

# Simultaneous Discovery of Common and Discriminative Topics via Joint Nonnegative Matrix Factorization

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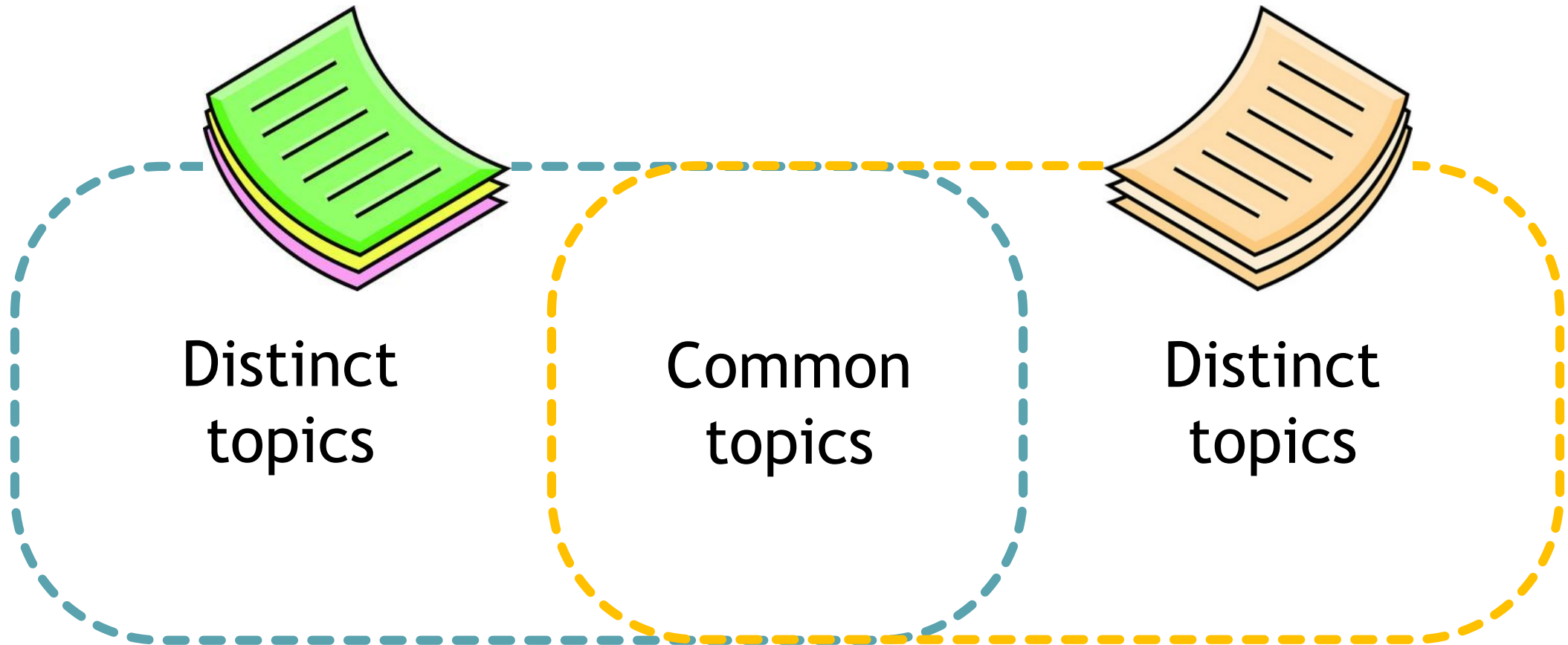
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# Motivation

- Understanding large-scale document collections is important
- In many real world applications, we often need to **compare** and **contrast** document sets
- We may want to analyze w.r.t. additional information
  - author information (e.g., gender, age, and location)
  - network information (e.g., co-authorship and citation)
  - publishing information (e.g., year, publisher, and venue)

