

# Drifting and Popularity: A Study of Time Series Analysis of Topics

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# About Me

Research in the field of NLP, Machine Learning especially in Topic Modeling

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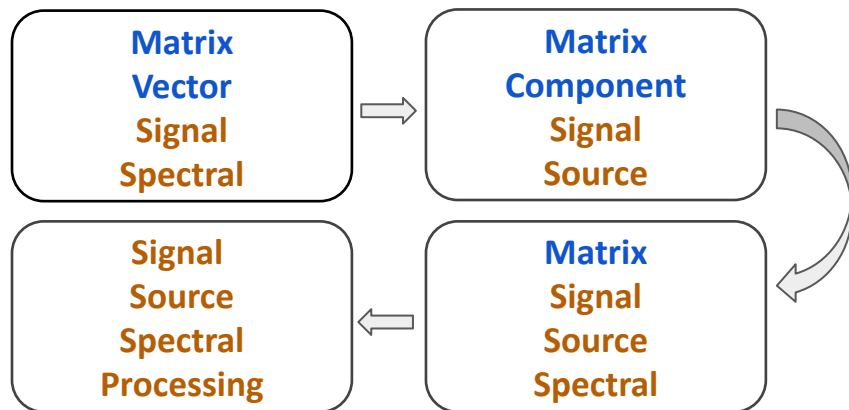
# Topic Modeling

Unsupervised way of summarizing and categorizing document

## Time series features of topics

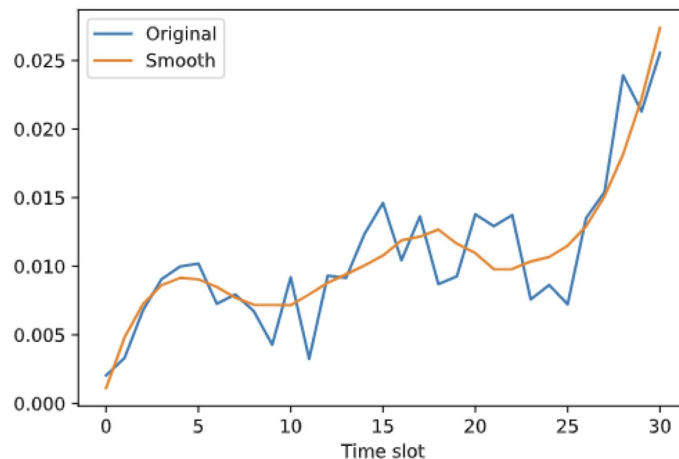
### Topic Drifting

Transitions of topics over time



### Topic Popularity

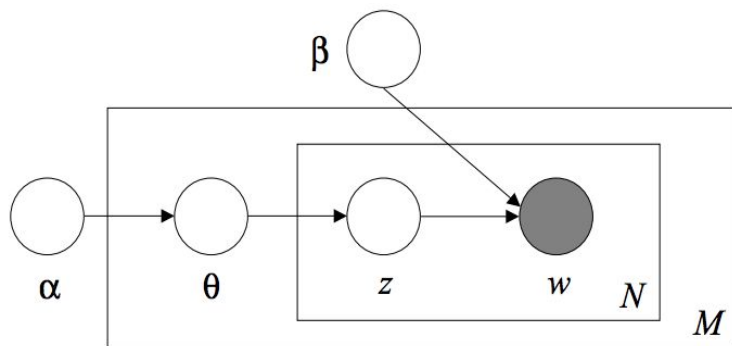
Topic proportion estimation w.r.t time



# Topic Models

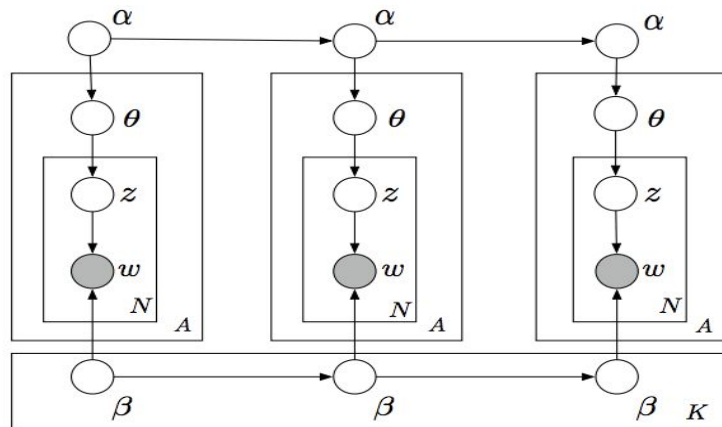
**LDA** (37,000 citations)  
Latent Dirichlet Allocation[1]

