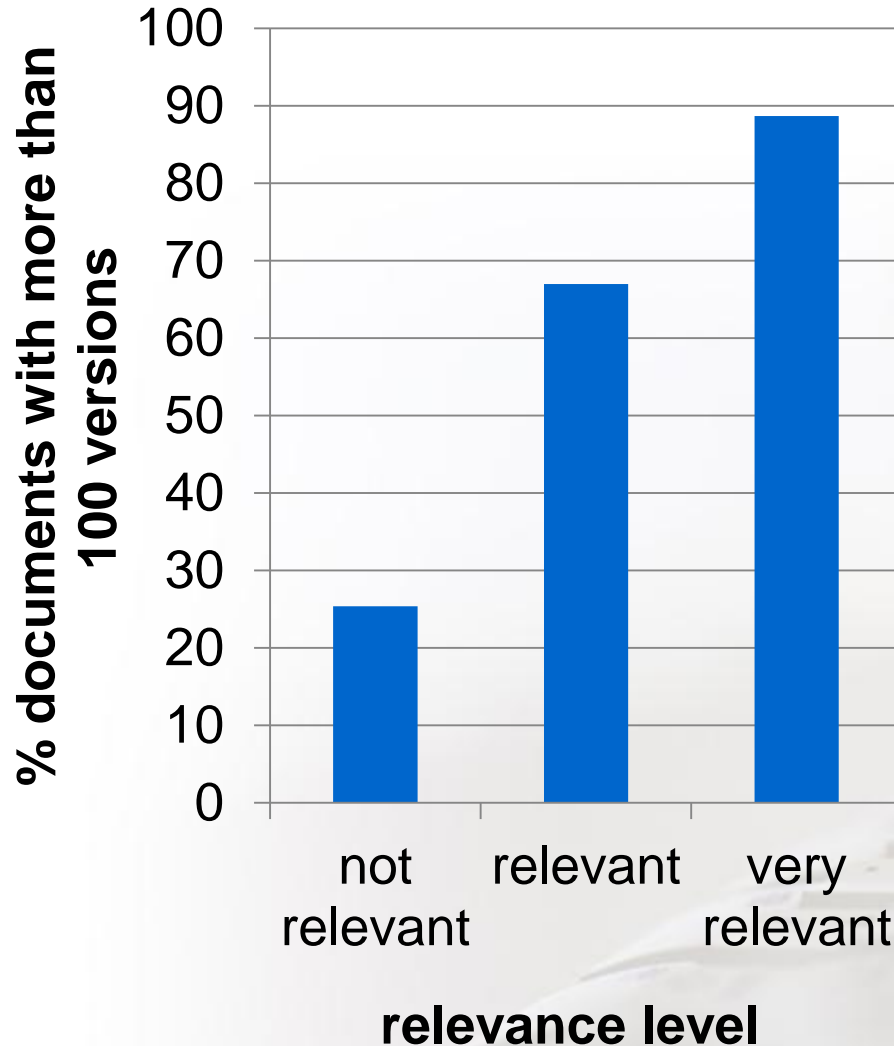
The Web Changes Everything: Understanding the Dynamics of Web Content, *Web Search and Data Mining* 2009.