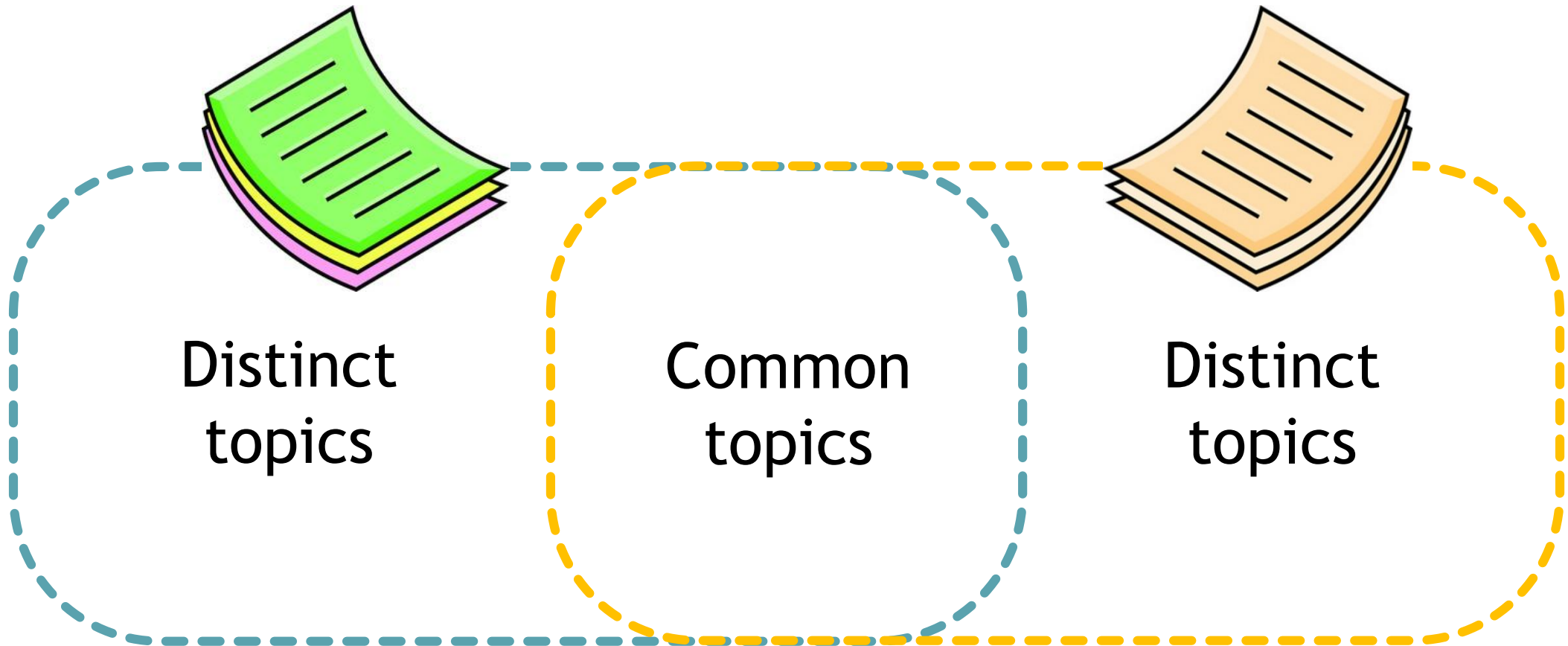
# Example (1)

