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Presentation Outline

- Acknowledgments
- **NDLTD** (Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations: ndltd.org=theses.org)
- Intelligent Information Systems, 5S
- Digital Libraries
- Piloting: IMLS, CS5604 PBL instances
- Your To Do List

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- Satvik Chekuri, Scholarly Information System for Long Documents and their Elements, 2025
- Bipasha Banerjee. Improving access to ETD elements through chapter categorization and summarization, Summer 2024
- Aman Ahuja. Analyzing and Navigating Electronic Theses and Dissertations", 2023
- Dhanush Dinesh, Utilizing Docker and Kafka for Highly Scalable Bulk Processing of Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETDs), 2023
- Javaid Manzoor, Segmenting Electronic Theses and Dissertations by Chapters, 2022
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- Palakh Mignonne Jude, Increasing Accessibility of Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETDs) Through Chapter-level Classification, 2020
- Sung Hee Park, Discipline-Independent Text Information Extraction from Heterogeneous Styled References Using Knowledge from the Web, 2013
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- Douglas Gorton, Practical Digital Library Generation into DSpace with the 5S Framework, 2007
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Scenarios of Future Use of ETD DLs

1. Open problem -> plan for research
2. Problem -> list of references, related ETDs
3. Bibliography -> clusters -> lit. review chapter
4. Course (e.g., seminar) units based on ETDs
5. Final defense -> told missing cites of related ETDs
6. Promotion: impact of candidate's students' ETDs
7. Research trends: classification, topic modeling
8. Analysis & Assessment -> logs -> use by:
 - Local grad students, faculty, undergrads
 - Graduate School, Registrar, Research Division₉

Scenarios of Future Use:

Example: Open problem -> plan for research

1. Student volunteers to pilot test the new DL
2. Goal: find problem to solve
3. Explains her interest and background
4. Receives extracts from related ETDs:
 - open problems, planned future work
5. Selects top 5
6. Receives related ETD list, with chapter summaries
7. Fetches and studies top 2 ETDs from the list
8. Meets advisor to devise research plan

Intelligent Information Systems

- Digital libraries, repositories
- Search engines, recommenders
- Chatbots
- Bots
- Smart homes, smart cities
- Robots
- (Semi)autonomous vehicles, UAVs
 - Land: Cars, Trucks
 - Air: Planes, Drones
 - Sea: Boats, UUVs

5S Layers

Societies

Scenarios

Spaces

Structures

Streams



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Theoretical Foundations for Digital Libraries

*The 5S (Societies, Scenarios, Spaces,
Structures, Streams) Approach*

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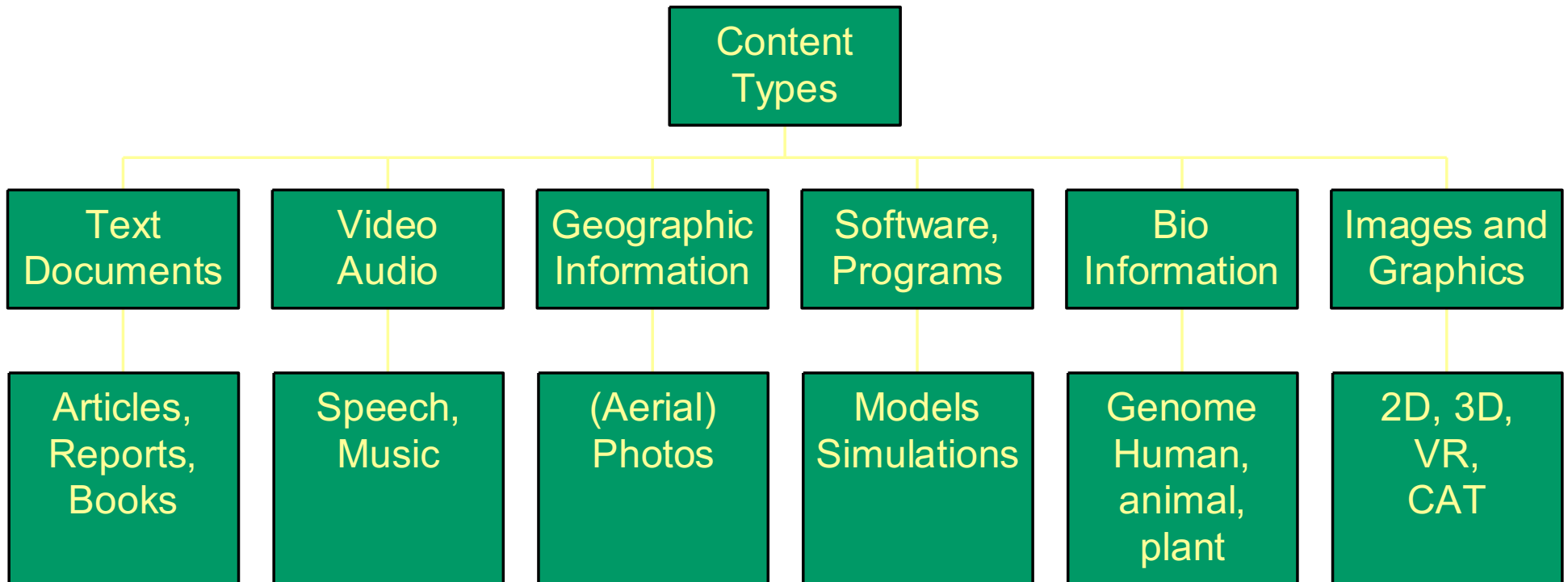
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Informal 5S & DL Definitions

