

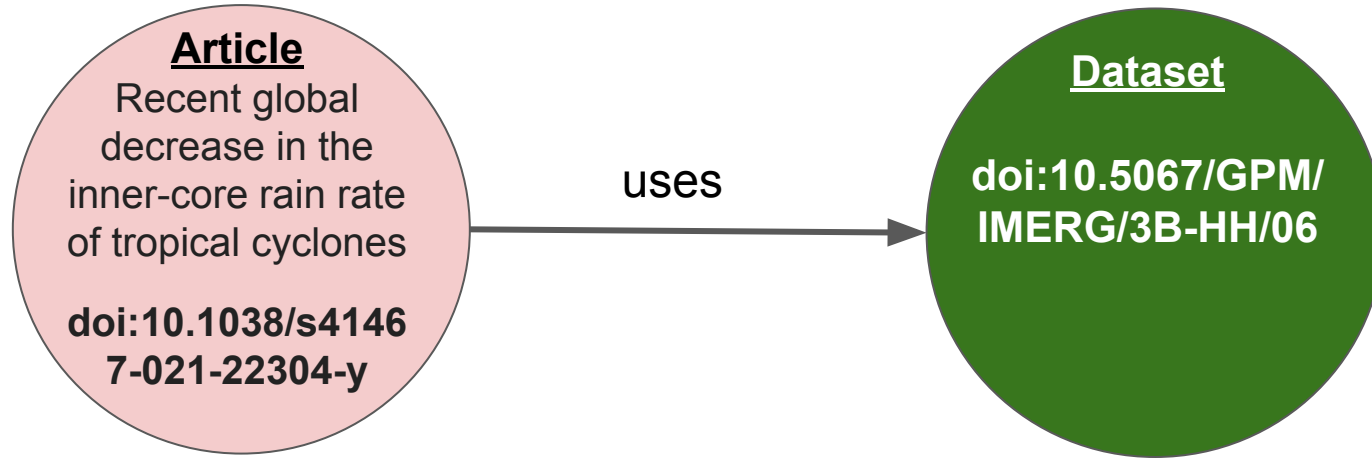
Using Machine Learning to Classify Earth Science Articles

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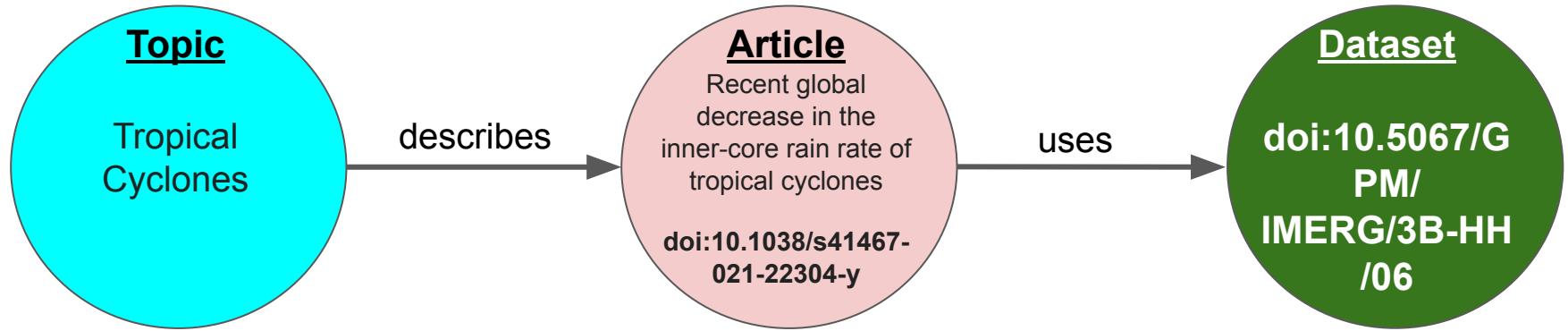
The Usage-Based Discovery (UBD) tool provides a linkage between a research article and its Earth science dataset(s).



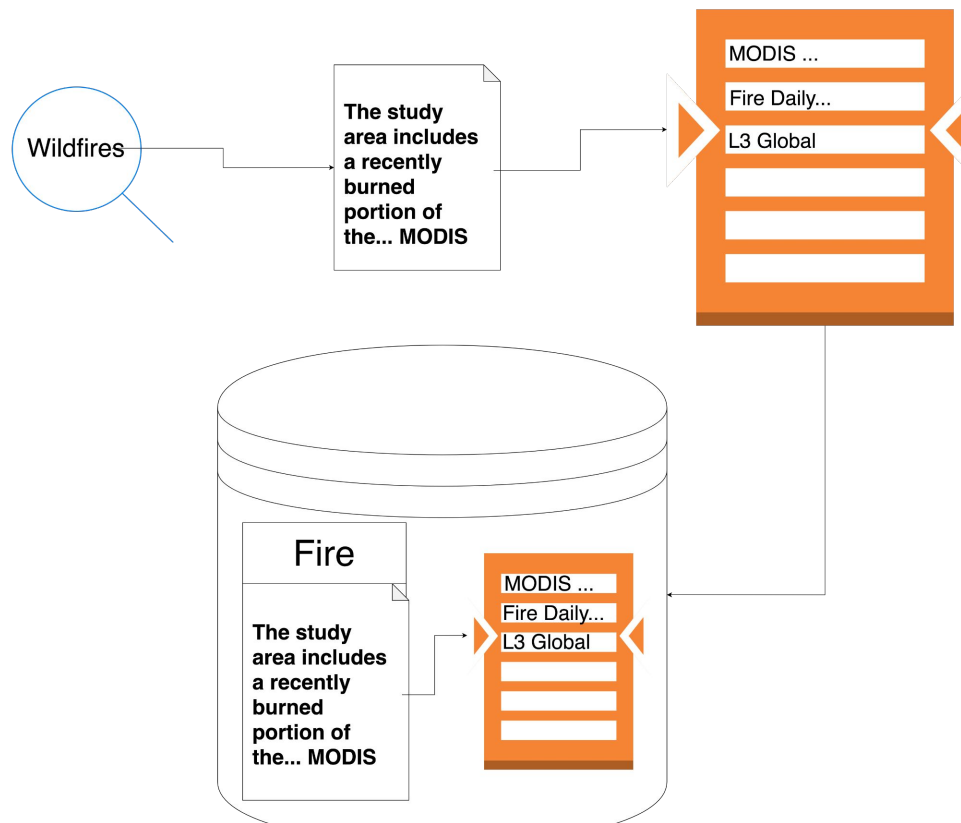
Benefits

- Links Earth science articles and their datasets even when citation is lacking
- Provides information on the usage cases and breadth of NASA data products
- Recommends helpful datasets for an end-user researching a data topic

Populating the UBD required a confirmed article topic, the article itself, and its used dataset(s).