- E.g., Male- vs. female-authored documents



## Example (2)

- E.g., Old documents vs. new documents

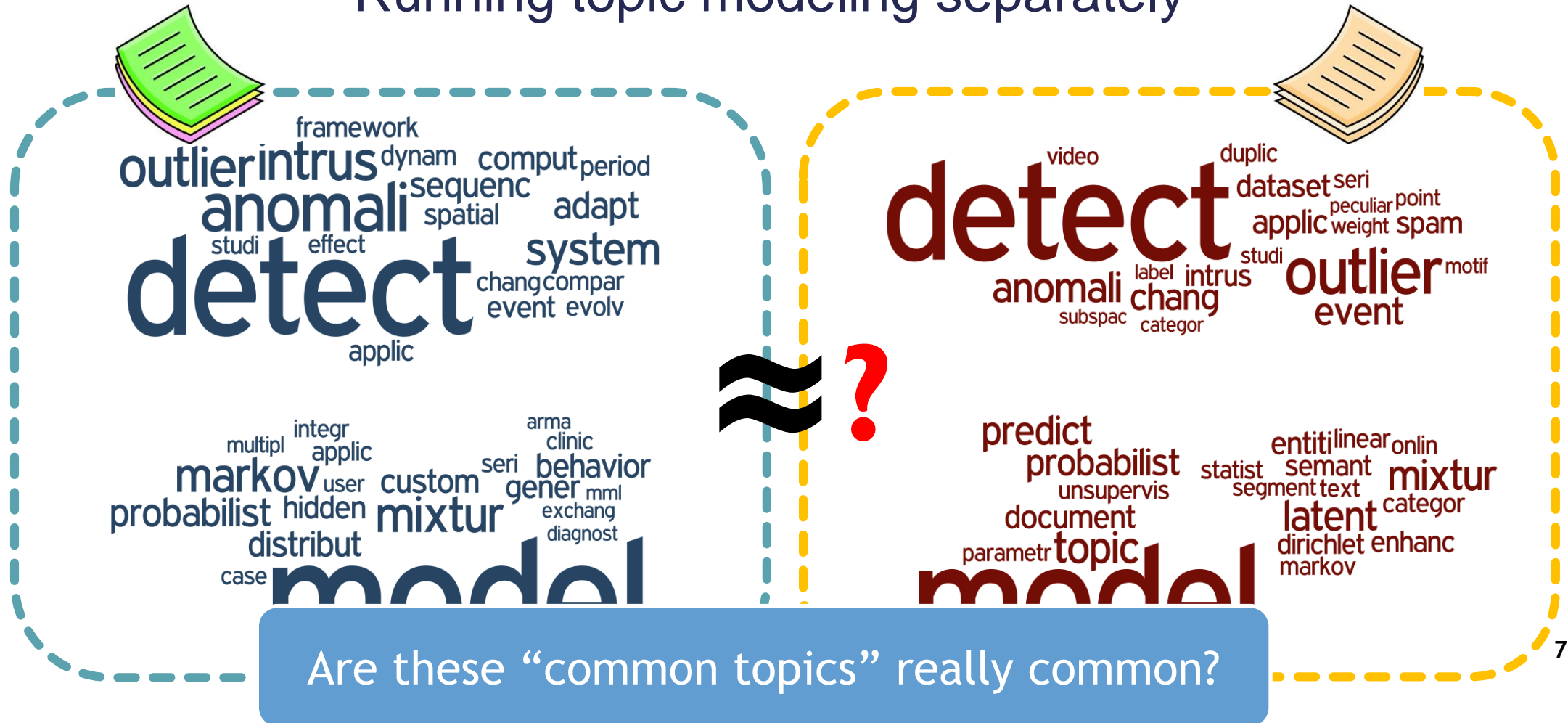


# Motivation

- However, standard topic modeling cannot fully satisfy the needs to compare and contrast document sets