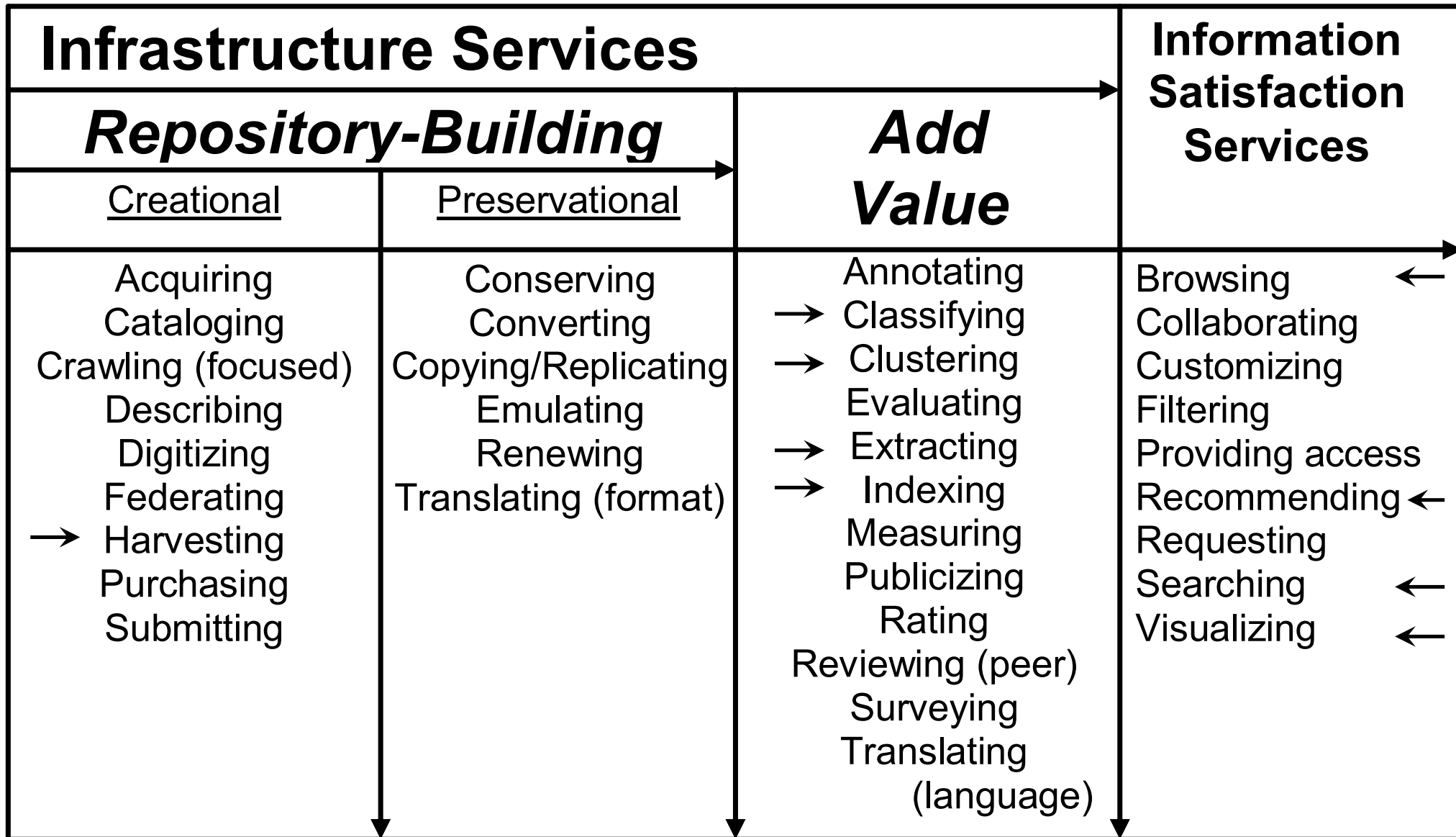
DLs are complex systems that

- help satisfy info needs of users (**societies**)
- provide info services (**scenarios**)
- organize info in usable ways (**structures**)
- present info in usable ways (**spaces**)
- communicate info with users (**streams**)

Digital Libraries: Content



Supporting Services across the Lifecycle



Quality Dimensions

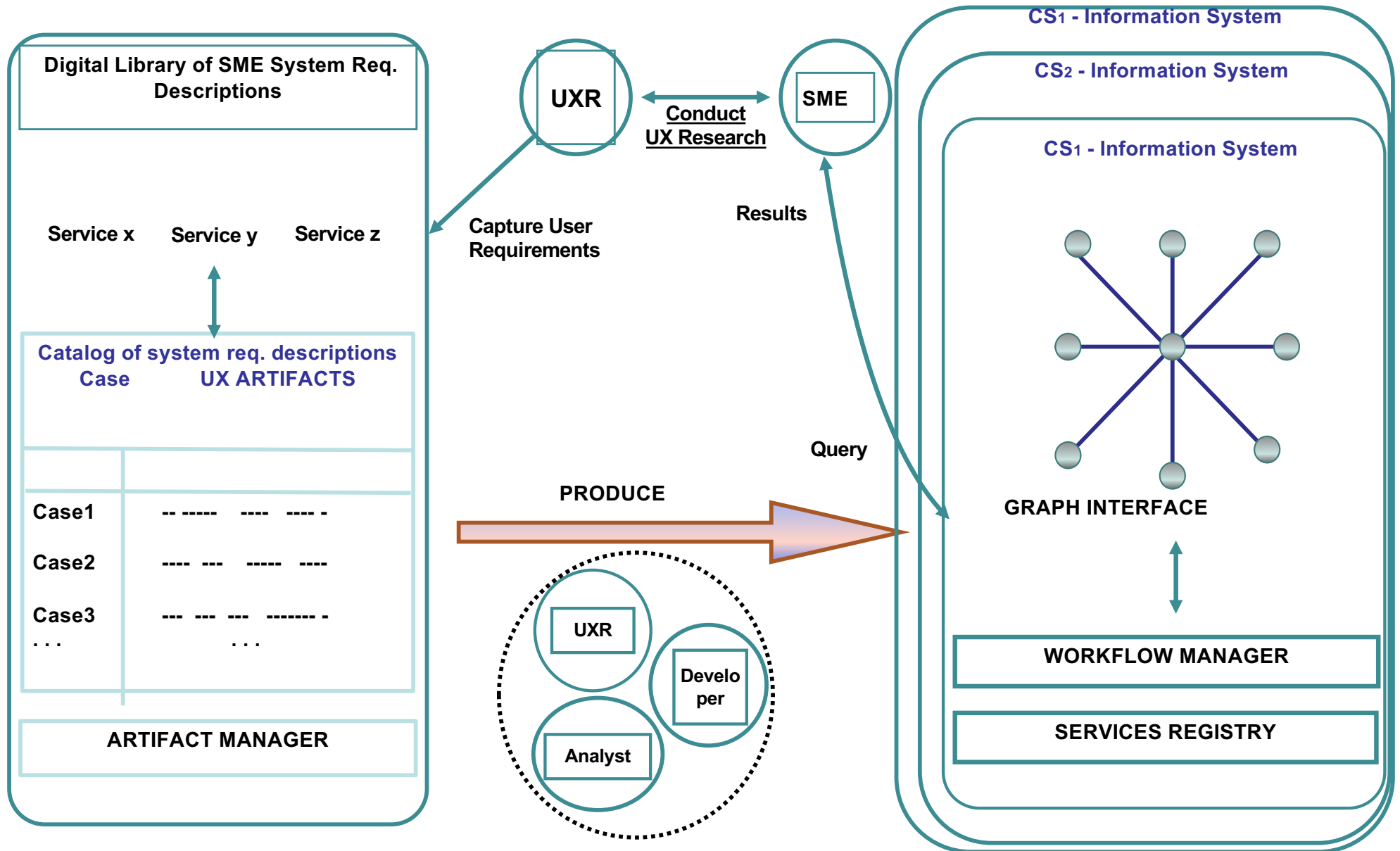
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Digital object	Accessibility Pertinence Preservability Relevance Similarity Significance Timeliness
Metadata specification	Accuracy Completeness Conformance
Collection	Completeness Impact Factor
Catalog	Completeness Consistency
Repository	Completeness Consistency
Services	Composability Efficiency Effectiveness Extensibility Reusability Reliability