Lifespan vs Relevance



documents with higher
relevance tend to have
a longer lifespan

Versions vs Relevance



documents with higher
relevance tend to have
more versions

Modeling Temporal Information

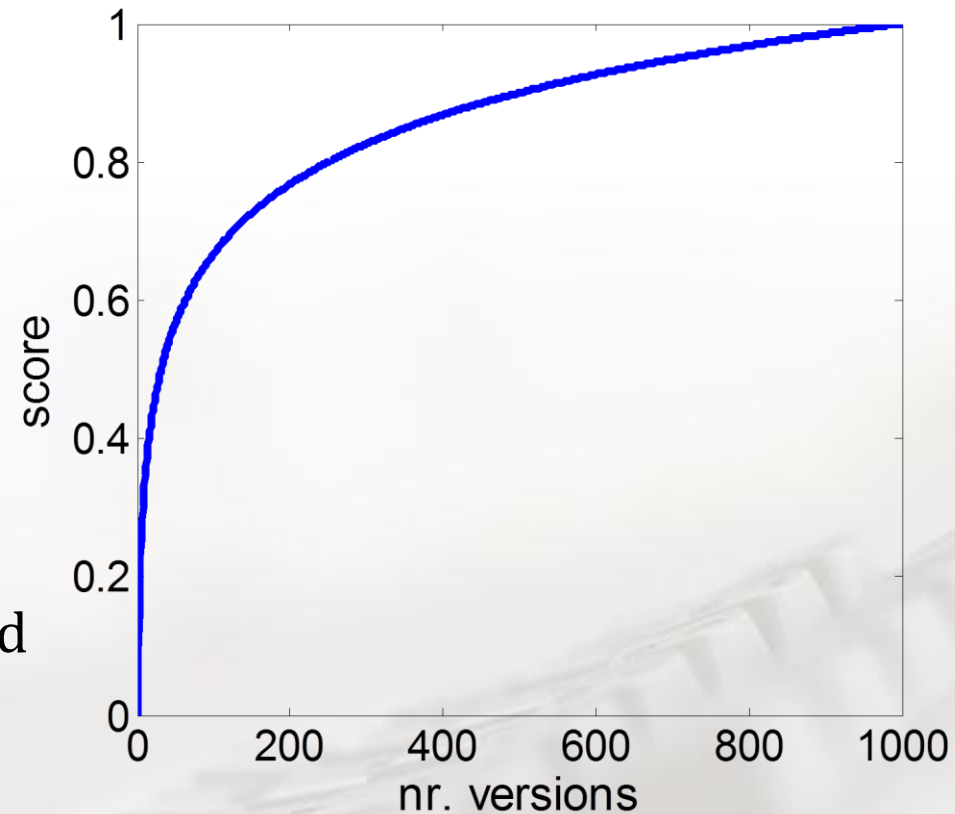
$$f_{Versions}(d) = \log_y(x)$$

Parameters:

x = number of versions of document d

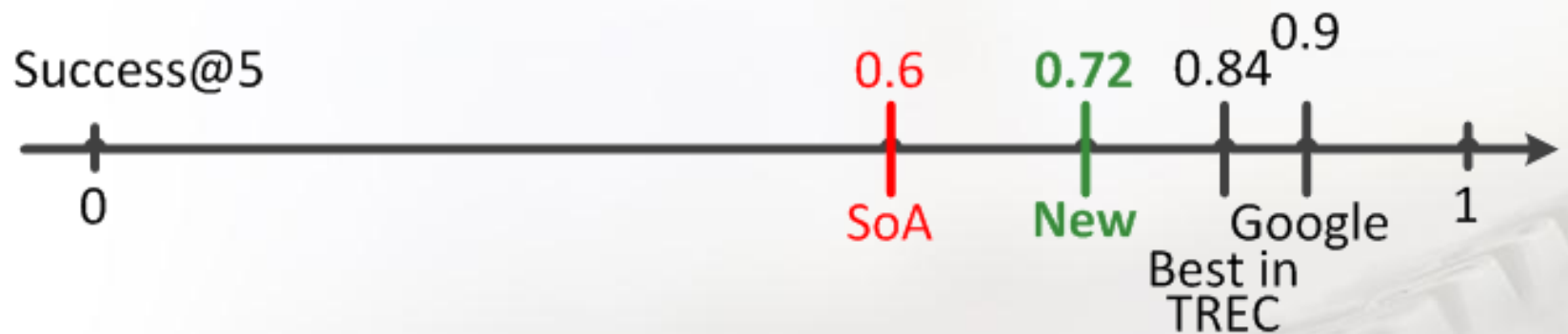
y = maximum number of versions of
a document in the collection


Assumption: persistent documents are more relevant



Search Effectiveness of the State-of-the-Art + #Versions

New Ranking Model: $f_{\text{SoA}} + f_{\text{Versions}}$





If one is good, more is better

68 Ranking Features

Term-weighting:

BM25
Lucene
NutchWAX

...

Term-distance:

MinPair
MinSpanOrdered
MinSpanUnordered

...

Web-graph based:

Inlinks
Outlinks
PageRank

...



URL based:

