Incident Linking: Assigning Tweets to Entries in a Disaster Database

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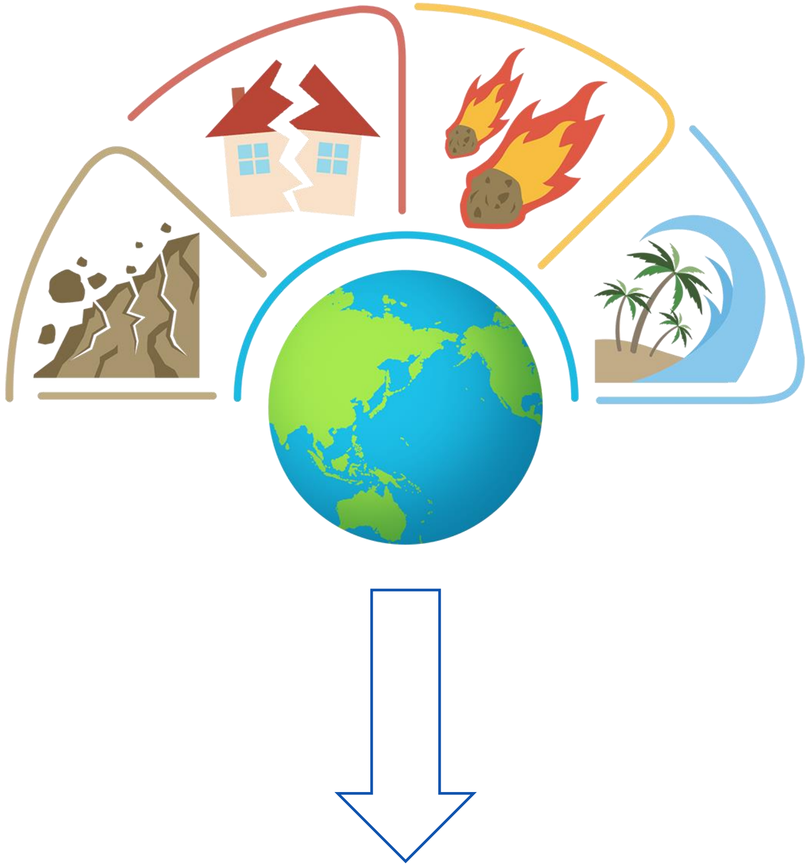

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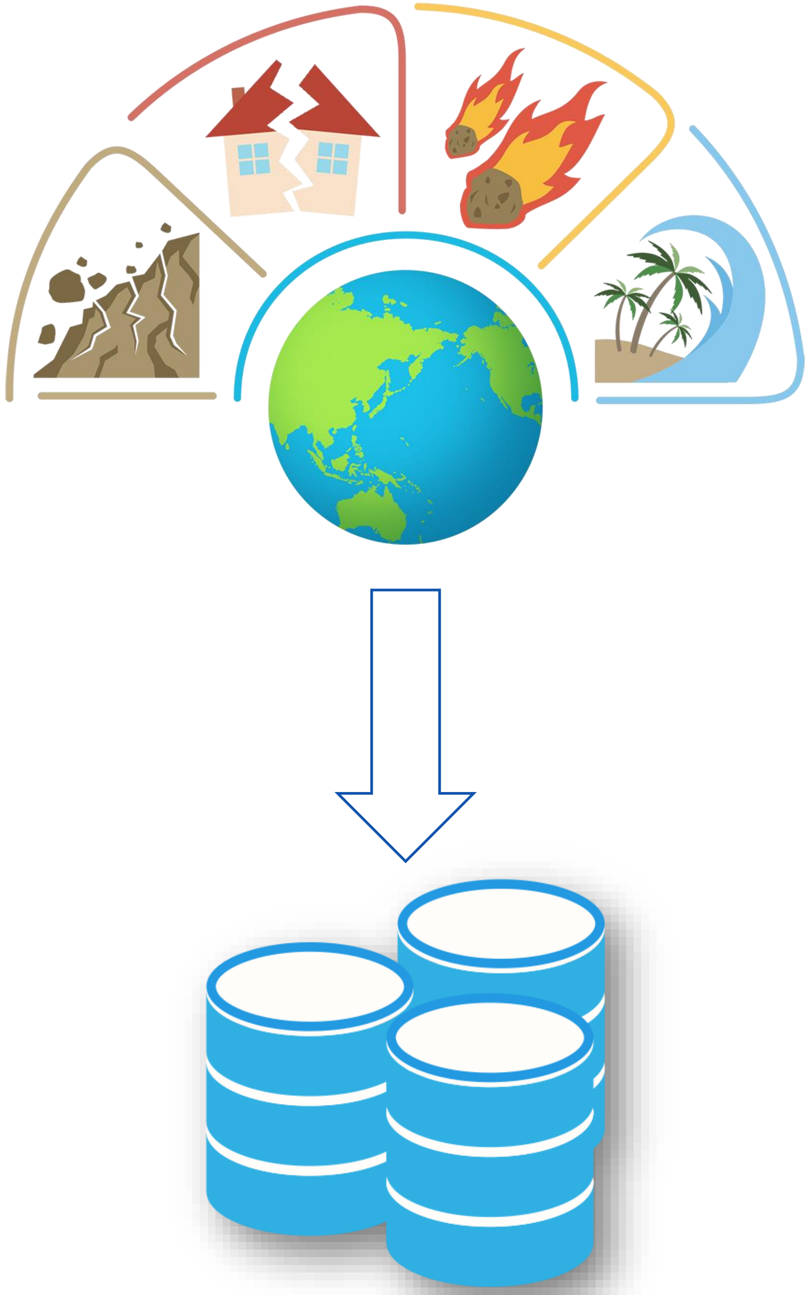