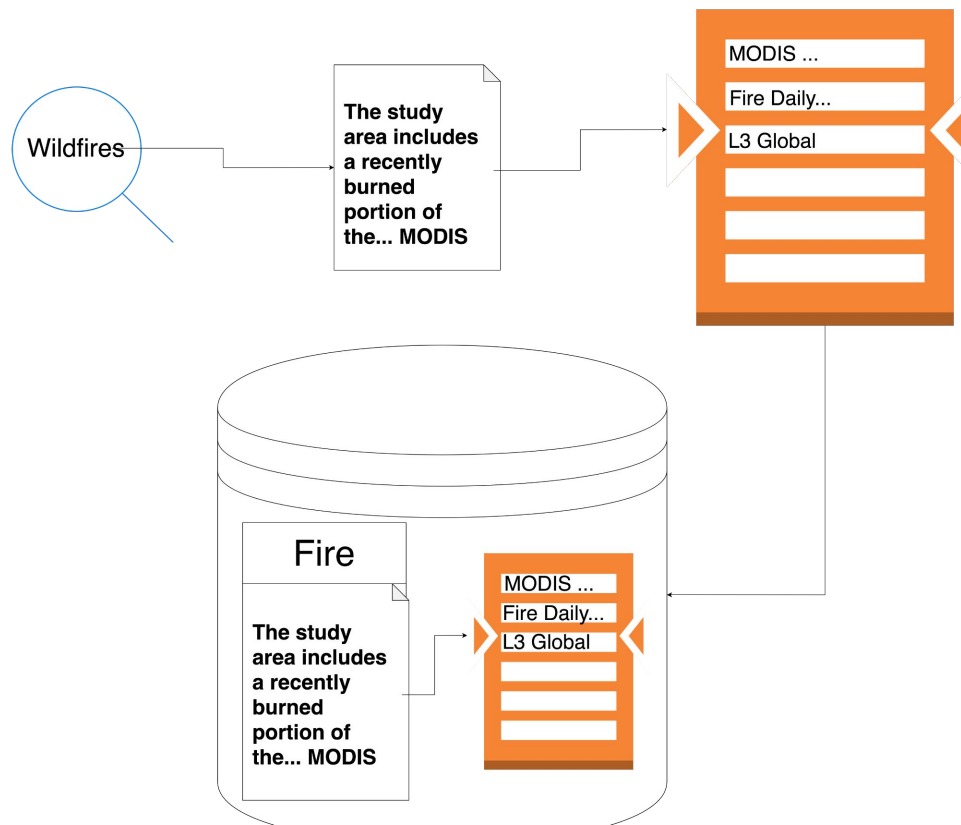


The initial UBD population pipeline follows manual steps:



1. Search for the article by topic.
2. Scan through the article for dataset reference.
3. Once found, confirm the article topic for later navigability.
4. Lastly, add this article-dataset linkage to UBD database.

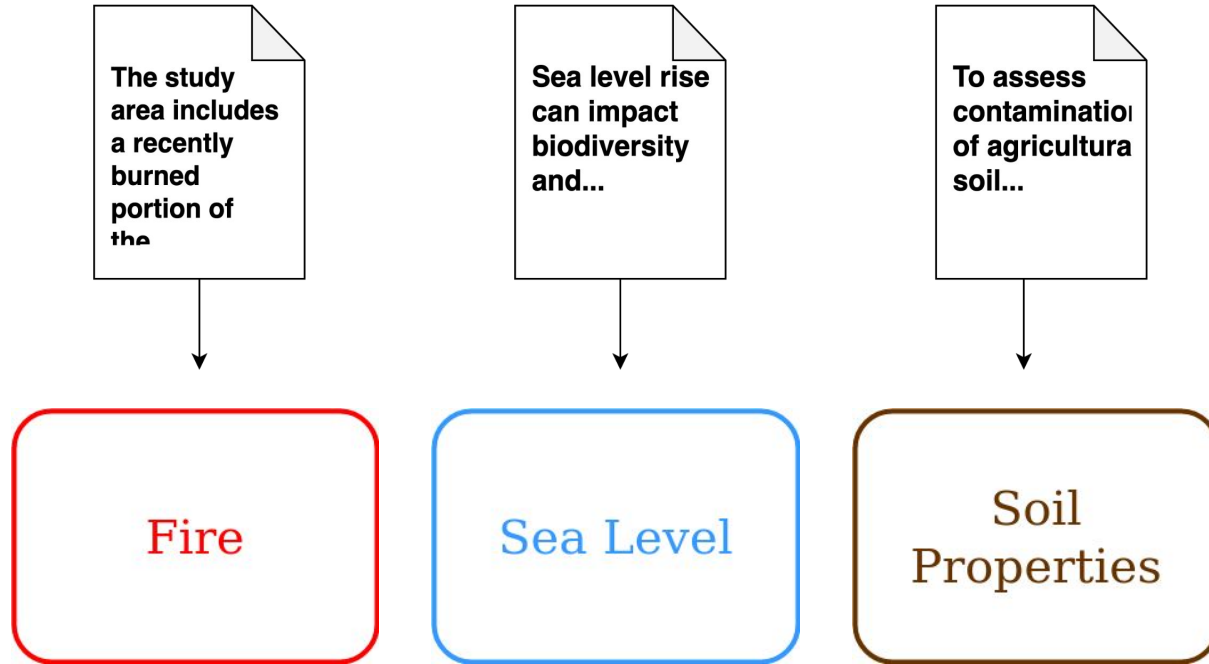
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This task proves to be labor intensive and low-yielding.