Draws a static set of topic



**DTM** (2,700 citations)  
Dynamic Topic Models[2]

Assumes dynamic drift of distributions



## Background (Previous Research)

- Koike et al.[3] proposed a method that draws a time series graph to find the bursty topic detection
- Used a subset of **Twitter data** (keywords based queries) and news
- Used **DTM** with  **$K = 50$**

## Background (My Work)

- Khan et al.[4] performed similar type of experiment and made time series graphs of topics for multiple purposes
- Used full TREC **Twitter data** Tweets2011
- Used **LDA** with  **$K = 1000$**
- We believe that there are many diverse topics in Twitter

# Research Question

If time series topic information can be extracted by using LDA then why do we need to use DTM?

## **Problem Statement:**

*Can time series topic information be extracted from LDA without using DTM?*

Draw empirical Insights by using multiple datasets and configurations

*\*topic information means topic drifting and topic popularity*

# LDA Training and Inference



# LDA Model Training

- LDA assumes a  $\mathbf{z}_i$  for each word  $\mathbf{w}_i$  in a document and draws a  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_d$  for  $\mathbf{d}$ .
- The  $\mathbf{w}_i \in \mathbf{W}$  is drawn from a distribution of words associated to the assigned topic  $\mathbf{z}_i = \mathbf{k}$  which is denoted by  $\phi_k$
- We use  $\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_D\}$  as training dataset for LDA
- If we apply a pooling method (for short text dataset),  $\mathbf{x}_d$  consists of multiple text instances, and number of instances is  $T_d$

# Time Series Topic Estimation by LDA(Inference)

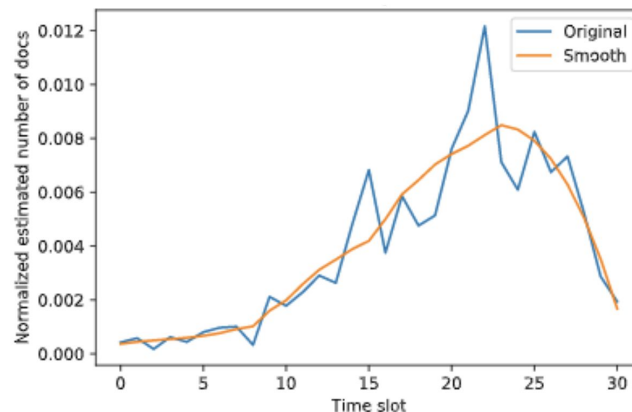
Let's call it TSLDA

- Create inference dataset by associating  $\mathbf{x}_d$  with time slice  $t$
- If no pooling then  $T_d = 1$
- Estimate the topic distribution  $\theta_d$  for each document
- Calculate the estimated number of documents for each topic  $k$  at each time slice  $t$  using:

$$N_k^t = \sum_{d: \mathbf{x}_d \in X_t} \theta_{dk} T_d$$

- $\theta_d$  is computed using Dirichlet distribution

$$p(\theta_d | \mathbf{x}_d) = \sum_{\mathbf{z}} p(\theta_d | \mathbf{z}) p(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_d)$$



# Similarity Analysis of Both Topic Models

# LDA and DTM Topics Similarity Analysis

## By Jensen-Shannon Divergence

- To check the relationship between both set of topics, we used JS divergence similarity measure

$$JSD(\tilde{\phi}_k || \tilde{\phi}_j^t) = \frac{1}{2} D_{KL}(\tilde{\phi}_k || T_M) + \frac{1}{2} D_{KL}(\tilde{\phi}_j^t || T_M)$$

- Where  $T_M = \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\phi}_k + \tilde{\phi}_j^t)$