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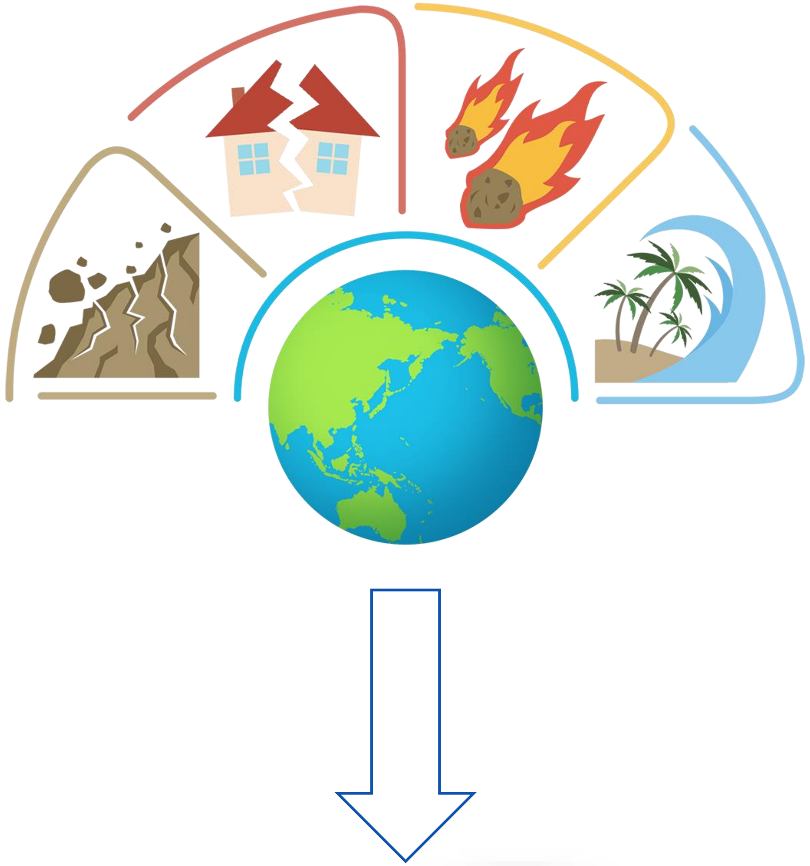

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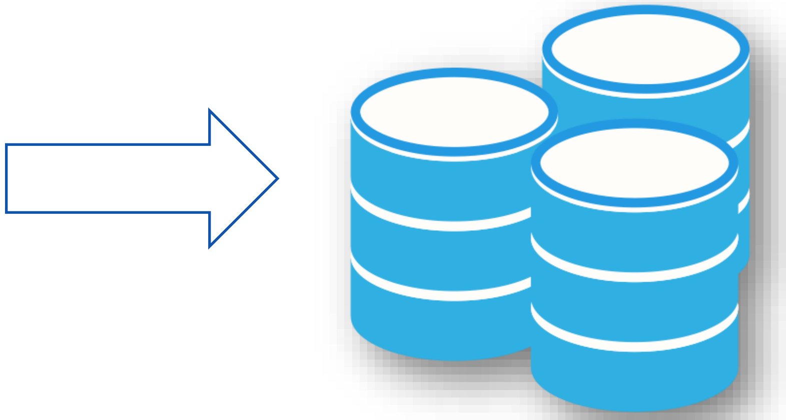