- Independently running standard NMF algorithms on different document sets **does not clearly reveal** their common and discriminative topics

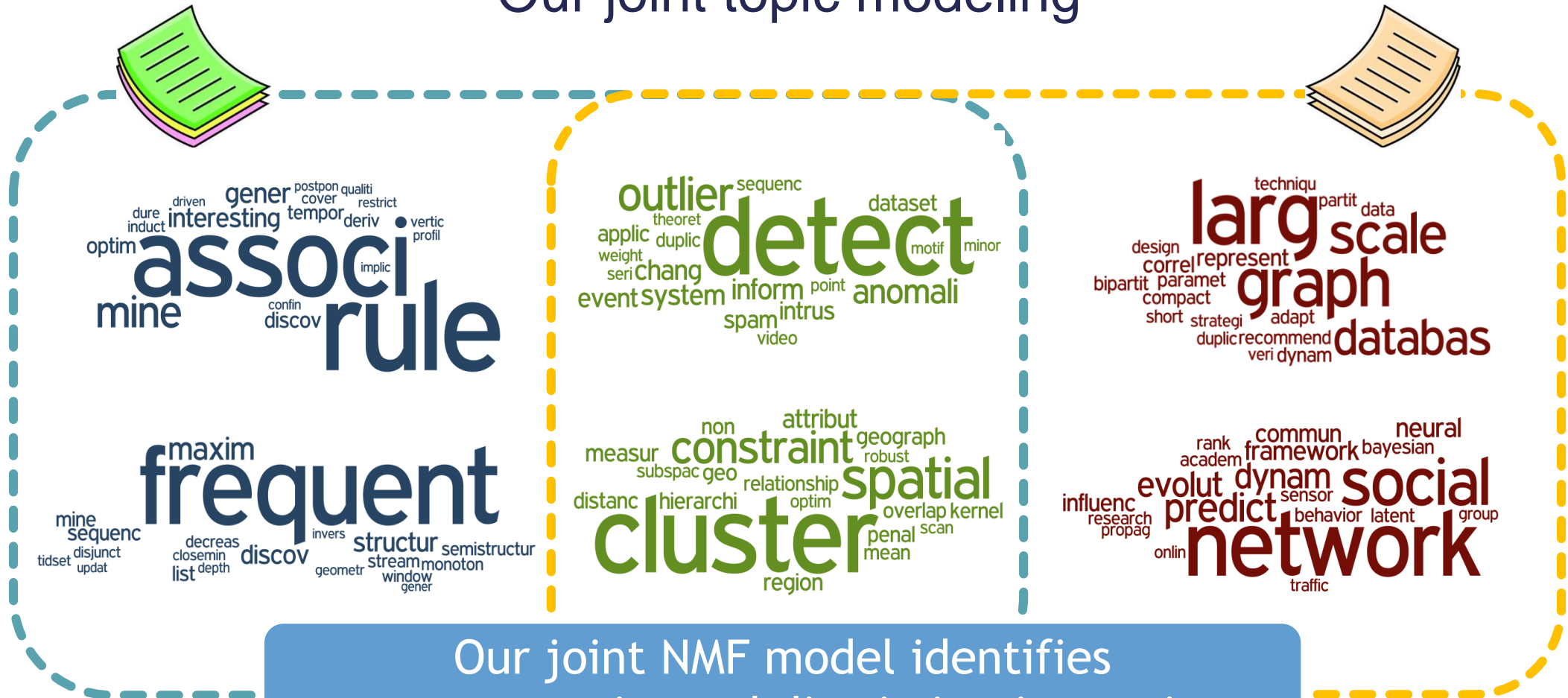
# Data mining papers published in 2000-2005 vs. 2006-2008