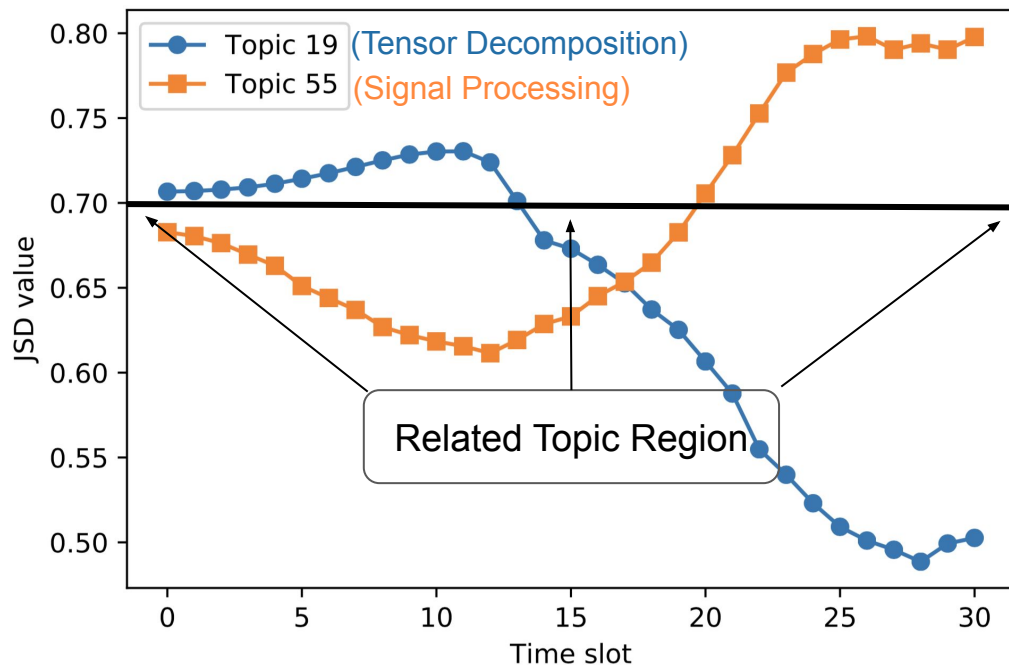
$\tilde{\phi}_k$  is  $k$ th LDA topic

$\tilde{\phi}_j^t$  is  $j$ th DTM topic at  $t$

- $D_{KL}(\phi_1 || \phi_2)$  is the Kullback-Leibler divergence

$$D_{KL}(\phi_1 || \phi_2) = \sum_{w \in W} P(w | \phi_1) \log \frac{P(w | \phi_1)}{P(w | \phi_2)}$$

# LDA and DTM Topics Similarity Analysis using Jensen-Shannon Divergence



DTM topic 0 with LDA topic 19 and 55

$$\text{JSD}(\phi_{(\text{LDA } 55)} \parallel \phi_{(\text{DTM } 0)}^{(0-20)}) \leq 0.7 \text{ (RT)}$$