Scenarios of Future Use / Building DLs

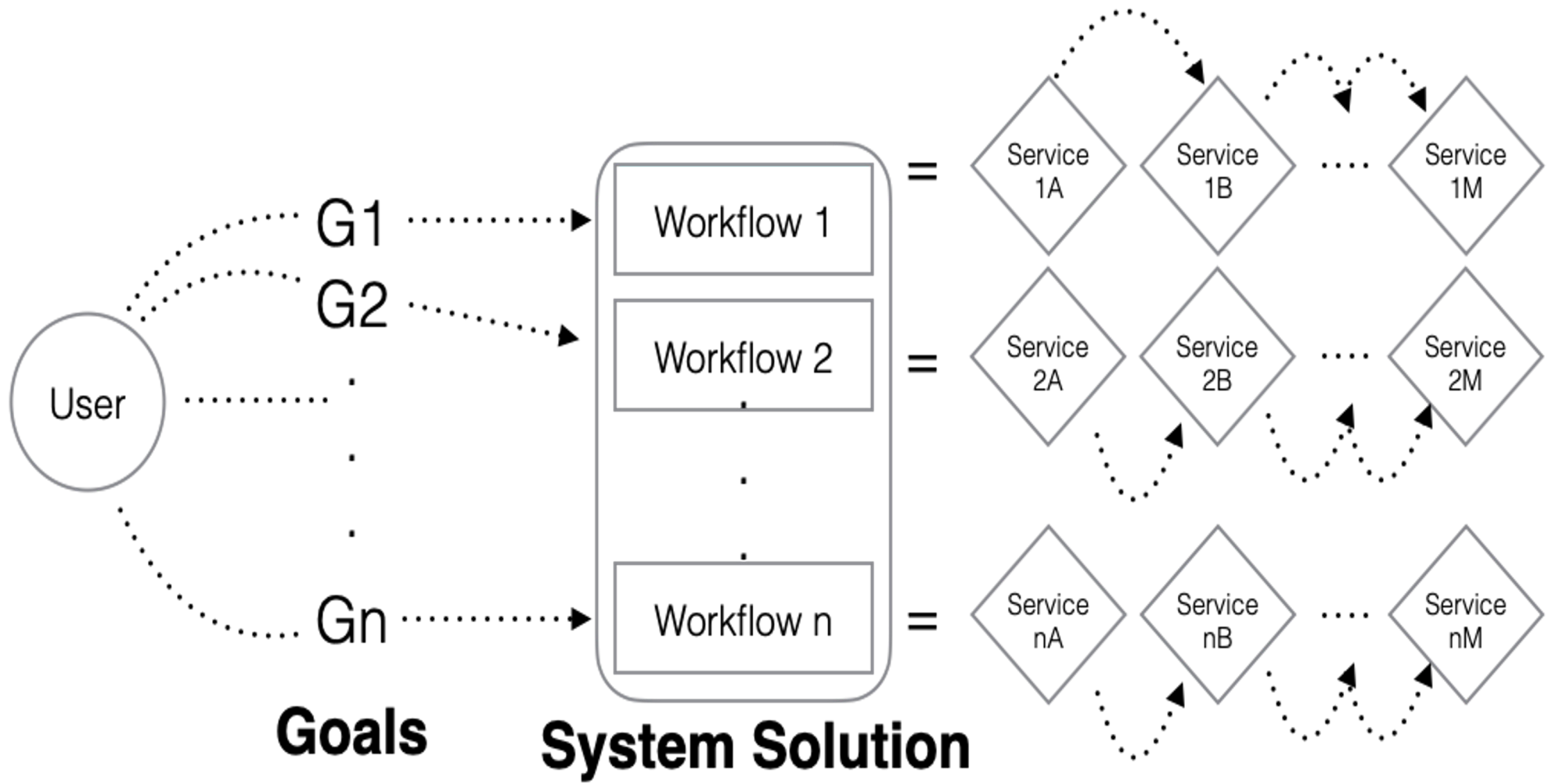
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2. UX: Validated list of:
 - Jobs-to-be-done, tasks, sub-tasks, goals, sub-goals
3. Personas
 1. Curators
 2. Experimenters
 3. Researchers (students, faculty, ...)
4. DL software developer: knowledge graph mapping:
 - Goals, Sub-goals, Tasks, Sub-tasks
 - Workflows of services: Existing, Desired
5. Operations (Docker, Airflow; DevOps with CI/CD)