Running topic modeling separately



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## Our joint topic modeling

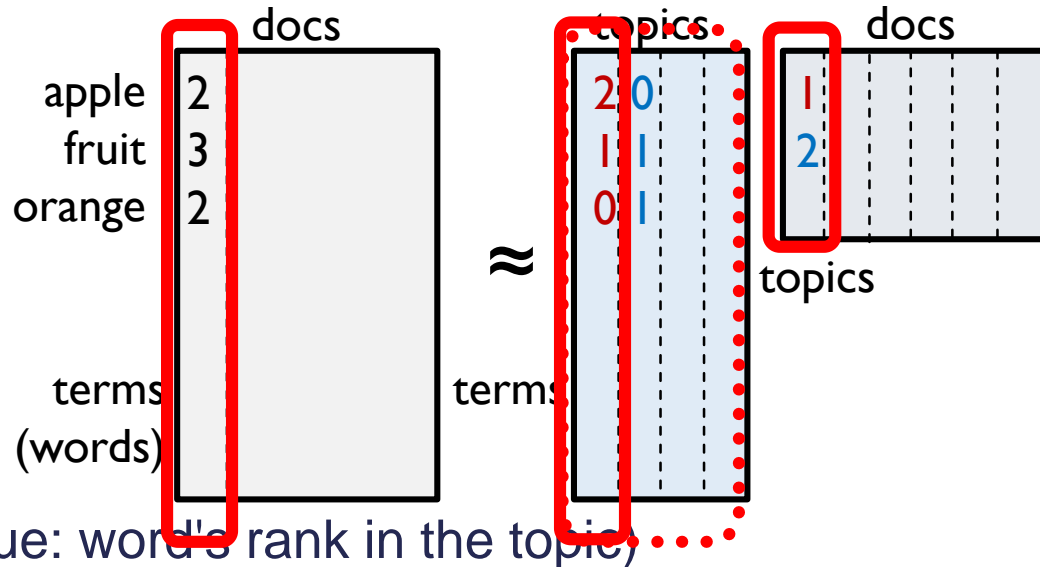




# Nonnegative Matrix Factorization (NMF) for Topic Modeling

- $X \approx WH^T$

term-document matrix( $X$ )  
→ term-topic matrix( $W$ ),  
topic-document matrix( $H^T$ )



- Each topic, a nonnegative vector of words (value: word's rank in the topic)
- Each document, a linear combination of topic vectors
- Algorithm
  - Initialize  $W, H$
  - Update  $W, H$  to optimize  $\min_{W, H \geq 0} \|X - WH^T\|_F^2$

# Our Joint NMF-based Model

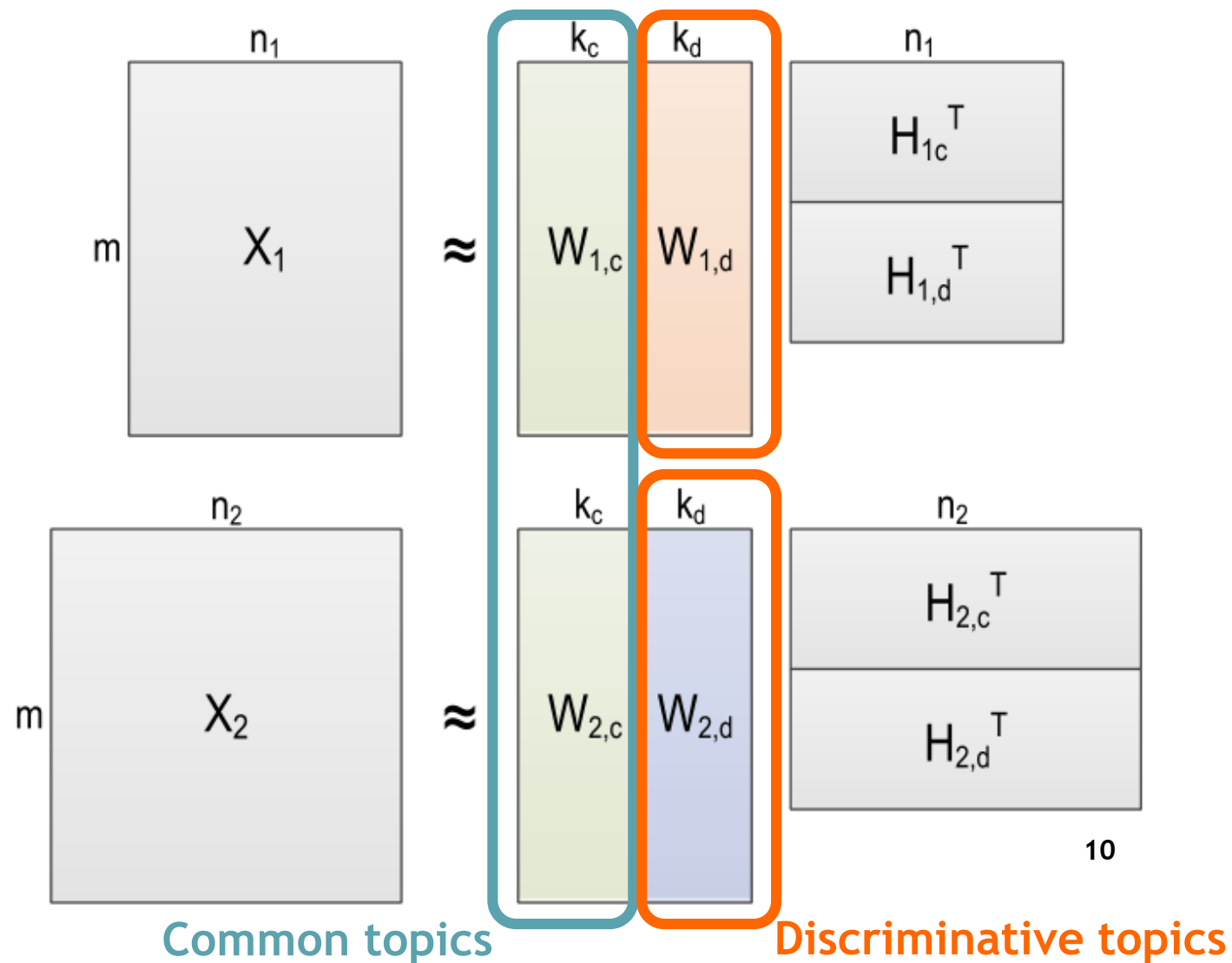
- **GOAL:** Given two datasets, find common topics and discriminative topics from each dataset