UrlLength
UrlDepth
UrlSlashes

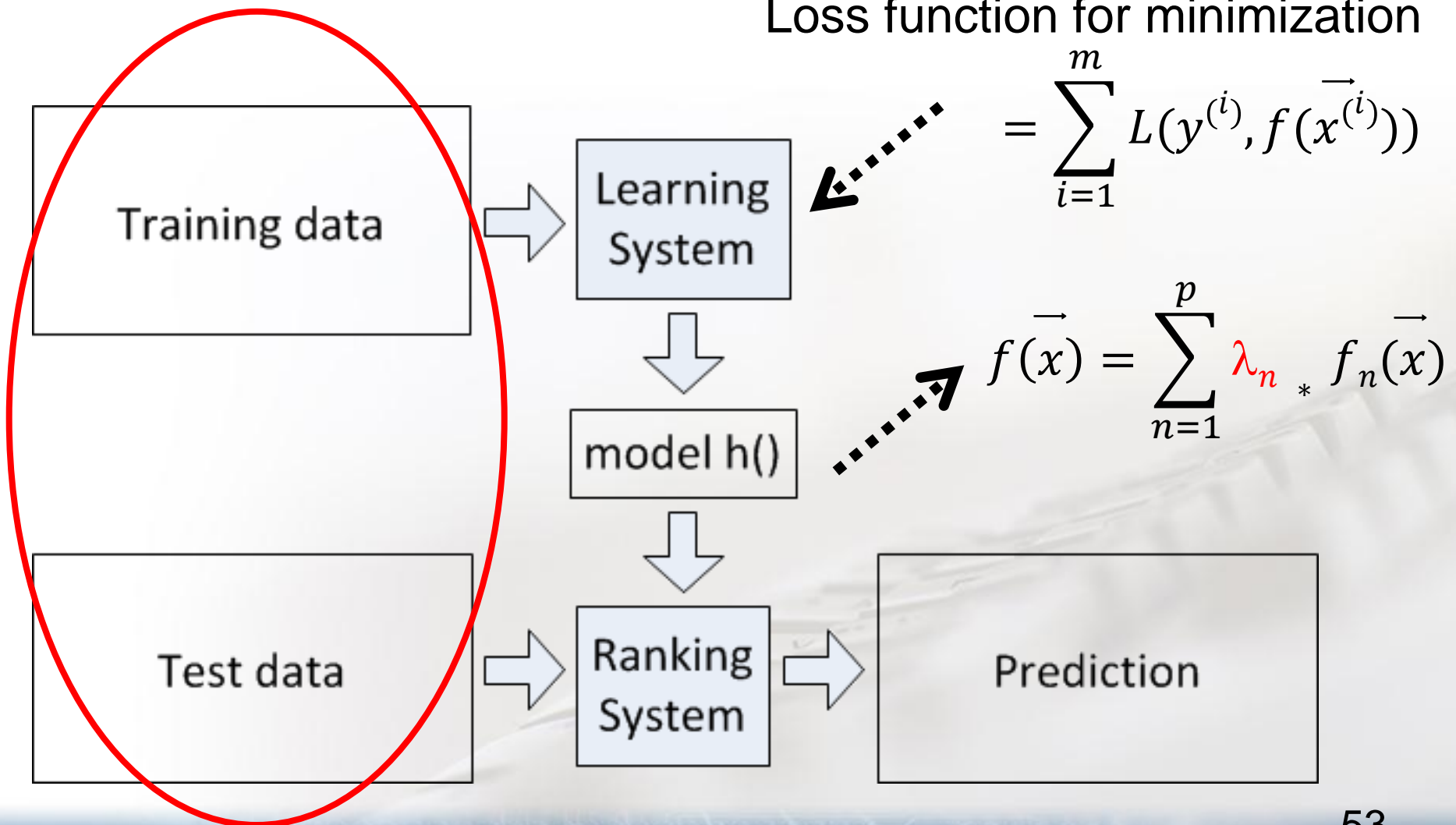
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Temporal:

NumberVersions
BoostOlder
Age

...

Supervised *Learning-to-Rank* Framework



Dataset for L2R in Web Archives

- 39 608 quadruples <query, version, relevance grade, features>
 - 50 **queries** (navigational topics)
 - 843 **versions** assessed on average per query
 - **3-level scale** of relevance
 - 68 ranking **features** extracted
- File Format:

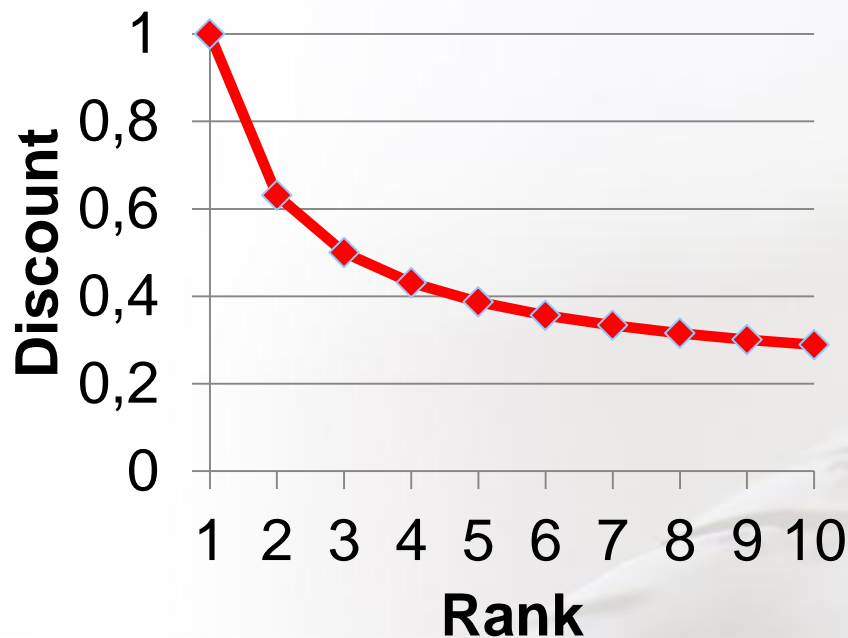
used in training

Rel.	Query	Features	Doc. Version
2	qid:21	1:0.70 2:0.34 3:0.27 ... 68:0.86	# id114746079
0	qid:22	1:0.05 2:0.18 3:0.14 ... 68:0.43	# id172346033
1	qid:22	1:0.75 2:0.33 3:0.84 ... 68:0.54	# id456334535

Evaluation Metrics: NDCG@k

- Normalized Discounted Cumulative Gain at cut-off k
 - total gain accumulated at a particular rank p

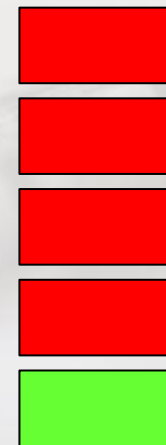
$$DCG_p = \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{2^{rel_i} - 1}{\log(1+i)}$$



NDCG@5 = 1



NDCG@5 ≈ 0.4



Search Effectiveness of the 68 features

Results of L2R Algorithms

	State-of-the-Art		L2R algorithms (68 features)			
Metric	Lucene	NutchWAX	RankBoost	AdaRank	ListNet	Random Forests
NDCG@1	0.220	0.250	0.530	0.400	0.450	0.650
NDCG@5	0.157	0.215	0.535	0.426	0.432	0.665
NDCG@10	0.133	0.174	0.570	0.476	0.464	0.688

4x higher

All results show a statistical significance of $p < 0.01$ against NutchWAX

How much did the search effectiveness improve with the temporal features?

With Temporal Features is Better

- NDCG@1

- RankBoost 0.53 > NT RankBoost 0.44 **+9%**
- AdaRank 0.40 > NT AdaRank 0.38 **+2%**
- ListNet 0.45 > NT ListNet 0.37 **+8%**
- R. Forests 0.65 > NT R. Forests 0.55 **+10%**

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- RankBoost 0.57 > NT RankBoost 0.51 **+6%**
- AdaRank 0.48 > NT AdaRank 0.47 **+1%**
- ListNet 0.46 > NT ListNet 0.43 **+3%**
- R. Forests 0.69 > NT R. Forests 0.65 **+4%**

Better Results = Happier Users



Search interface showing the query "sapo" and the search button "Search the Archive". Below the search bar, it displays the date range "between: 01/01/1996 and: 31/12/2012" and a link for "Advanced search".

Results 1 to 10 from 149,648,512

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Conclusions

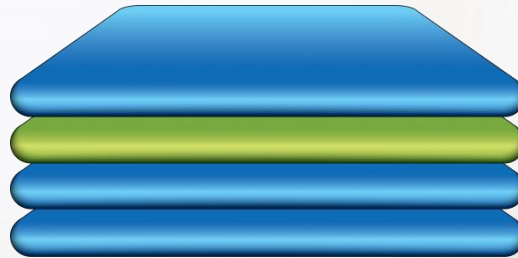
Conclusions

- Users need analytical tools for specific users + search tools for generic users.
- State-of-the-Art searching technology provides poor results.
- Temporal information intrinsic to web archives improves their search results.
- Learning-to-Rank technology greatly improves search results.

Resources

- Public service since 2010.
 - <http://archive.pt>
- Test collection to support evaluation.
 - <https://code.google.com/p/pwa-technologies/wiki/TestCollection>
- L2R dataset for web archive IR research.
 - <http://code.google.com/p/pwa-technologies/wiki/L2R4WAIR>
- All code available under the LGPL license.
 - <https://code.google.com/p/pwa-technologies/>

Thank you.



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