(Doctoral work of Prashant Chandrasekar)

Prashant Chandrasekar's DL Architecture



Workflow-defining Goal Decomposition



Opening Graduate Research

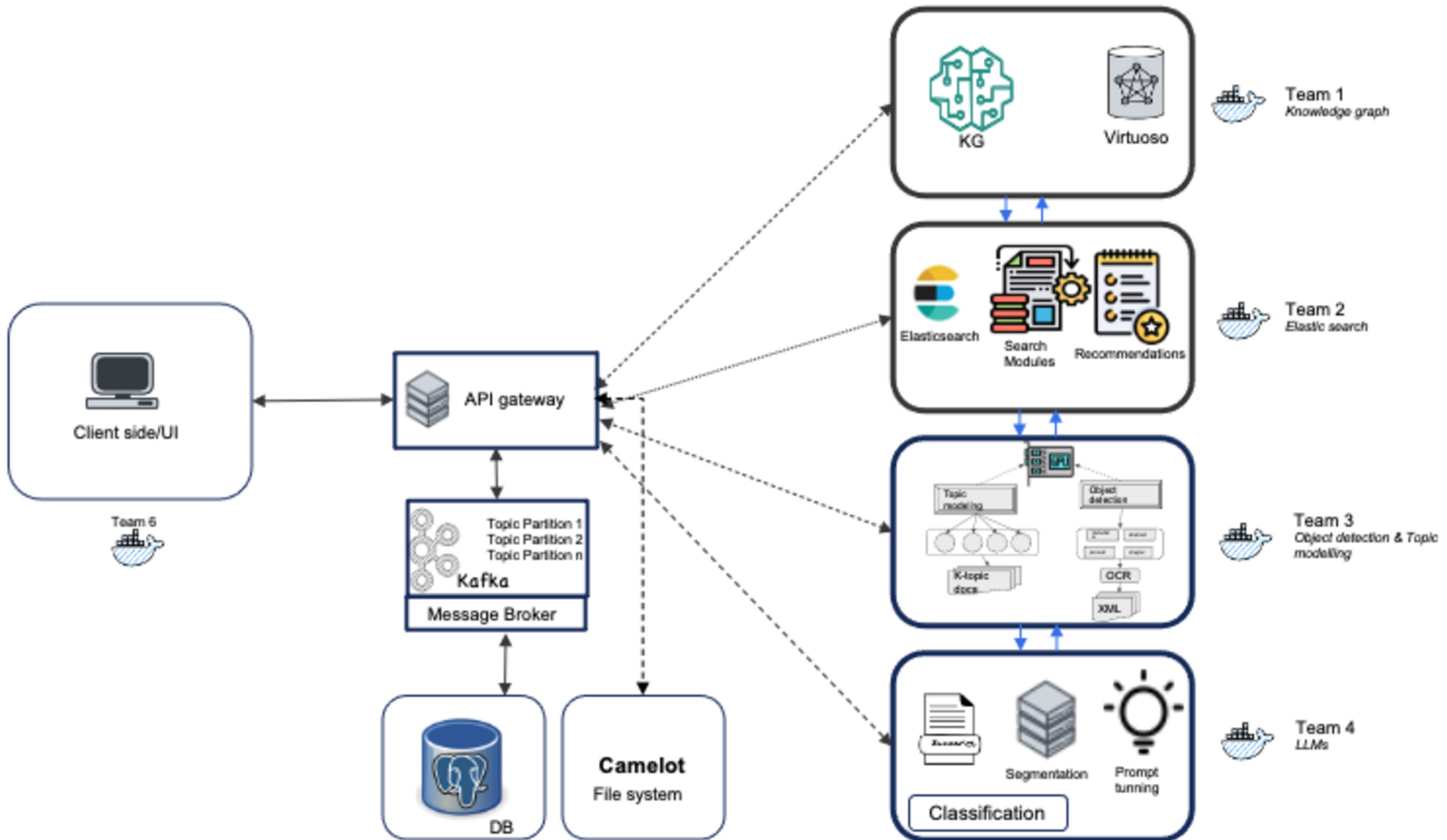
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- **Activities**
 - Collecting: 500,000+ from USA
 - Large universities, HBCUs, HSIs + Arabic corpus
 - Analyzing: parsing / detecting (texts, images)
 - Extracting: tables, figures, equations, references...
 - Scanned ETDs -> improved metadata
 - Classification, Topic Modeling -> Browsing
 - Segmenting: chapters -> Chapter summaries
- **Results: New methods & technologies, pilot system (search, browse, recommend, viz)**