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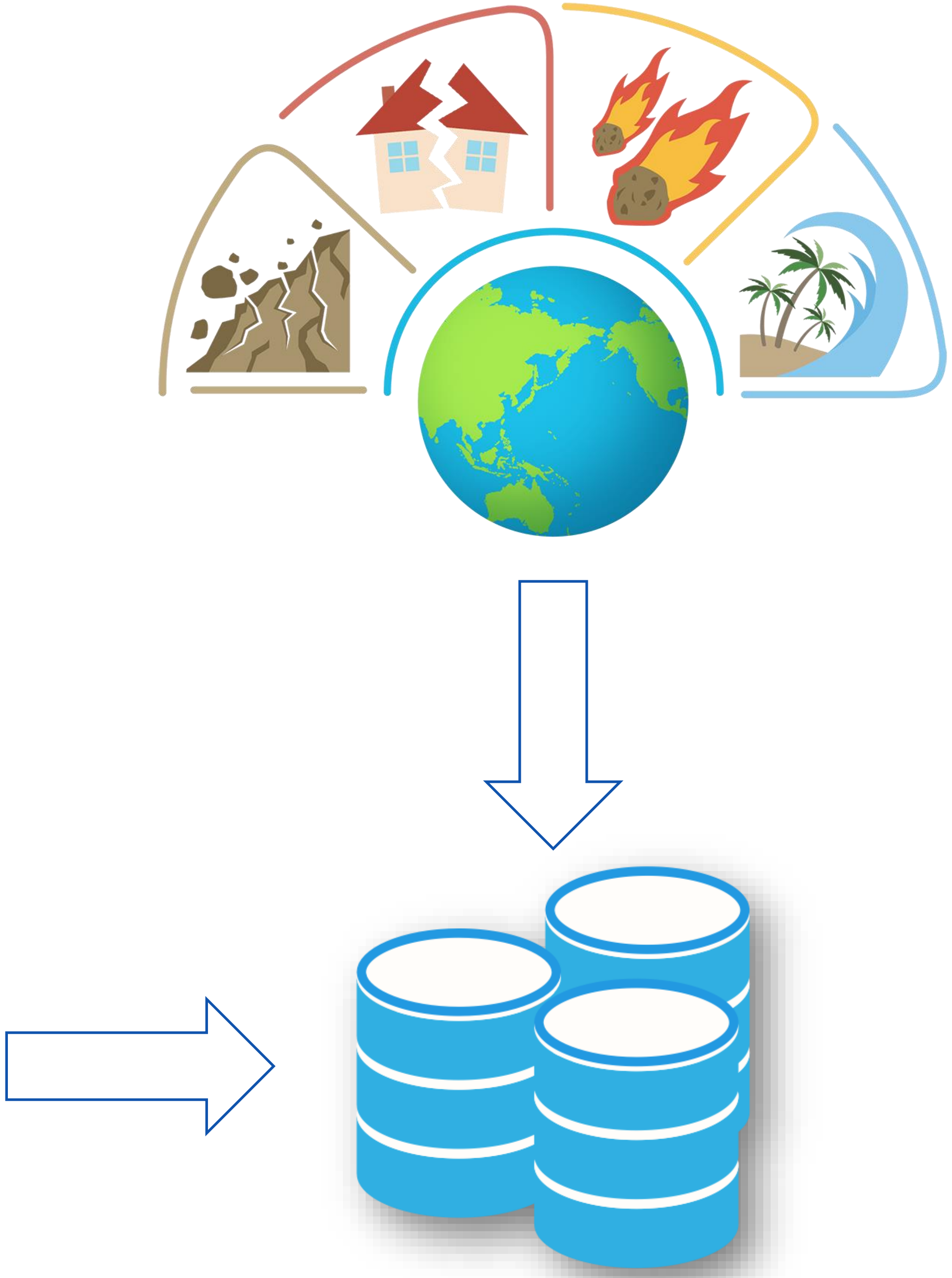