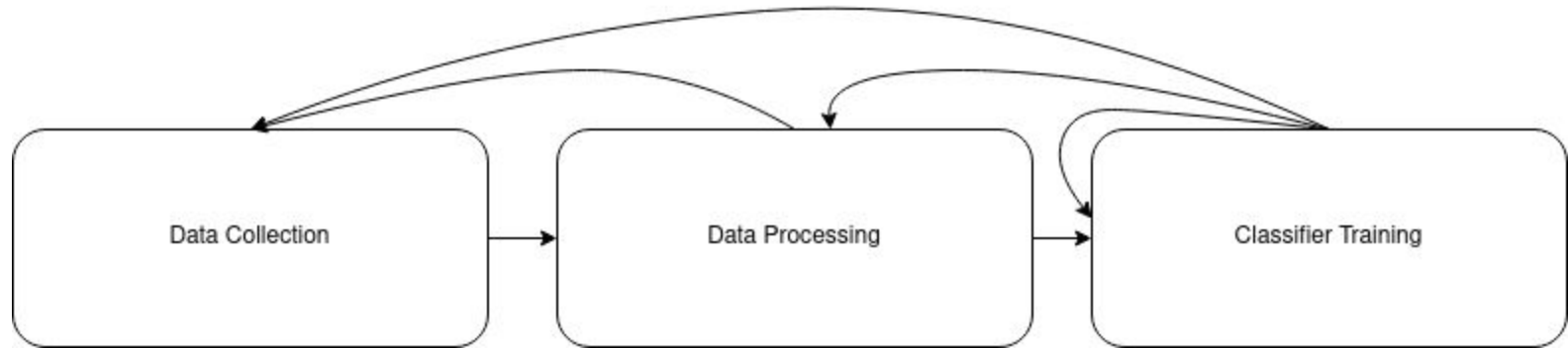
Idea: Topic classification can be automated with machine learning.



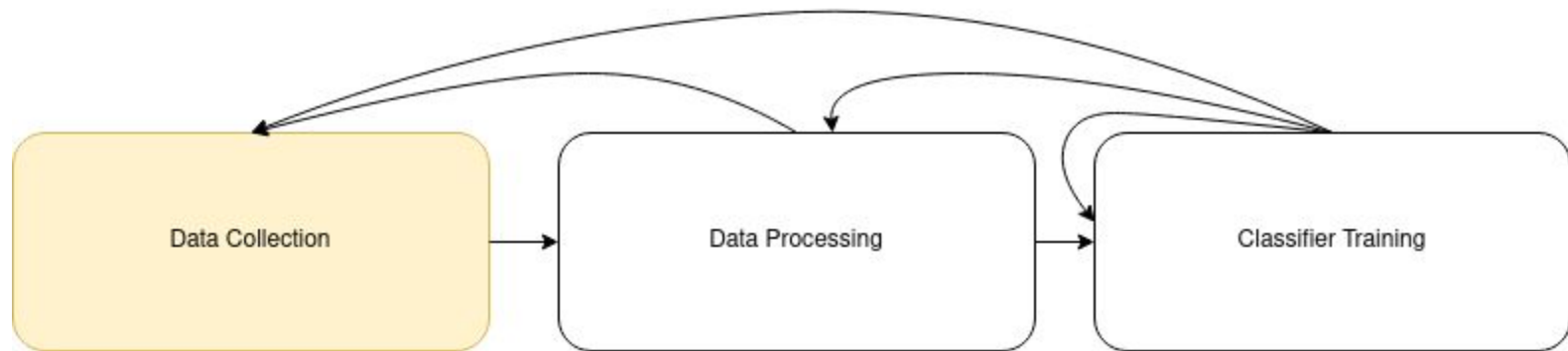
Five basic steps to utilizing machine learning in a new space:

1. Define task
2. Collect data
3. Train Classifier
4. Evaluate
5. Repeat

Our machine learning pipeline development process:



collects research articles, **processes** (transforms) them into a format readable by a machine, and **classifies** them under a topic using a classification algorithm.



Data Collection

Data Gathering

Data Extraction /
Data Cleaning



Change ...

In this paper we
develop a new
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Level change
using ...

Input Data

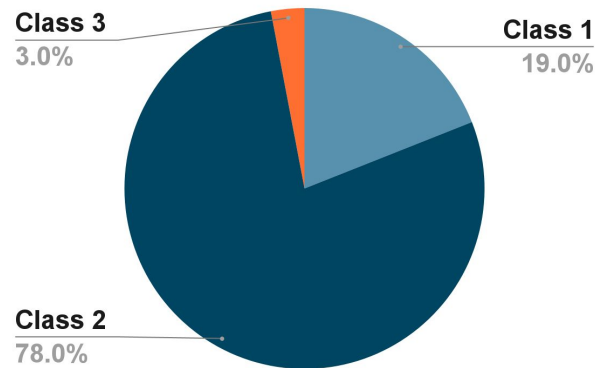
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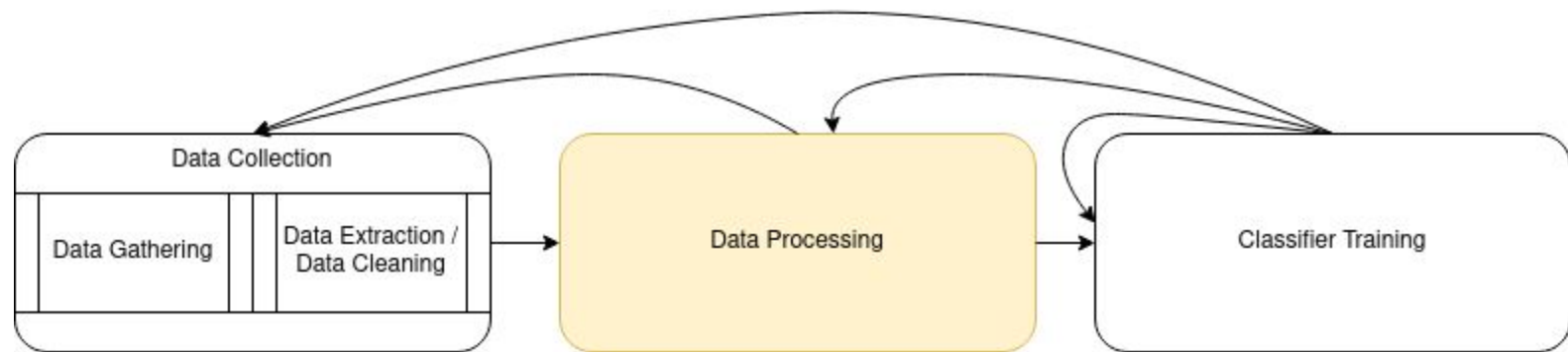
In this paper ...
Forrest fires in ...
...