CS5604 SMEs

- Aman Ahuja: topic modeling, object detection/document parsing
(<http://hdl.handle.net/10919/115817>)
- Bipasha Banerjee, Sara Ahmadi: segmentation, language models, transformers, classification, summarization
- Prashant Chadrarsekar, Dhanush Dinesh: integration, workflows, extensibility, DevOps
- Satvik Chekuri: search, recommendation
- Sung Hee Park, Bill Ingram: database, files²³

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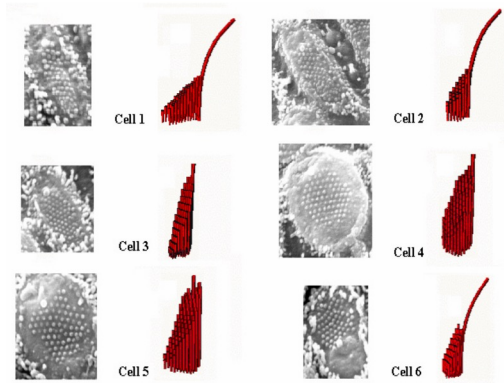


Figure 2.2: Six utricle cells – electron micrograph and 3-D rendering

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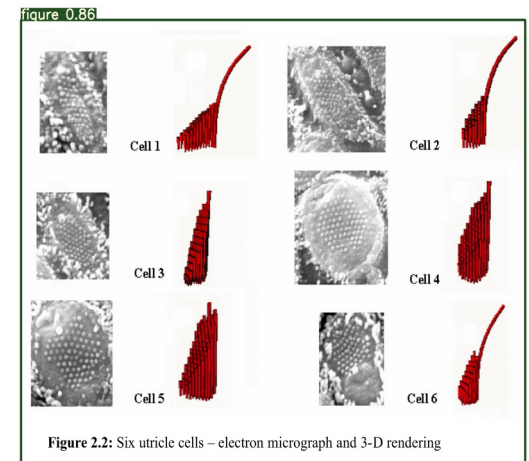


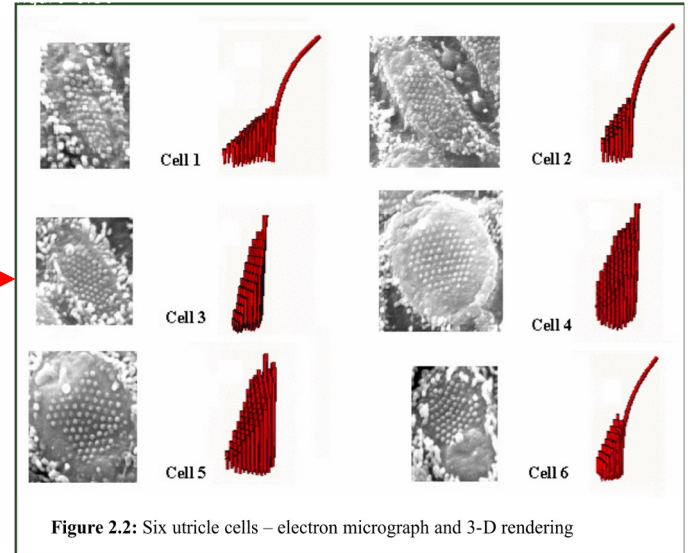
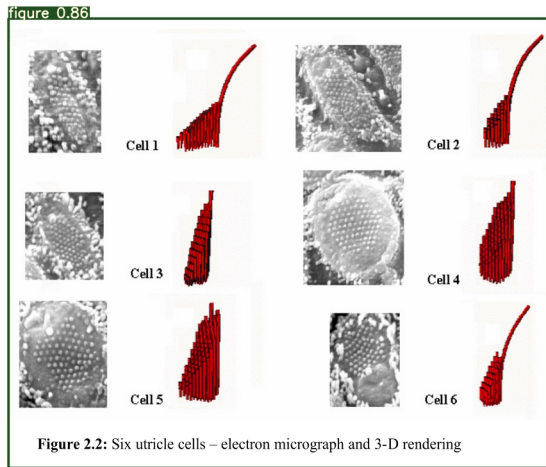
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CHAPTER 5: CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