- Formula

$$X_1 \approx W_1 H_1^T$$

$$X_2 \approx W_2 H_2^T,$$

where  $W_{1,c} \cong W_{2,c}$   
and  $W_{1,d} \neq W_{2,d}$



# Our Batch Processing Approach

■ Optimize

$$\min_{W_1, H_1, W_2, H_2 \geq 0} \frac{1}{n_1} \|X_1 - W_1 H_1^T\|_F^2 + \frac{1}{n_2} \|X_2 - W_2 H_2^T\|_F^2 + \alpha \|W_{1,c} - W_{2,c}\|_F^2 + \beta \|W_{1,d}^T W_{2,d}\|_{1,1}$$

Commonality  
penalty term

Distinctiveness  
penalty term

- Block-coordinate descent framework:
  - Solve the objective function for a column while fixing the other column vectors of  $W_1, W_2, H_1, H_2$

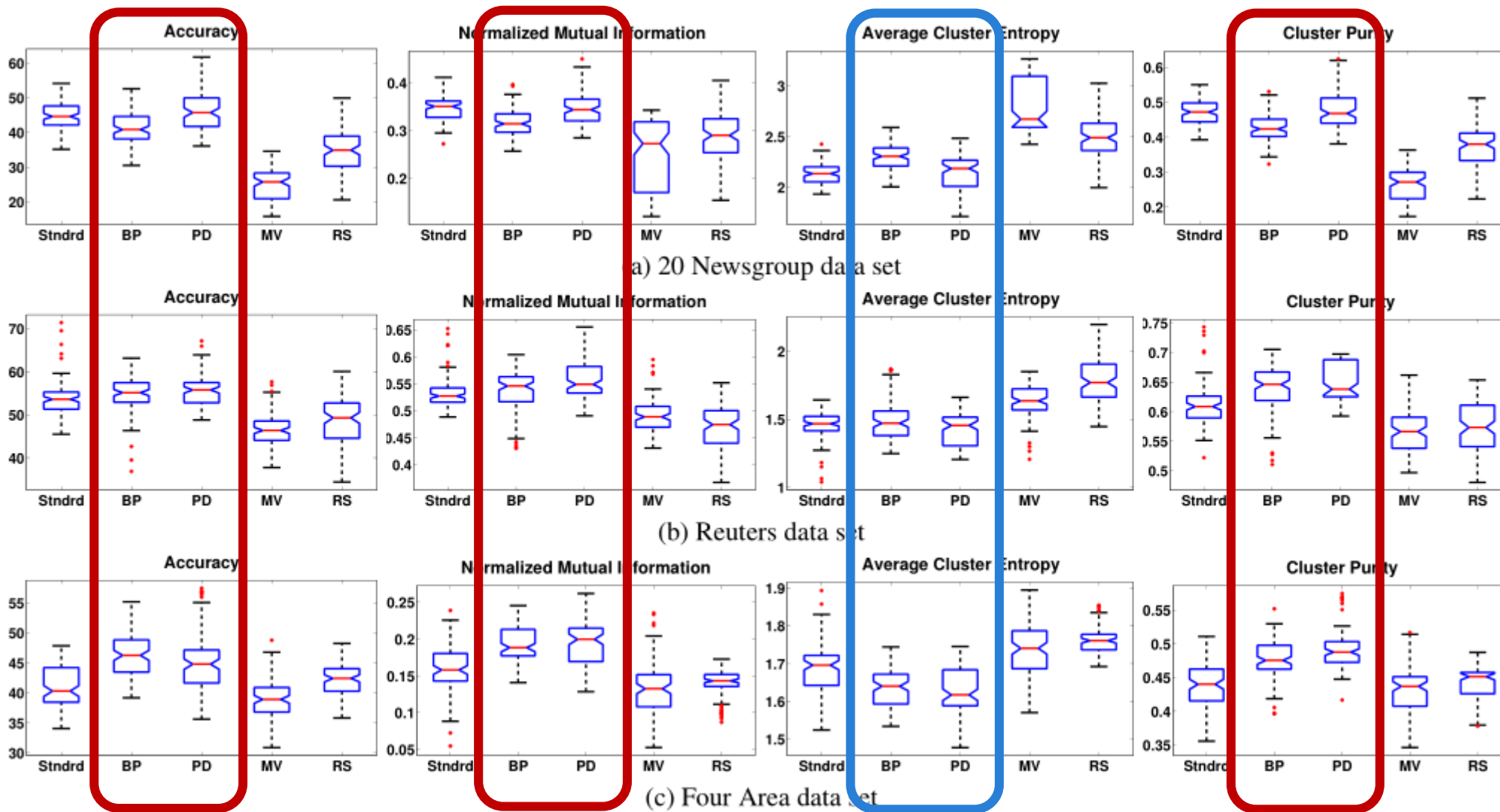
# Our Pseudo-deflation Approach

- In practice, to understand topics, people check only a small number of the most representative, thus meaningful keywords.
- Our pseudo-deflation approach considers **only the top keywords** in each topic.
- However, considering only the top keywords presents a challenge – the objective function could change every iteration.
- To solve this, our pseudo-deflation approach discovers discriminative topics one by one, in a manner similar to a rank-deflation procedure.
- Please see our paper for detailed algorithm (Section 3.4)

# Quantitative Evaluation - Clustering

- Assumption: by jointly performing clustering on multiple data sets and allowing both common and discriminative topics, our method would show better clustering performance
- Compared methods:
  - Standard NMF
  - **Our batch processing method (BS)**
  - **Our pseudo-deflation method (PD)**
  - Multiview NMF (MV) by Liu *et al.* SDM '13
  - Regularized shared subspace NMF (RS) by Gupta *et al.* DMKD '13
- Performance measures: accuracy, normalized mutual information, average cluster entropy, and cluster purity

# Quantitative Evaluation



# Case Study (1) - VAST vs. InfoVis Conferences

## Visual Analytics Science and Technology (VAST)

## Information Visualization (InfoVis)



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# Case Study (2) - Loan Description in Micro-finance

- **KIVA.org** is a nonprofit crowd-funding website where people in developing countries post loan requests
- Lenders can make a loan individually or as a team
- By analyzing loan description data, our method can help to characterize and promote lending activities



#### Update on Miguel Angel

Miguel is a young man of 25 years of age. He lives with his wife and 4 children in a precinct called El Salto Del Bimbe, a very warm area with a big logging industry, and which is part of the city of Santo Domingo.

Miguel leads a humble life. He lives in a wooden house which was given to him by his boss, as he works as caretaker of an estate. Miguel's family is a role model family, as they are all very close and they all help each other regardless of their age; even the children help

A loan of \$1,675 helps Miguel Angel to diversify his business by purchasing 2 dairy cows. With the extra income he will generate, he will be able to continue supporting his family and to provide an education for his children.

49% funded, \$850 to go

Select amount to lend

\$25

Lend \$25

|                         |                                    |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Repayment Term          | 17 months (Additional Information) |
| Repayment Schedule      | Monthly                            |
| Pre-Disbursed:          | Jun 15, 2015                       |
| Listed                  | Jul 13, 2015                       |
| Currency Exchange Loss: | N/A                                |