Sea-Level
Fire
...

What we learned to be important in Dataset Collection:

- Distribution and bias
- Accuracy vs breadth and size





Data Processing

Raw Data

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Classical
Natural
Language
Processing

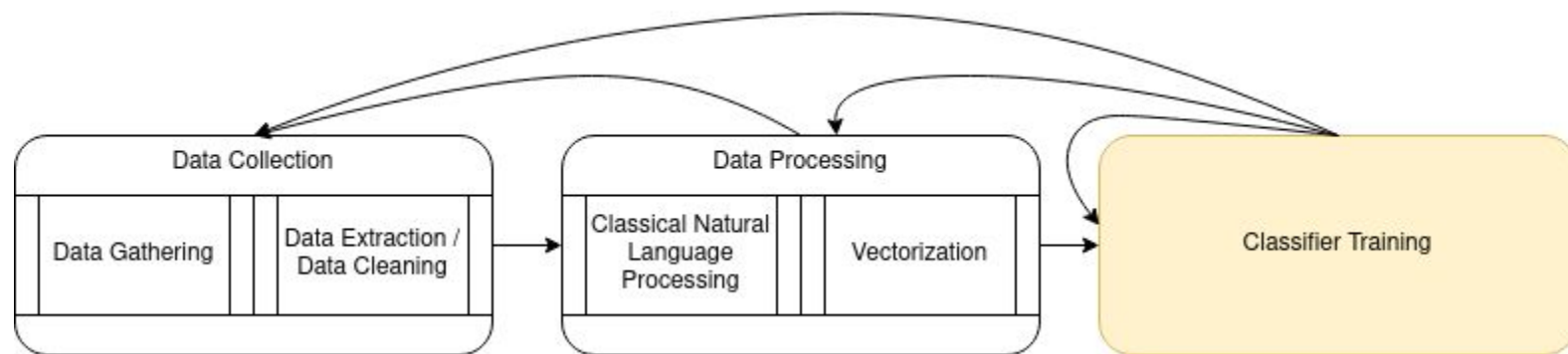


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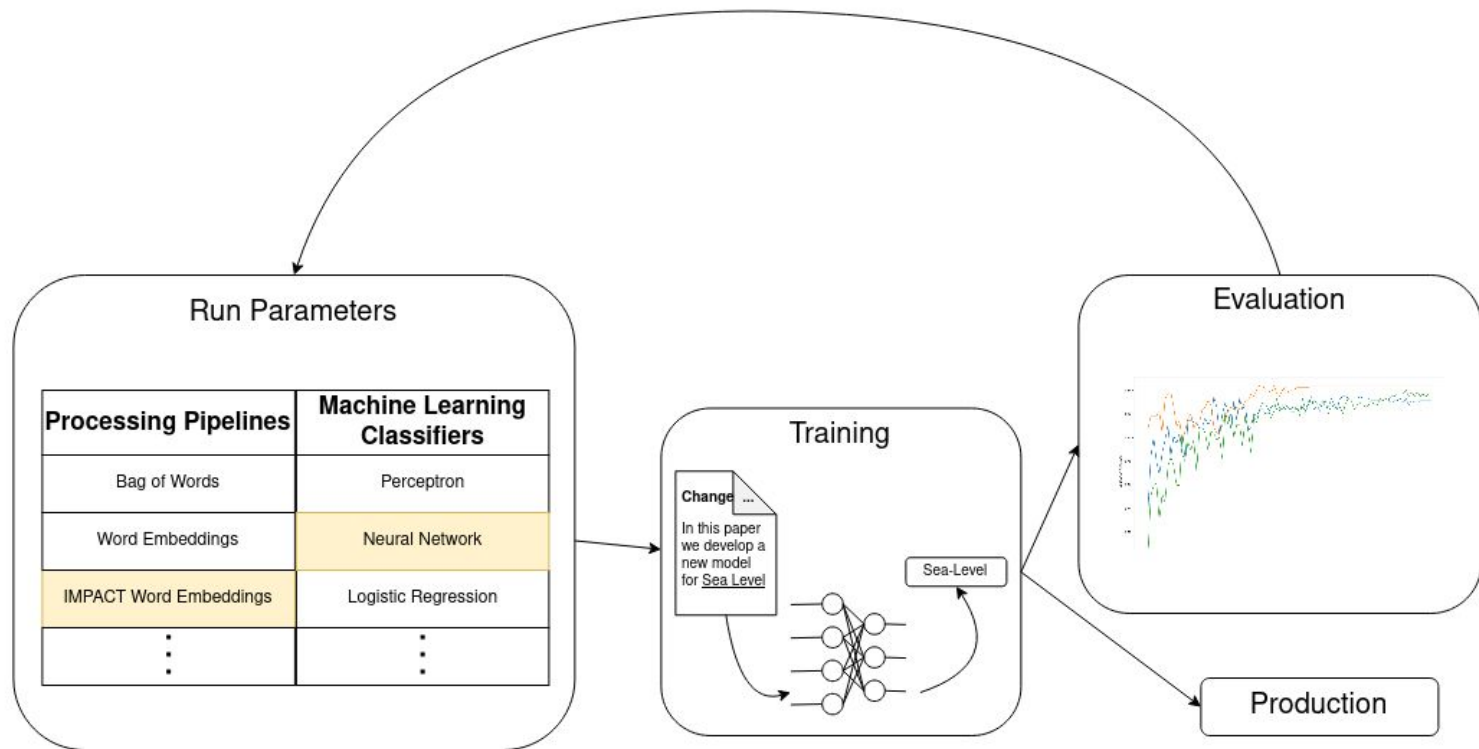