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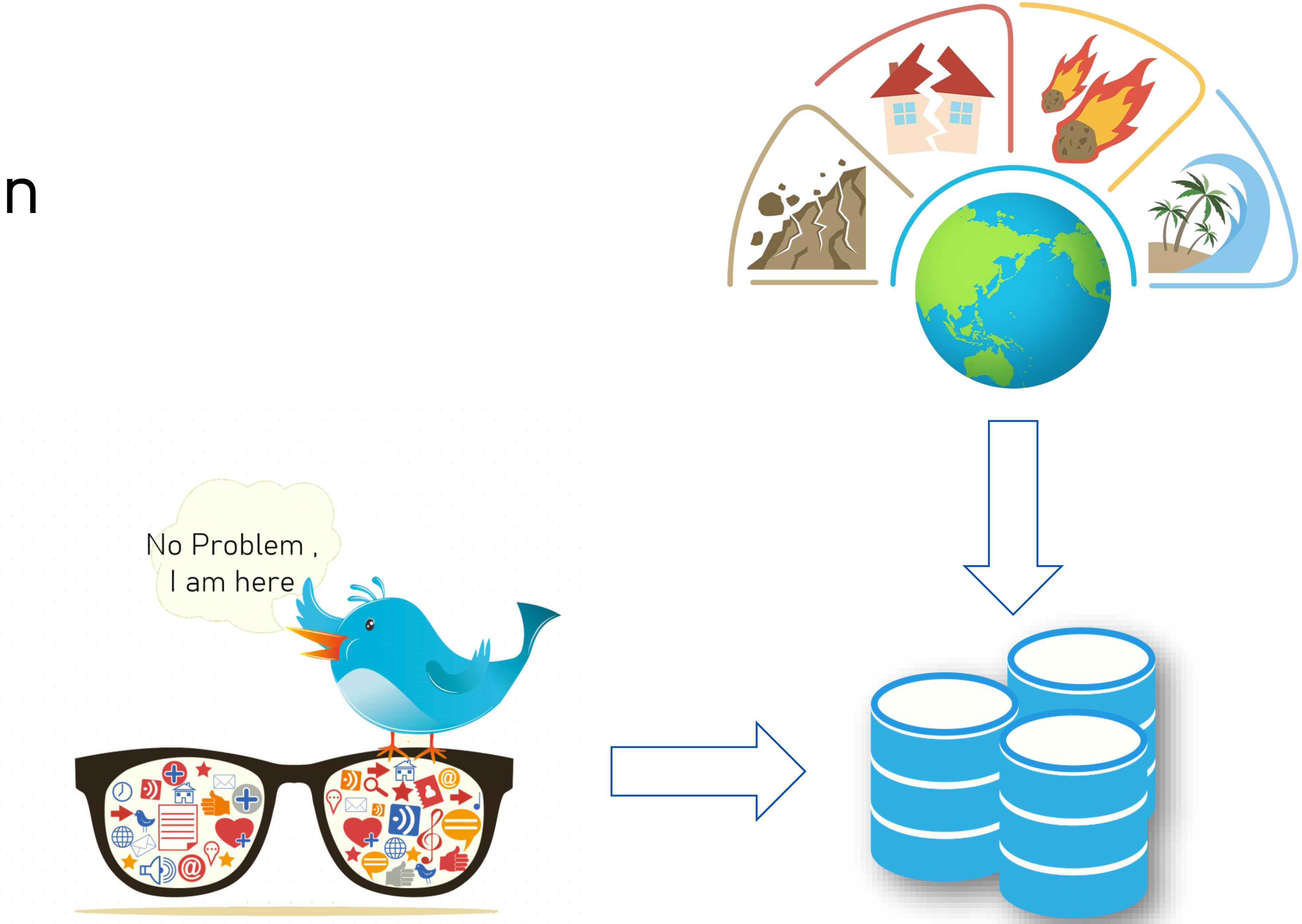