Your funds will be used to backfill this loan  
Repayments will go to you

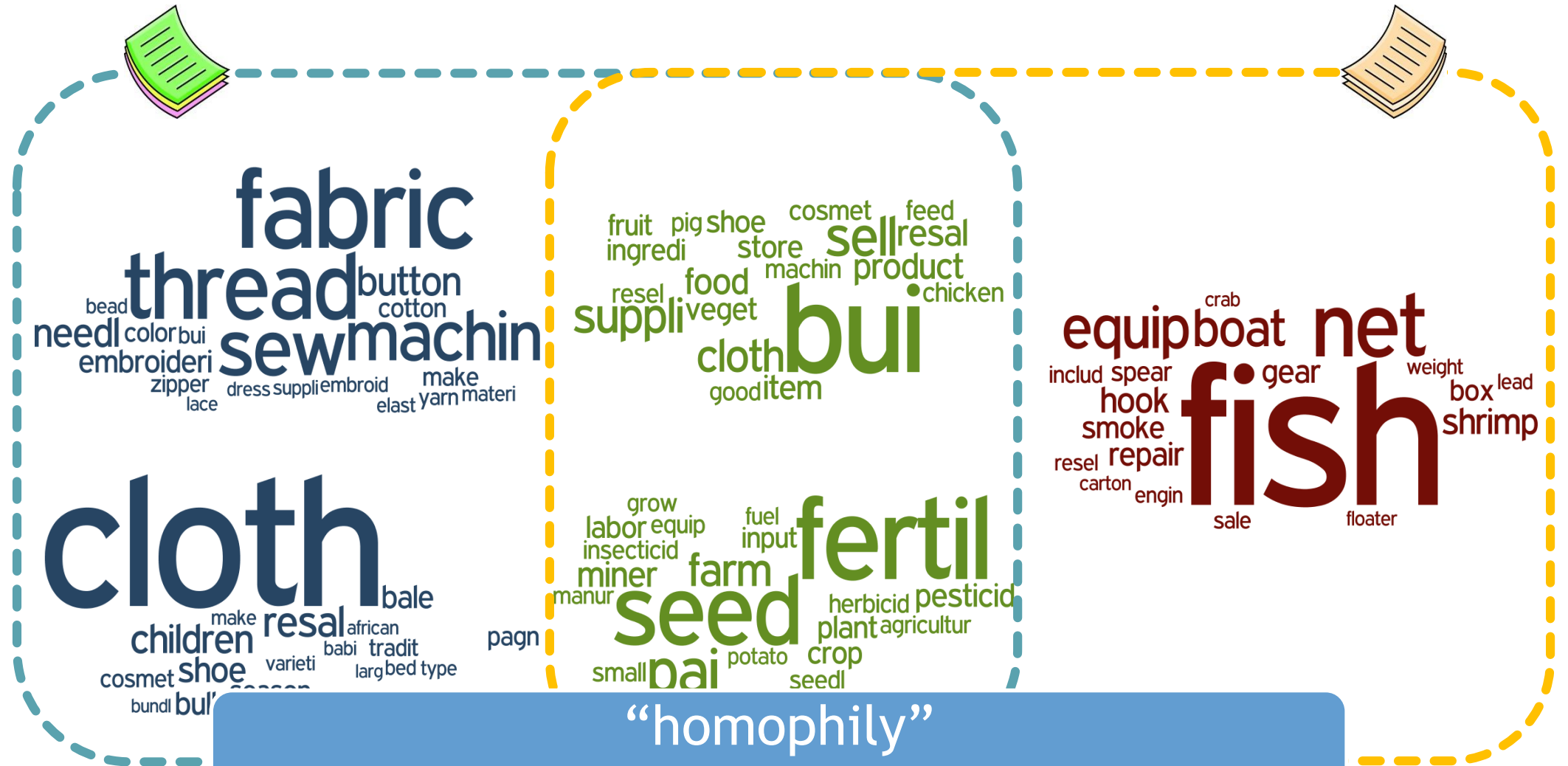
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Fundacion Alternativa

Fundacion Alternativa administers this loan.