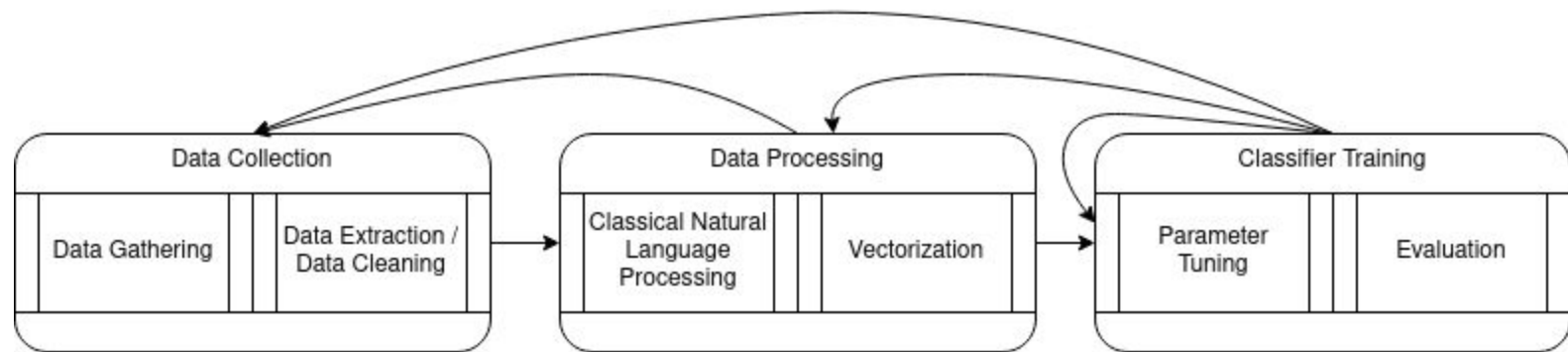
Vectorized Data

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Classifier Training





Design Tip: Prototyping various classification approaches

Run Configuration

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Dataset v2.	Word Embeddings	Neural Network	Validation Plot
Dataset v3.	IMPACT Word Embeddings	Logistic Regression	Loss Plot
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The best classification results are initially unknown. Prototyping allows experimentation with different datasets, processing methods, classifiers, and result visualizations.