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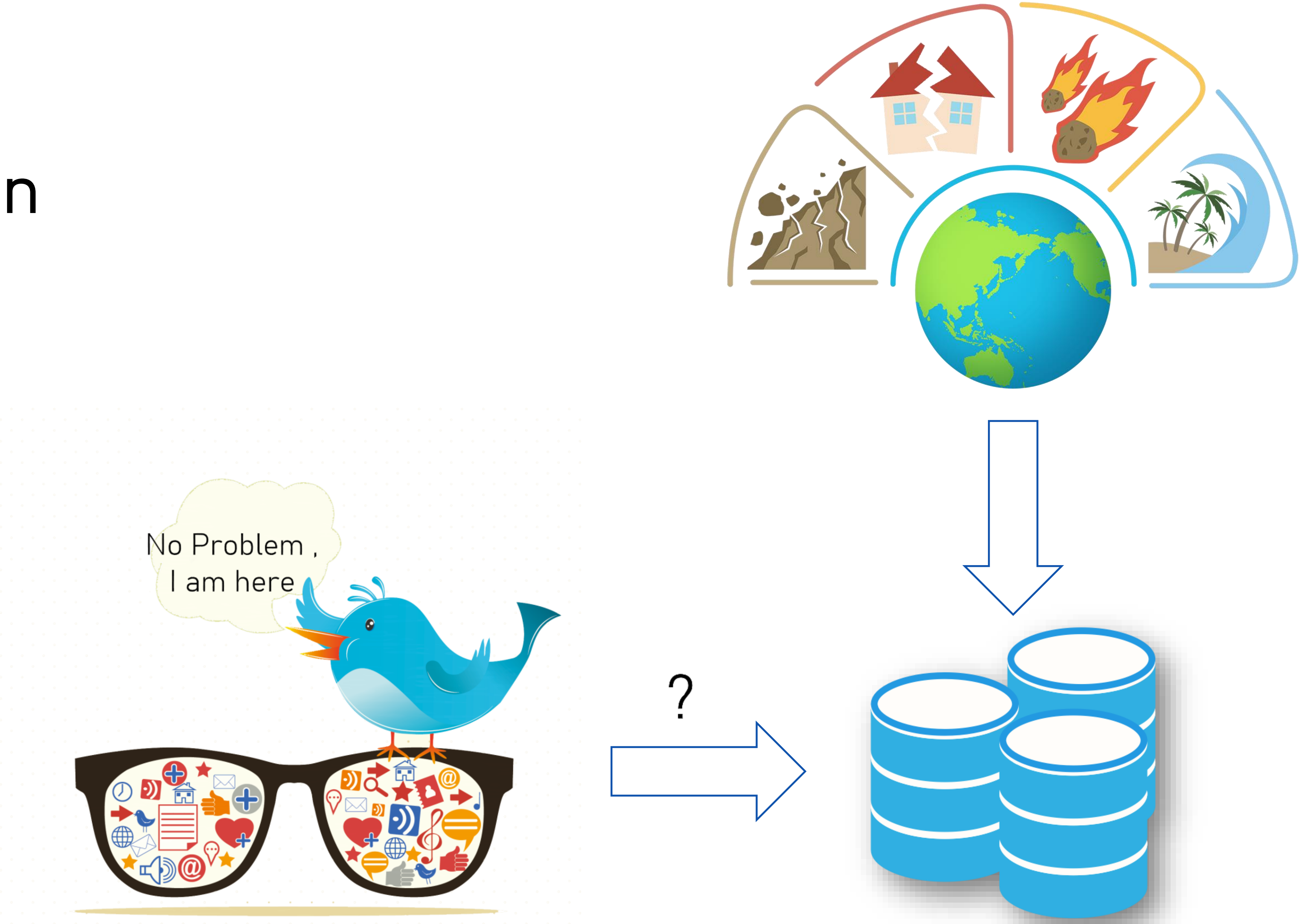

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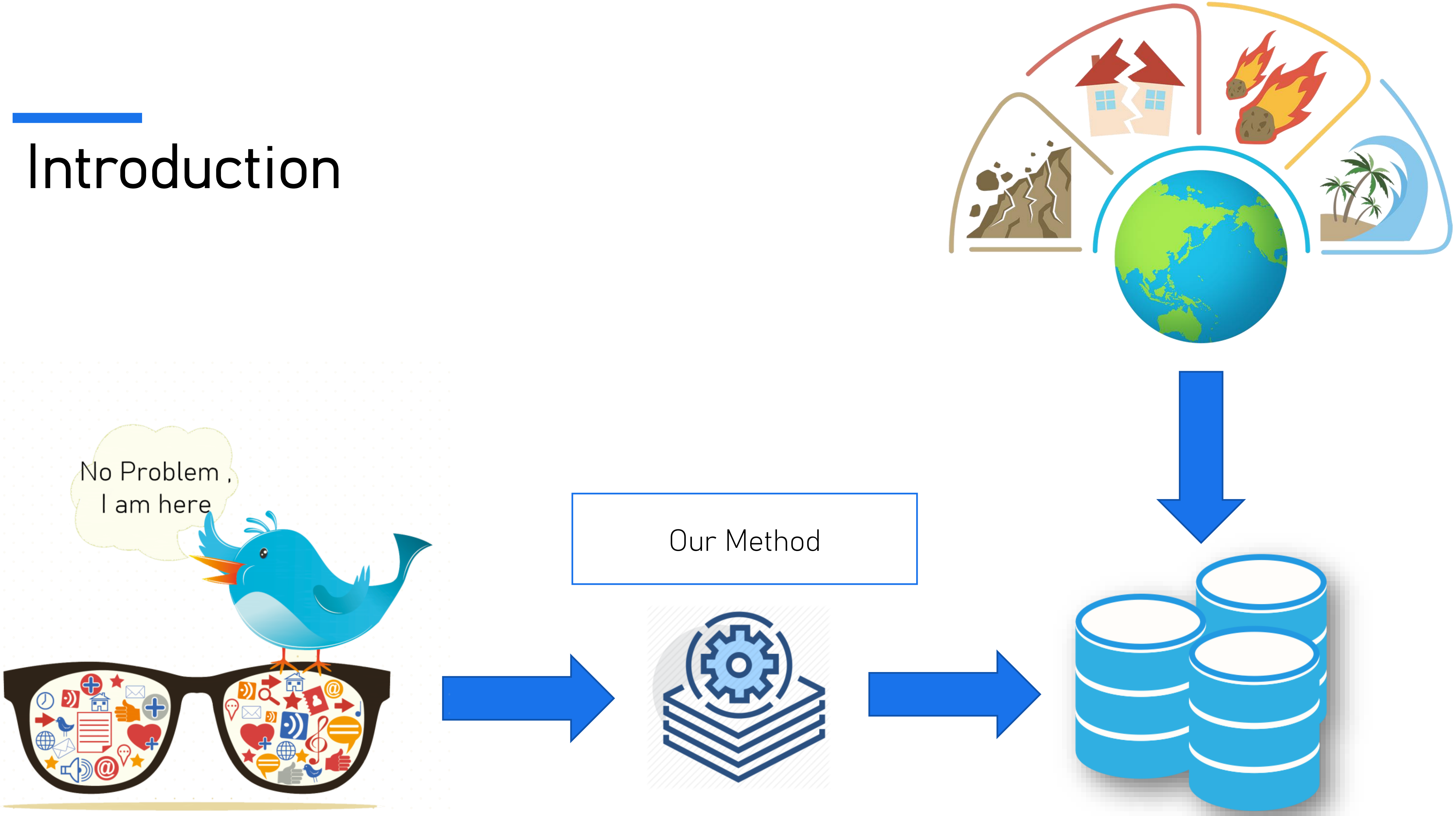