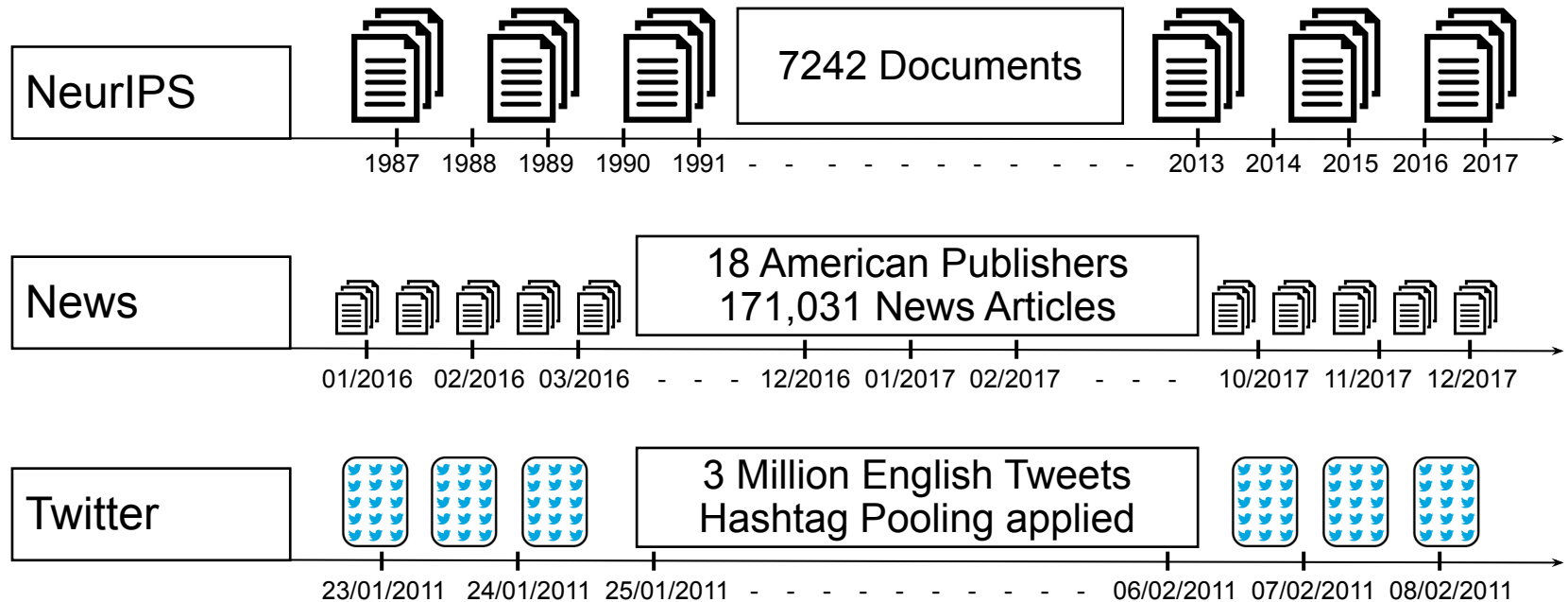
$$\text{JSD}(\phi_{(\text{LDA } 19)} \parallel \phi_{(\text{DTM } 0)}^{(15-30)}) \leq 0.7 \text{ (RT)}$$

So,

LDA 19 & 55 are  
**Fragmented Topics**  
of  
DTM 0

# Experiment

# Datasets and $K$



Number of Topics( $K$ ): 30, 60, 90(Analysis)

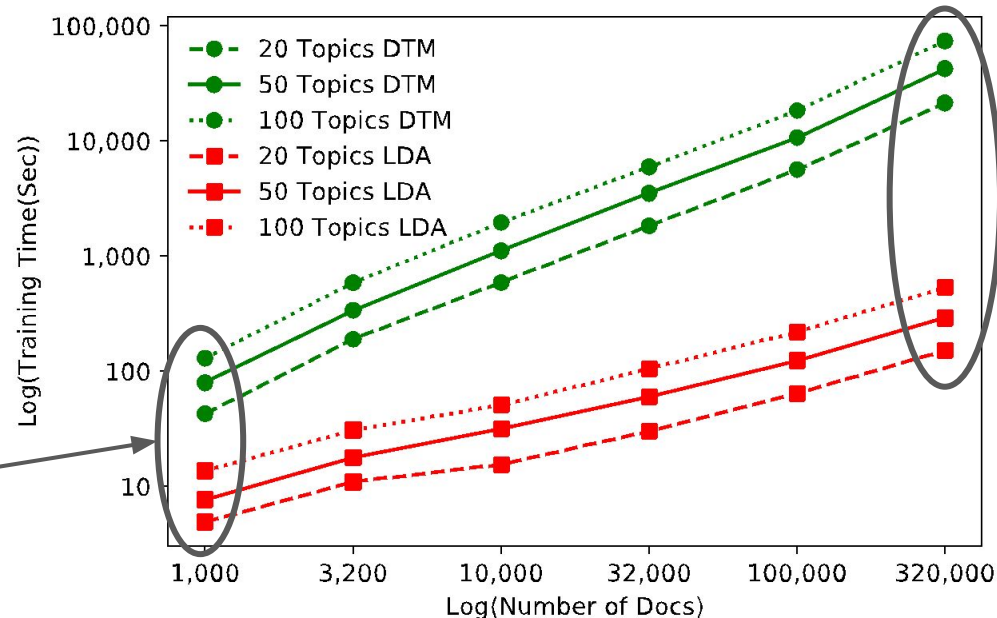
# Results

- Training time
- Topic drifting
- JS analysis (Fragmentation)
- Time dependent topic popularity