If one were to try and sum up the conclusions obtained from this research into one statement, perhaps the best summary would be to say that bundles are mechanically complex, and all details are important in accurately modeling them.

Accurate knowledge of the geometry of a bundle is crucial. Cilia diameters, numbers of and locations of cilia, and cilia heights all have significant effects on bundles stiffness, as elaborated on in chapter 3. Although not discussed in detail, even factors such as stereocilia base tapering, and tip link diameters can noticeably influence stiffness. Certainly, modeling a bundle as a simple row or column neglects a significant amount of information and can give incorrect results.

Equally important in accurate modeling are the material properties, such as elastic moduli and shear moduli. Of particular importance is the tip link elastic modulus, which is important both in affecting overall bundle stiffness, as well as influencing the behavior of the theorized ion gated channels.

All of these factors are of extreme importance just in static response of bundles! The complexities of dynamic response are surely even more challenging and dependent on these (and other) factors.

The implications of these conclusions are three-fold. First, and unsurprisingly, better information about bundles is needed to improve modeling efforts. The material properties of tip and lateral links need to be known more precisely. Unfortunately, it is currently impossible to measure these properties directly; testing values in a model is presently the best possible way to determine these values. Geometric properties of individual bundles being modeled need to be measured more exactly. The details are important; rough estimates are insufficient. The importance of the stereocilia/kinocilium height ratio suggests that accurate height data is particularly crucial, but cilia diameters, taper ratios, and other values are also vital. Second, modeling needs to be as precise as possible. Lumped parameter models and simple 2-D row models are not sufficient. They