Example

Splinter
@splinter_news

Mudslide collapses on bus in Colombia, 6 dead; one victim called for help by cellphone uninews.us/vq57mW #Colombia

12:45 AM · Dec 9, 2011 · SocialFlow

Sample part of incident database entry from EM-DAT	
incident_id	47108fe1-5c04-472c-b534-75a51b747489
type	landslide
start_time	2011-12-08T08:00:00.000Z
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- RQ 3

  How accurate this model to use for disaster linking?

DATASETS

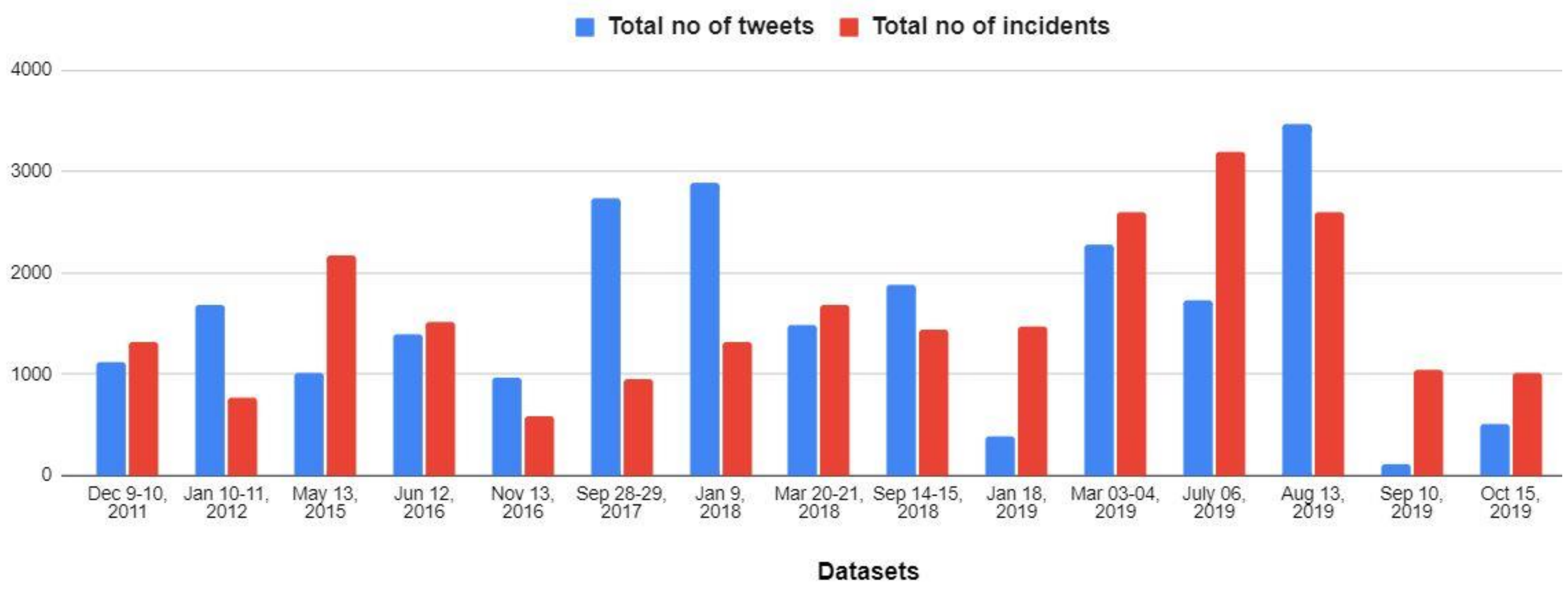
Data

- Tweets and Incidents – December 2011 to October 2019

Tweets Dataset	Incident datasets
23673 Total no of tweets	23723 Total no incidents
15 sets	15 sets
1578 Avg. tweets in each set	1581 Avg. incidents in each set