# Training Time Cost

DTM and LDA trained on Twitter dataset



DTM 10X in training

DTM 100X in training

# Topic Drifting

DTM trained on **dataset** and  **$K$**  one at a time  
 $V_s$  is all unique words in  **$t$**  (**Higher  $V_s \rightarrow$  More drifting**)

Dataset	Topics	$K(V_s > 70)$	$K(V_s > 90)$	$K(V_s > 120)$
NeurIPS	30	13	8	0
	60	58	56	11
	90	90	90	90
Twitter	30	3	1	0
	60	3	0	0
	90	1	0	0
News	30	29	20	5
	60	57	33	1
	90	83	37	2

Strong Drifting

No Drifting

Weak Drifting

# Fragmentation by JS Analysis

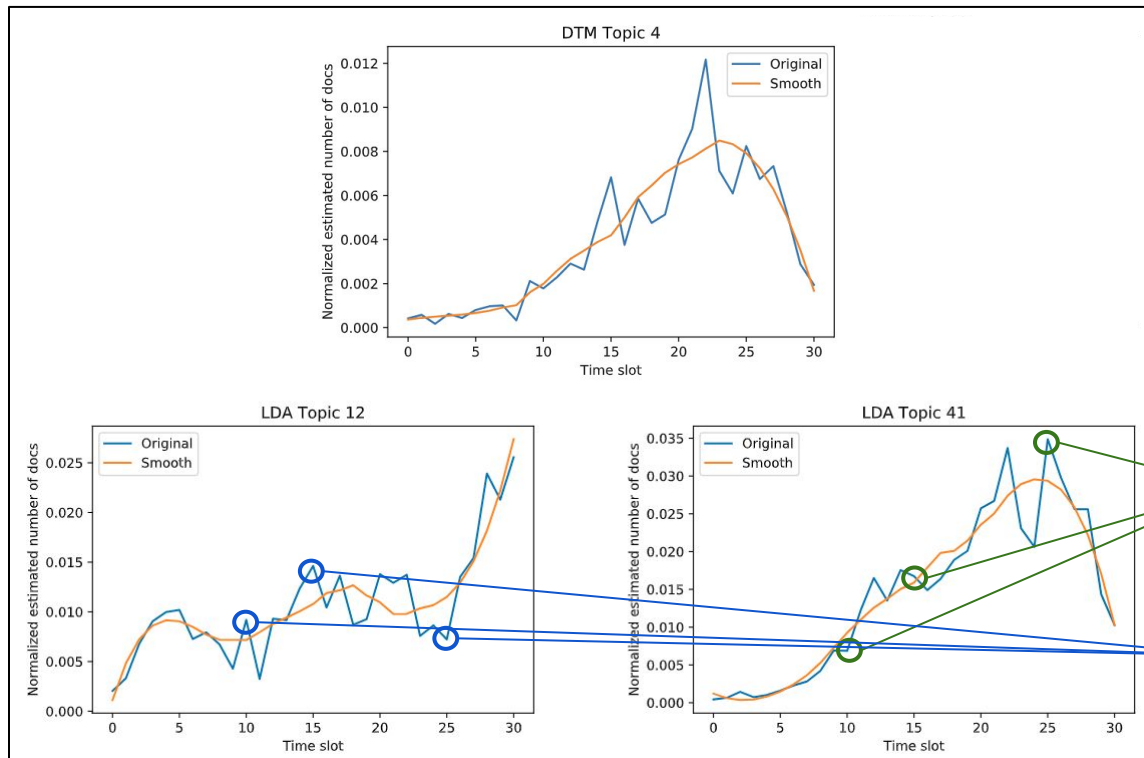
**FT** values are number of DTM topics being fragmented into two(**F2**), three(**F3**) or more(**F4&more**) LDA topics.