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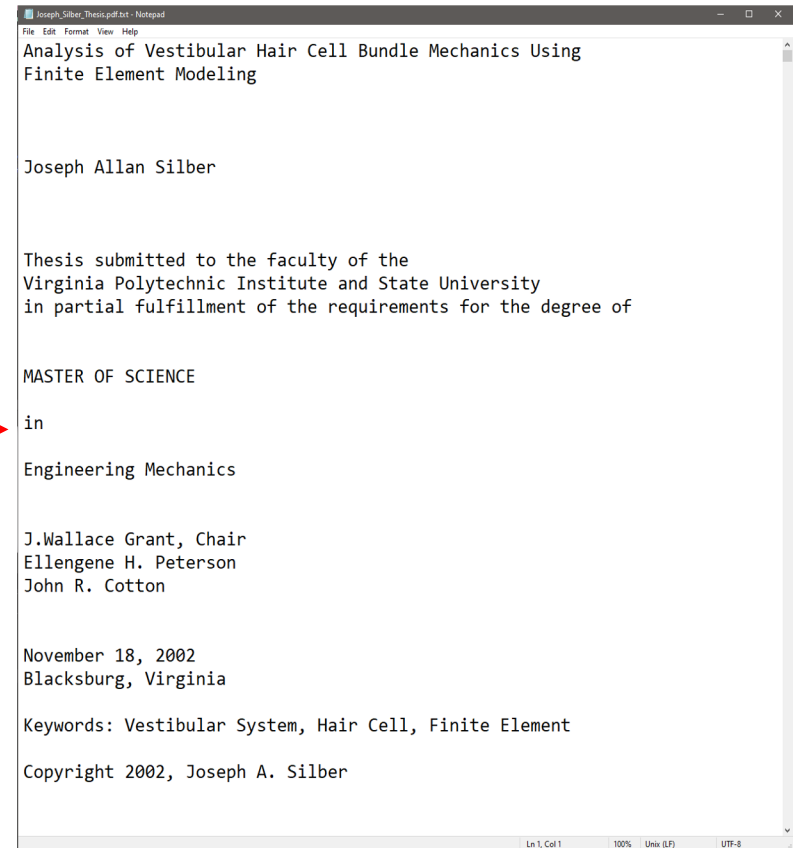
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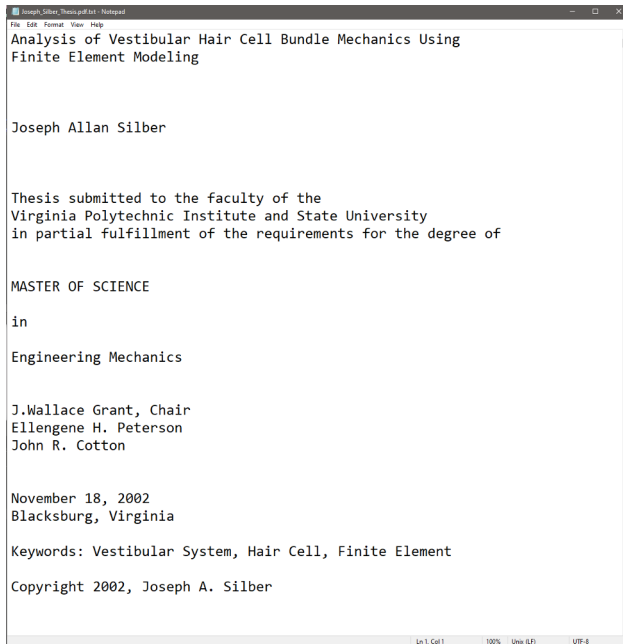
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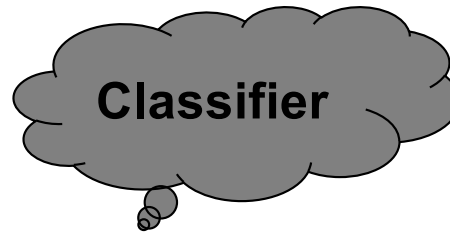
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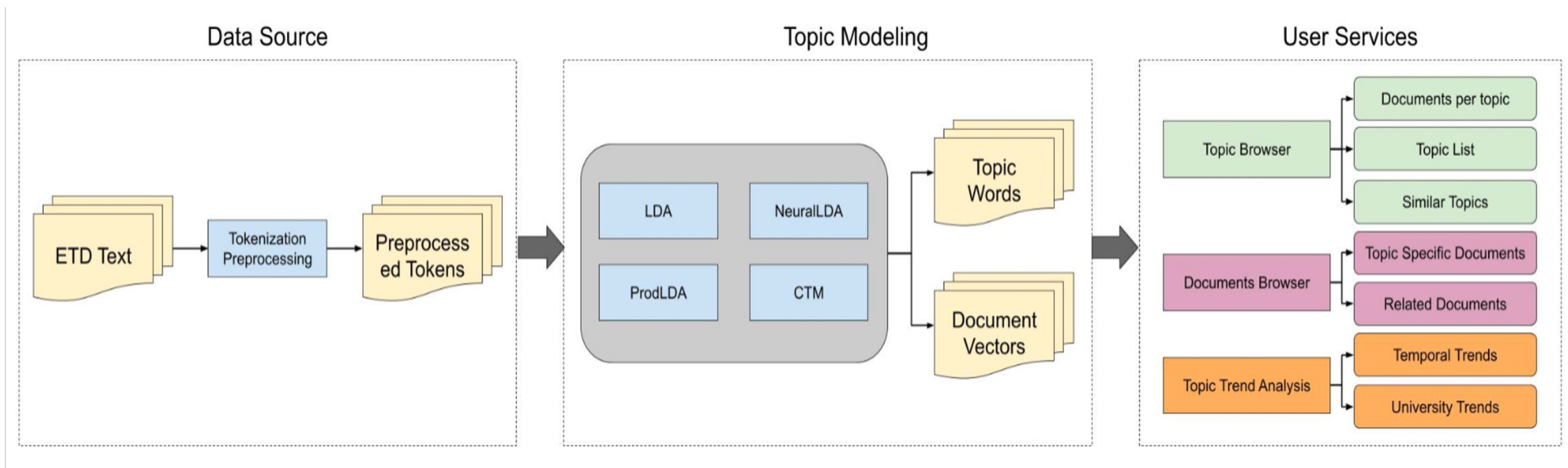
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- Support NDLTD(.org) and Worldwide ETD Requirements
- Use Digital Libraries and Repositories
- Improve Information Systems using 5S & AI
- Apply PBL in Courses (or Help as a SME)

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Discussion?

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