- Annotations dataset

Data statistics



Proposed method

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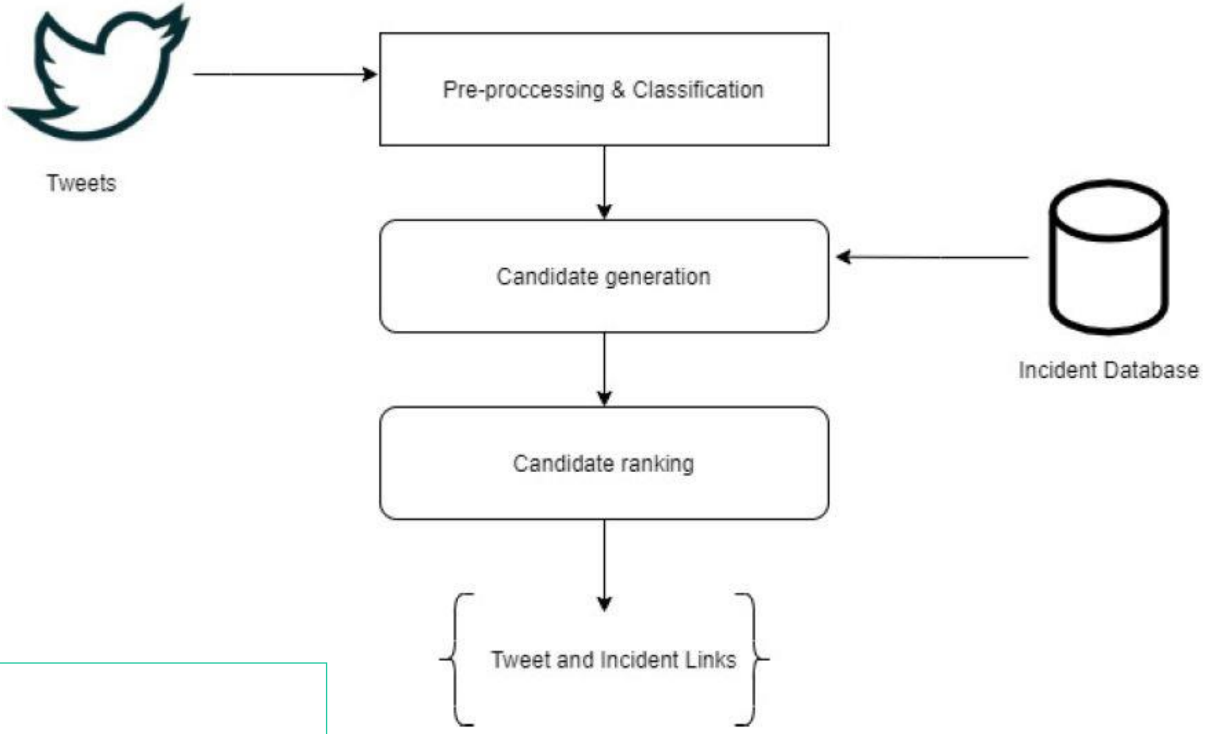