Dataset	Topics	RT	FT	F 2	F 3	F 4 & more
NeurIPS	30	17	4	3	1	0
	60	42	16	11	5	0
	90	69	28	25	2	1
Twitter	30	5	0	0	0	0
	60	11	1	1	0	0
	90	14	3	2	1	0
News	30	8	1	1	0	0
	60	24	2	2	0	0
	90	42	4	4	0	0

**High Fragmentation**  
Follow prior docs

**No Fragmentation**  
Instantaneous  
responses of events  
Die quickly

# Time Dependent Topic Popularity



Using TSLDA,  
Computed  $\theta_{dk}$   
Calculated  $N_k^t$   
and built graphs

$$N_{41}^{10} \parallel N_{41}^{15} \parallel N_{41}^{25}$$

$$N_{12}^{10} \parallel N_{12}^{15} \parallel N_{12}^{25}$$

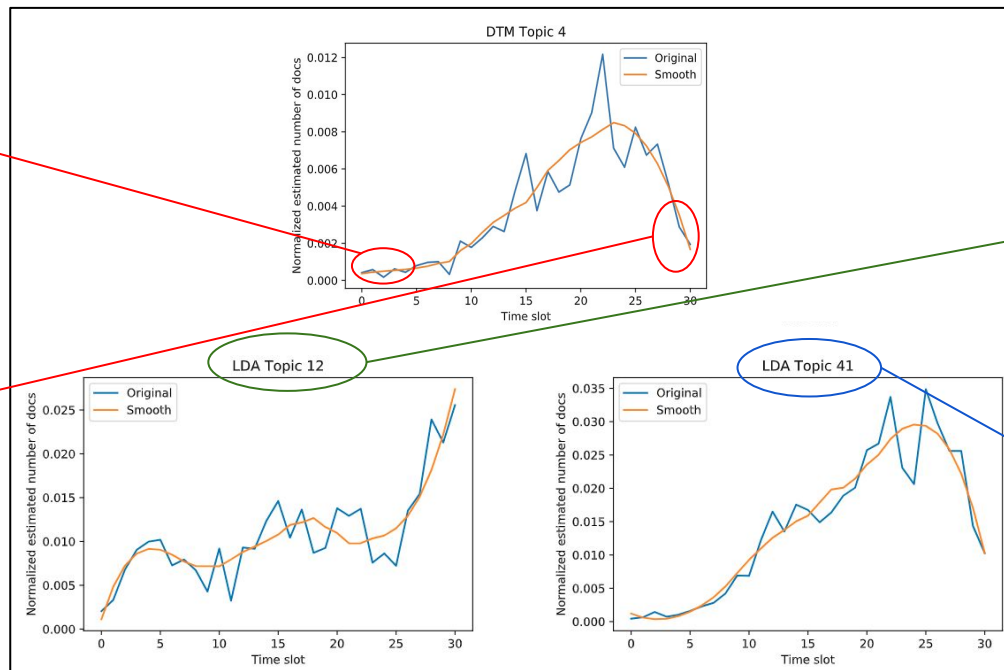
# Topic Transition Information Embedded with DTM

(Not good for topic popularity analysis)

Information  
retrieval from  
documents

Drifted

Document  
analysis with  
**LDA**



Information  
retrieval

Variational topic  
model **LDA**

# Key Points

## Topic Drifting

- **No topic drifting in *Twitter*** so only topic popularity for such datasets
- **For *NeurIPS***, TF increased with an increase of  $K$ , means **high topic drifting for higher  $K$**
- **For *News***, because  $V_s$  is low, it is **weak topic drifting**

## Topic Popularity

- We can **construct** topic popularity graphs for **both models**
- DTM topics have **topic transition information embedded with topics** so it's **little vague** from *DTM*

# Conclusion

- **Training time** for DTM was **100X more** as compared to LDA for large datasets

*Can time series **\*topic information** be extracted from LDA without DTM?(RQ)*

- **Topic drifting** is a unique property of DTM, but some datasets like **Twitter** do not have topic transition information, so applying DTM to such datasets is **waste of resources**
- Time series **topic popularity** can be extracted from both models, but topic popularity extracted using LDA is precise as compared to DTM because **DTM has topic transition embedded in the topics**

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# Suggestions Based on Findings

Use LDA for	Use DTM for
Twitter with high K	NIPS data with few number of topics
News with high K	News with smaller K
Short duration datasets e.g. Twitter	Long duration docs e.g. NIPS
Extract topic popularity	Extract topic drifting



# Thank You!

## Any Questions

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