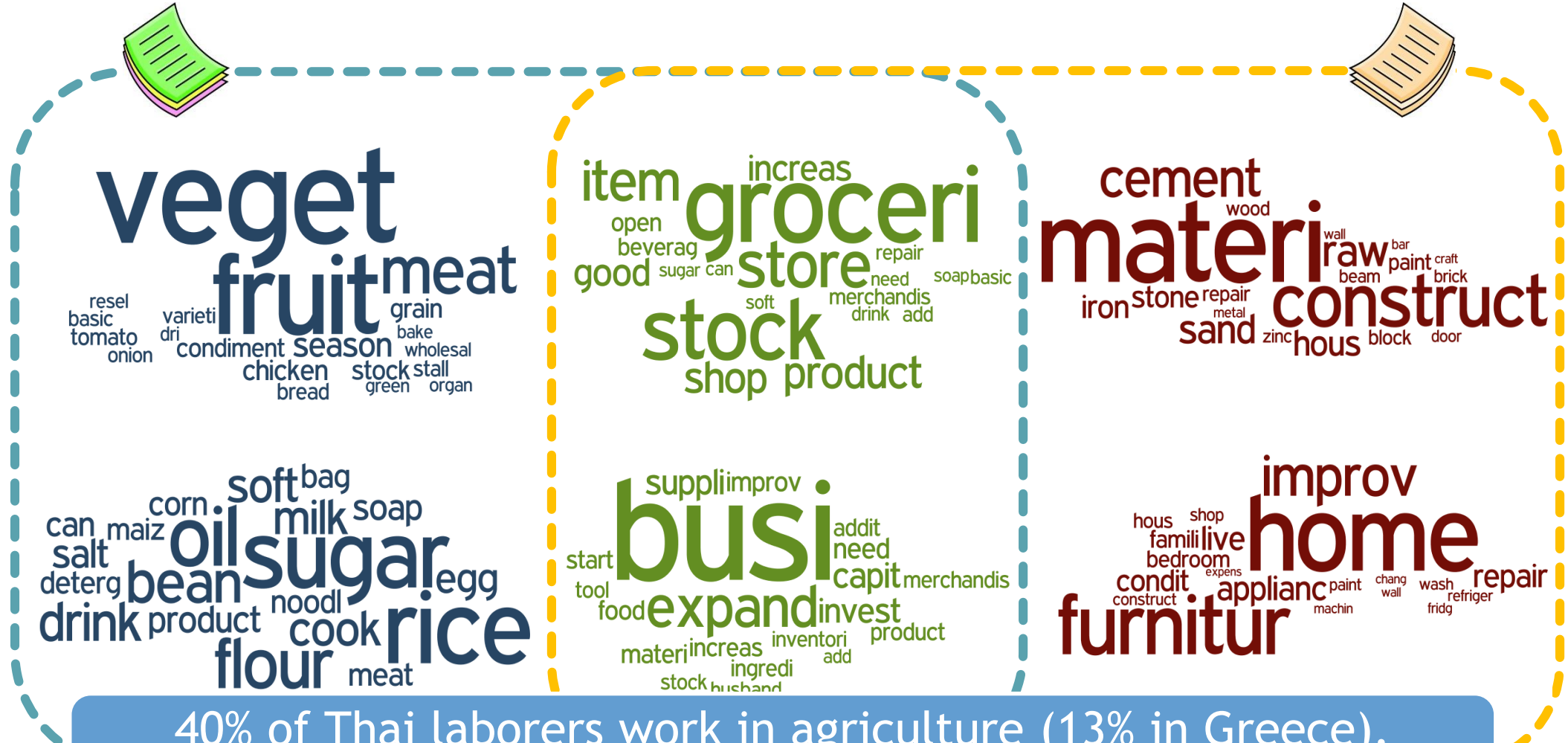


# Teams 'Etsy.com Handmade' vs. 'Guys holding fish'



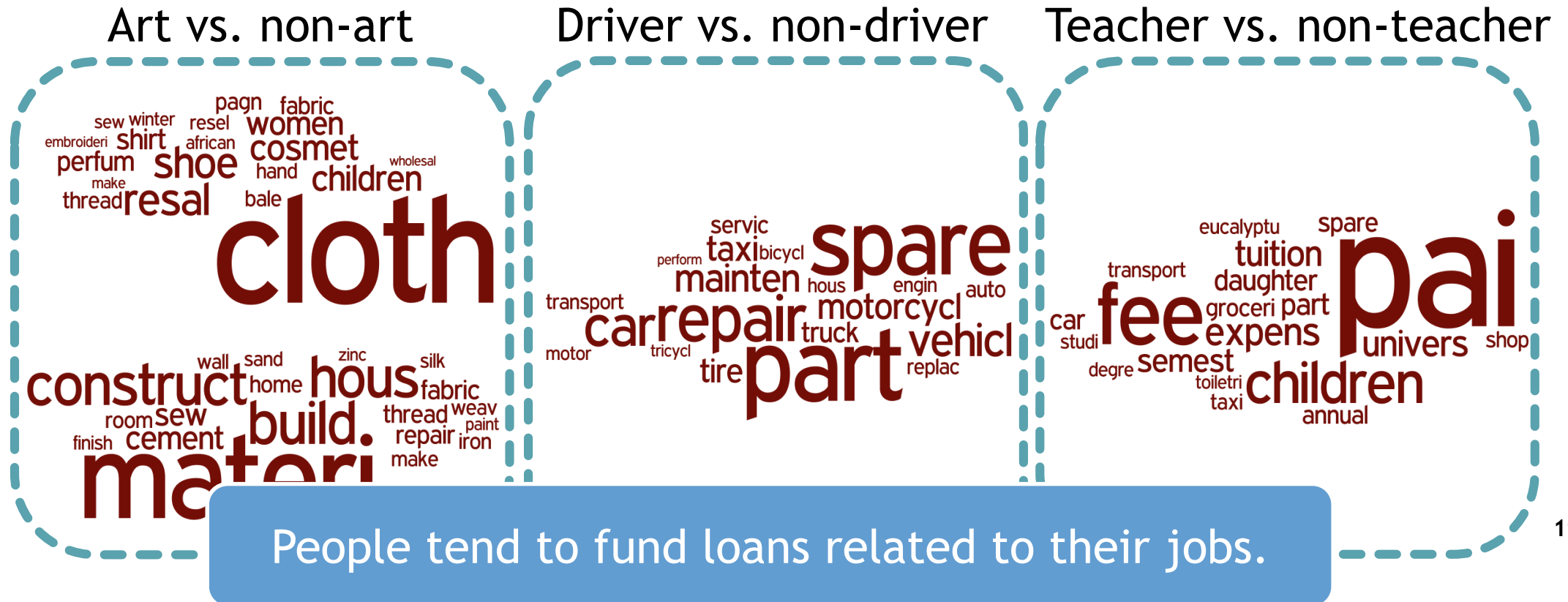
“homophily”  
People tend to fund loans similar to what they like.

# Teams 'Thailand' vs. 'Greece'



# Lender Occupation

- Distinct topics of loans funded by a subset of lenders with the same occupation against the rest



# Conclusion

- We presented a joint NMF-based topic model that identifies common and distinct topics between document sets
- We performed a detailed quantitative analysis as well as in-depth case studies
- We plan to
  - Build a real-time visual analytics system
  - Extend to compare multiple subsets
  - Apply block principal pivoting method

Thank you!

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