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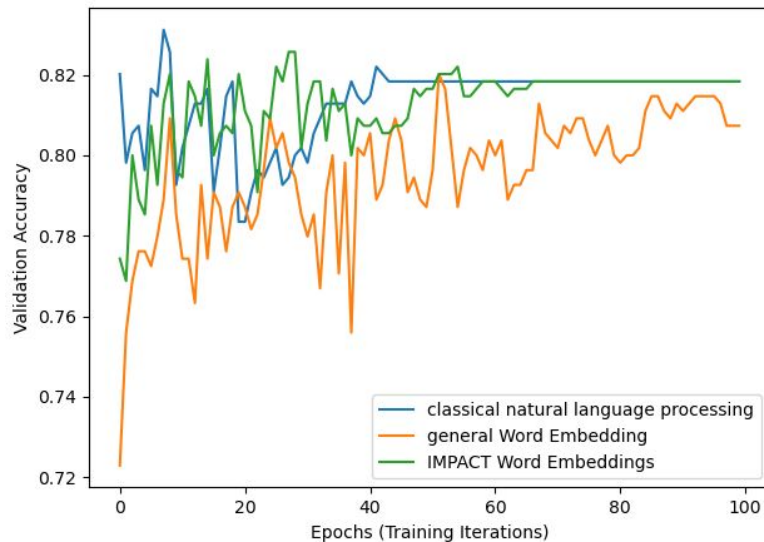
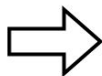
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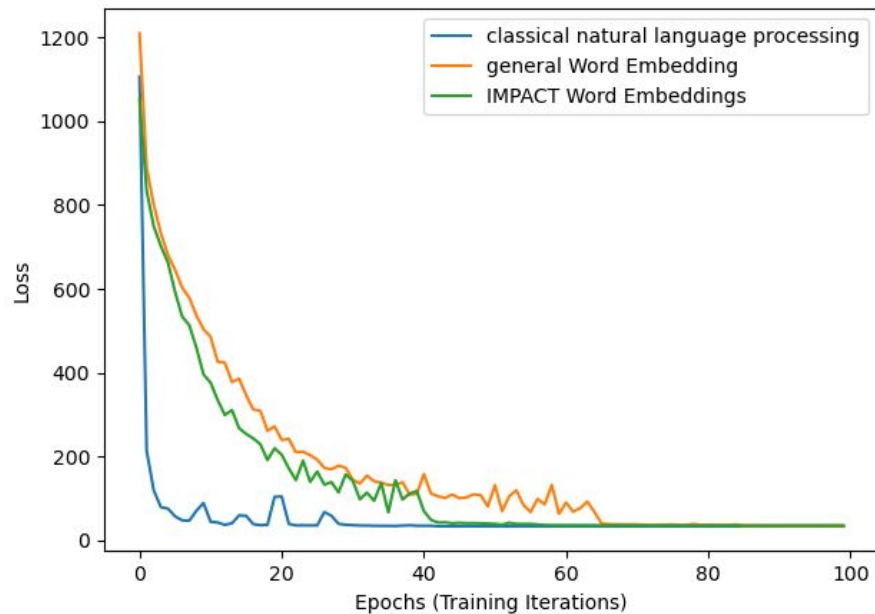
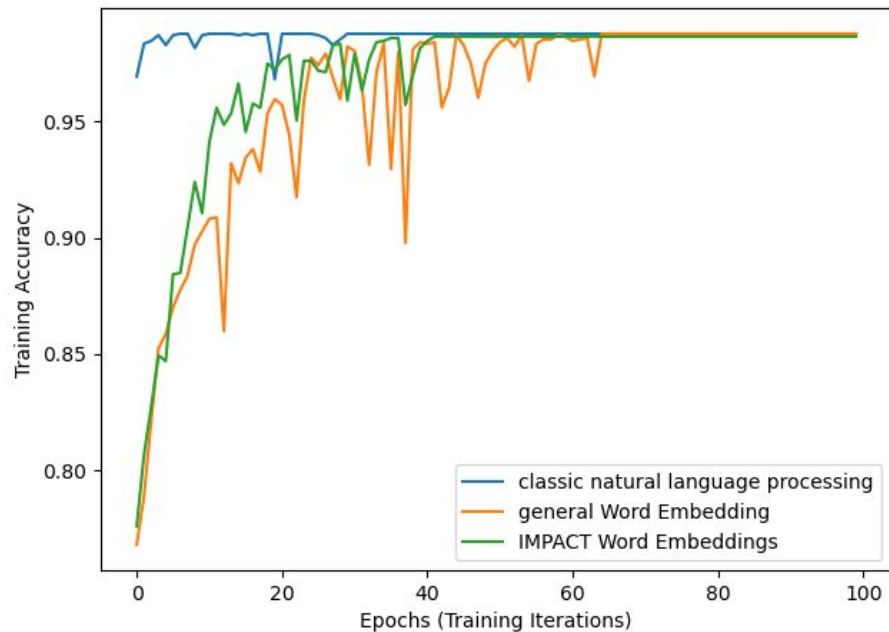
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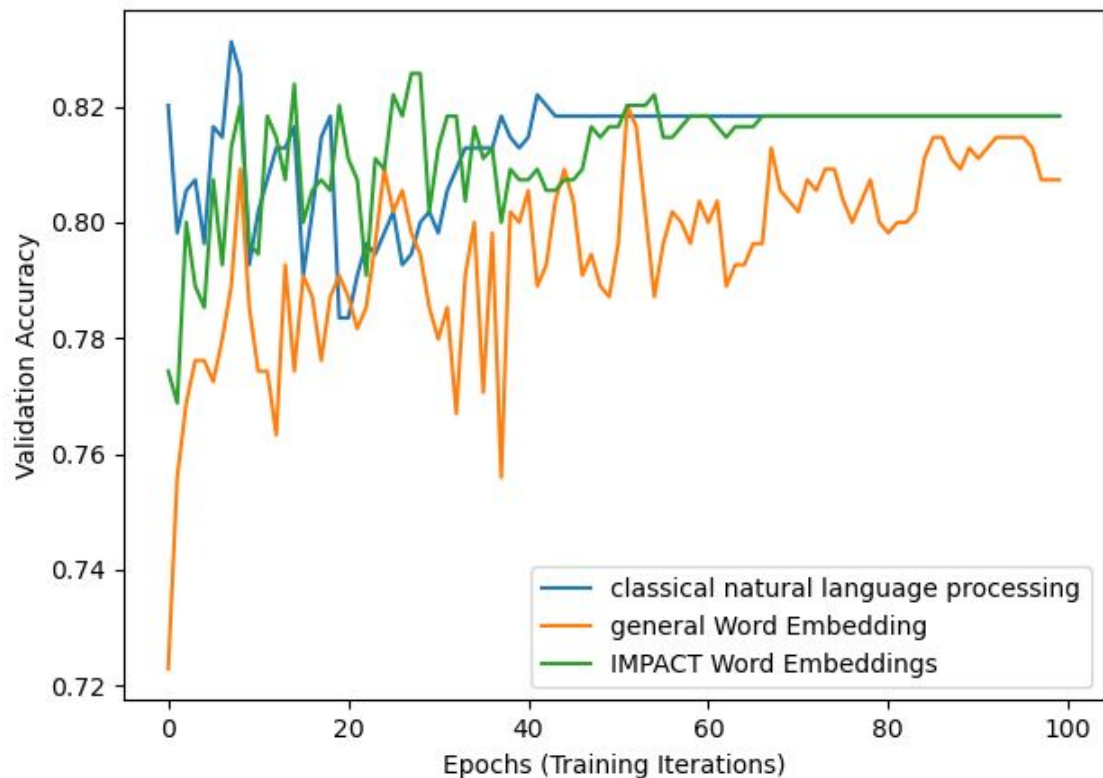
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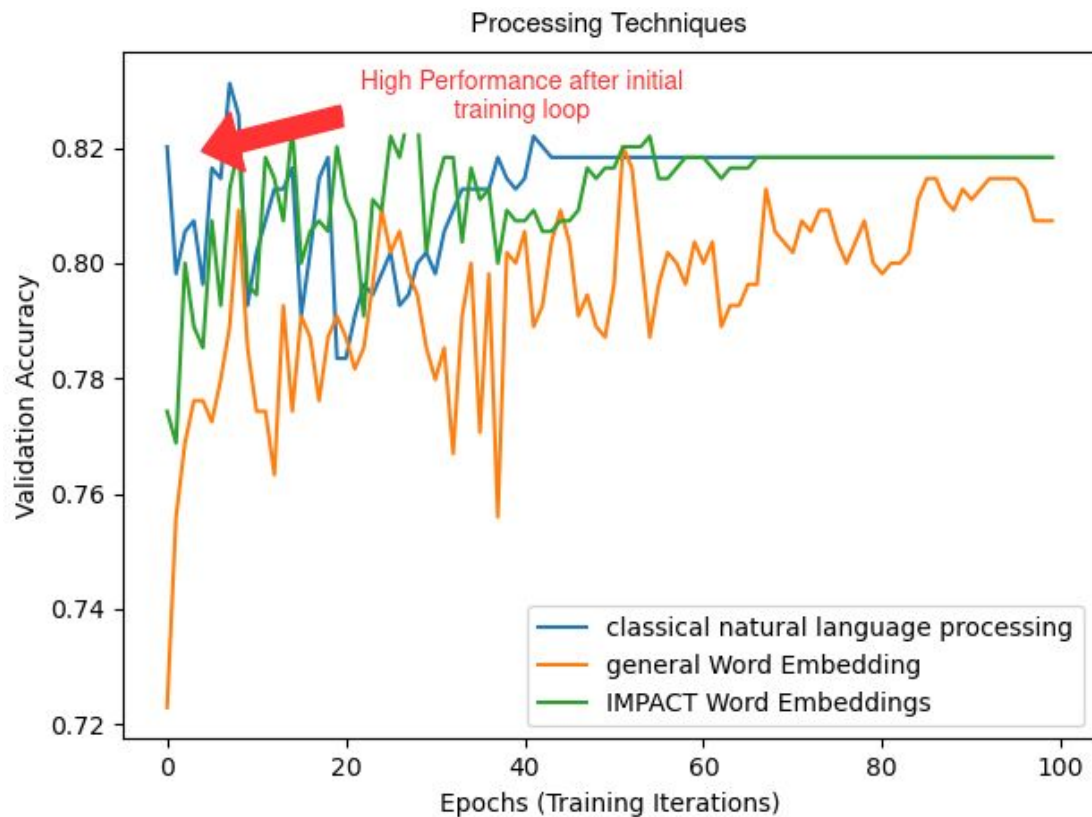
Evaluation Plotting



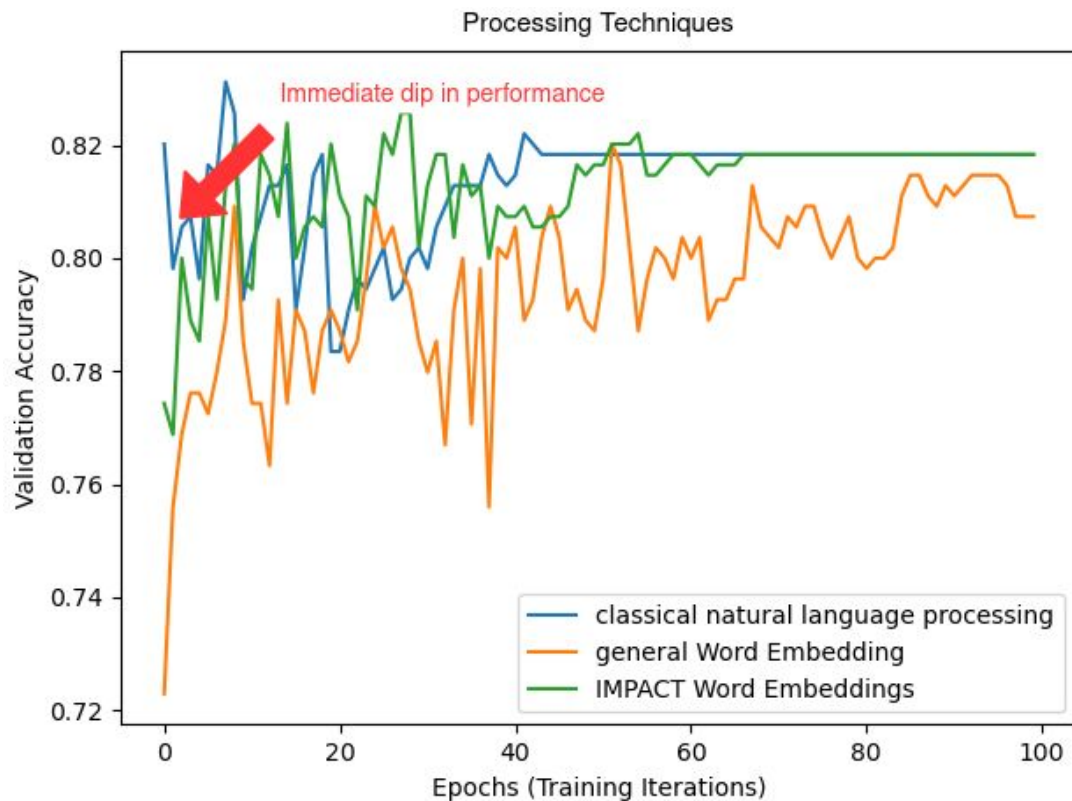
Plot Analysis



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Characteristics of the plots provide insights on our original task.

Original Task

Classify articles into one of three topics:

Fire: 954 datapoints

Sea Level: 954 datapoints

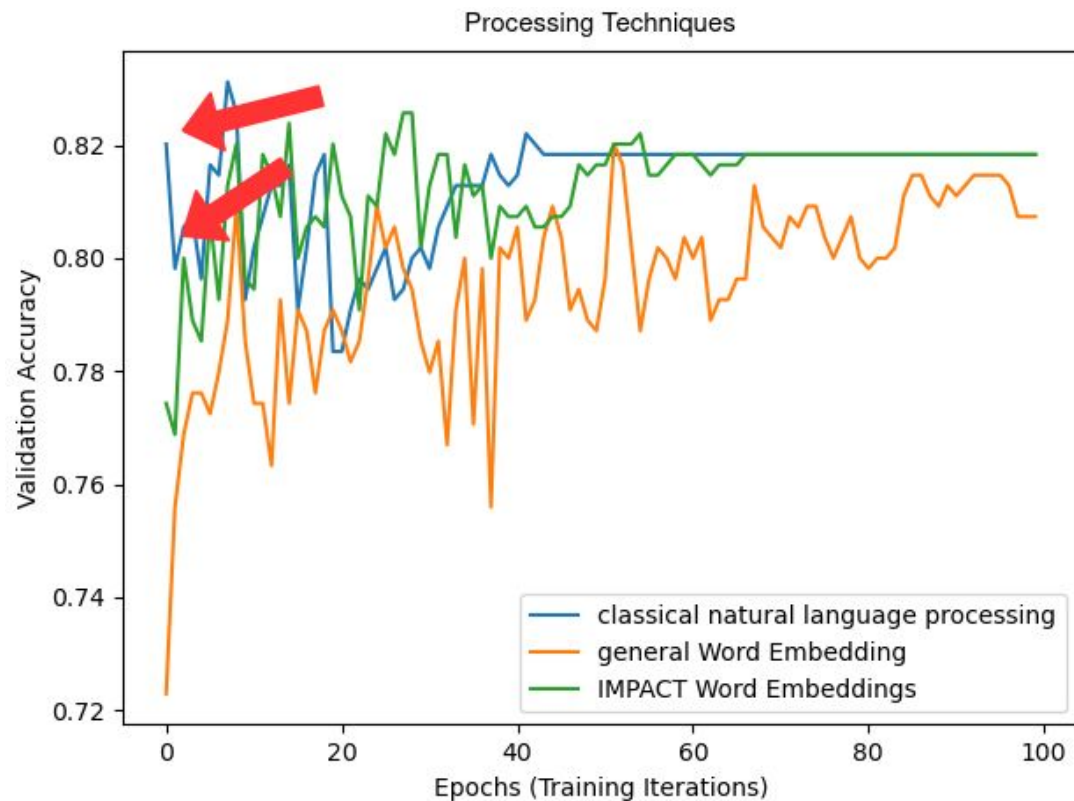
Other: 816 datapoints

Redefined Task

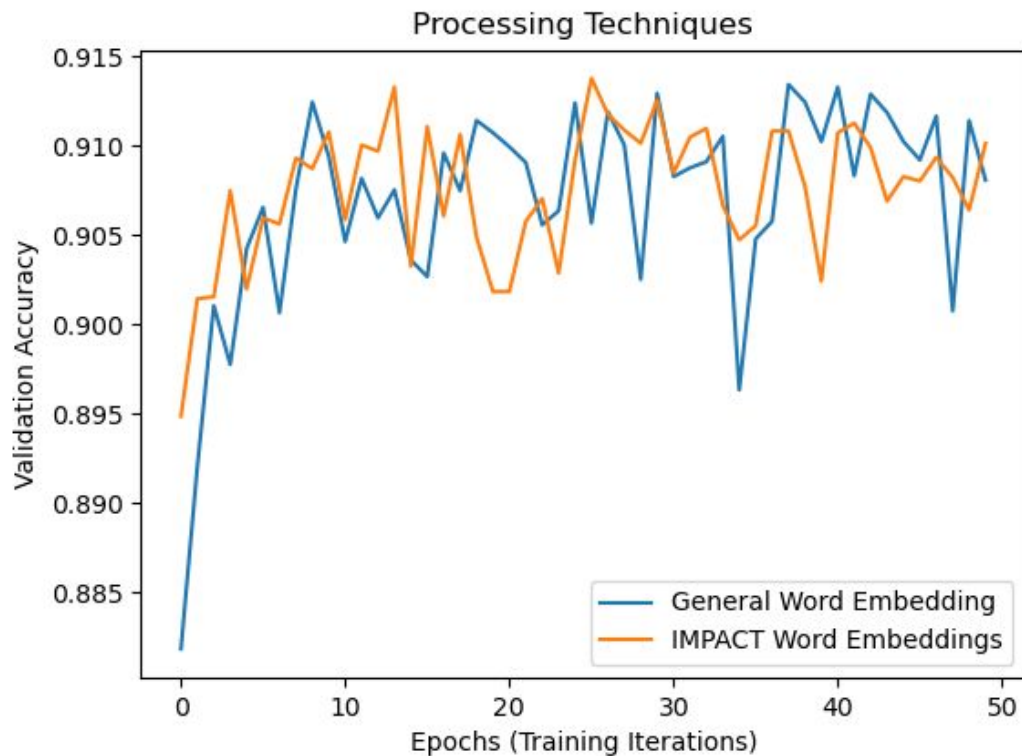
Classify articles on all combinations of four topics:

Count	-	Fire	Flood	Sea-Level	Snow/Ice
3775	-	0	0	0	0
3833	-	0	0	0	1
3807	-	0	0	1	0
60	-	0	0	1	1
3768	-	0	1	0	0
1858	-	0	1	0	1
3102	-	0	1	1	0
25	-	0	1	1	1
3516	-	1	0	0	0
201	-	1	0	0	1
62	-	1	0	1	0
1	-	1	0	1	1
1352	-	1	1	0	0
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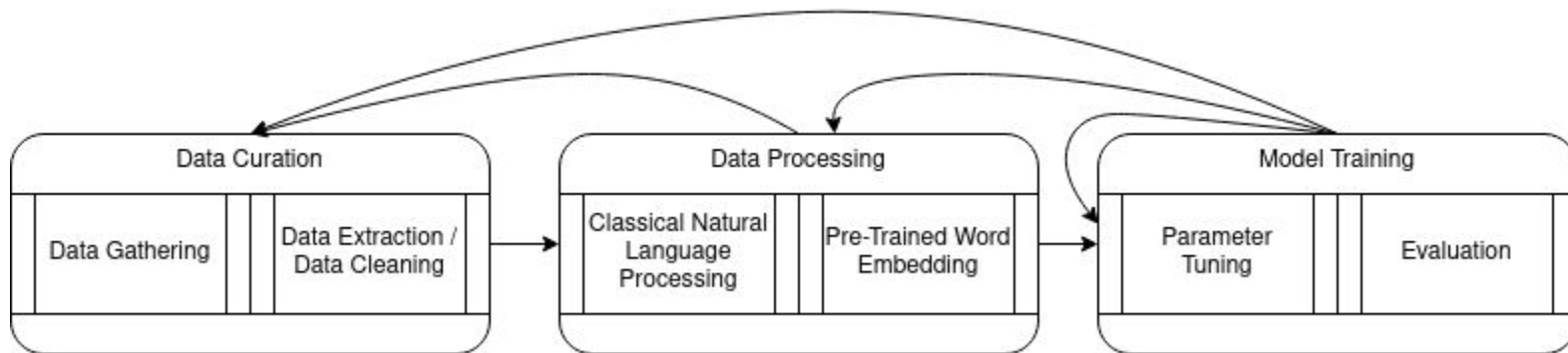


Future Work

- Utilizing full text of papers
- Utilizing references and corresponding text
- Clustering

Takeaways

- The greater machine learning pipeline yields helpful products beyond the algorithm classification results.
- There are a wealth of benefits a machine learning project can gain from modularity.



Backup Slides

Software Used

Word Embeddings

- IMPACT word embeddings
- GloVe (Global Vectors) - <https://nlp.stanford.edu/projects/glove/>
 - Paper: Jeffrey Pennington, Richard Socher, and Christopher D. Manning. 2014. GloVe: Global Vectors for Word Representation
 - Data: <https://nlp.stanford.edu/data/glove.6B.zip>

Python Modules

- NLTK (Natural Language Toolkit) - <https://www.nltk.org/>
- Scikitlearn - <https://scikit-learn.org/stable/>
- Pandas - <https://pandas.pydata.org/>
- NumPy - <https://numpy.org/>
- PyTorch - <https://pytorch.org/>
- Matplotlib - <https://matplotlib.org/>