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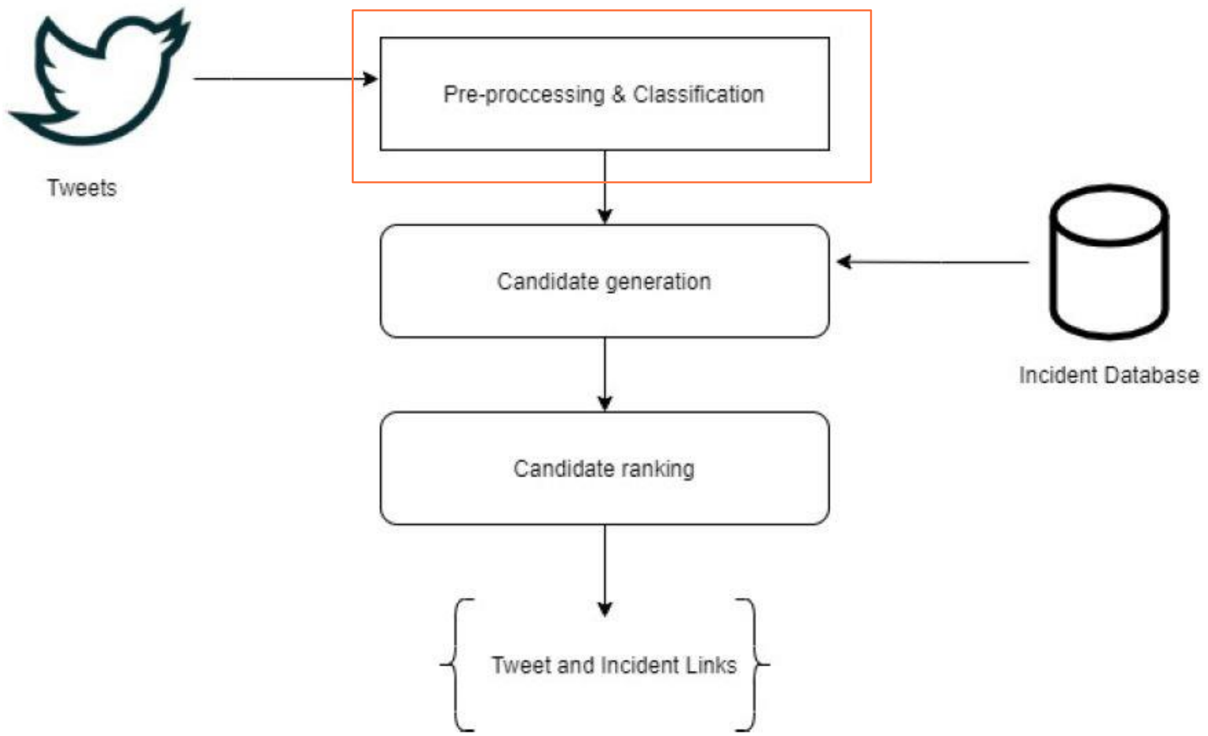

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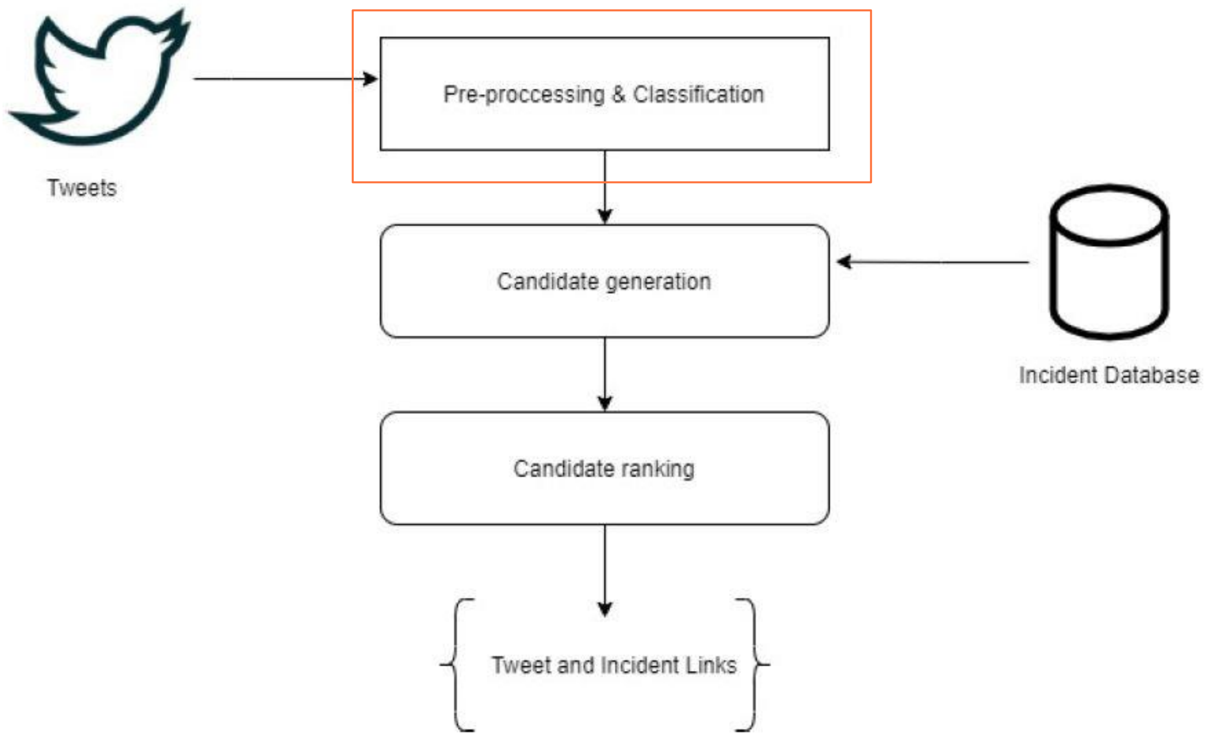

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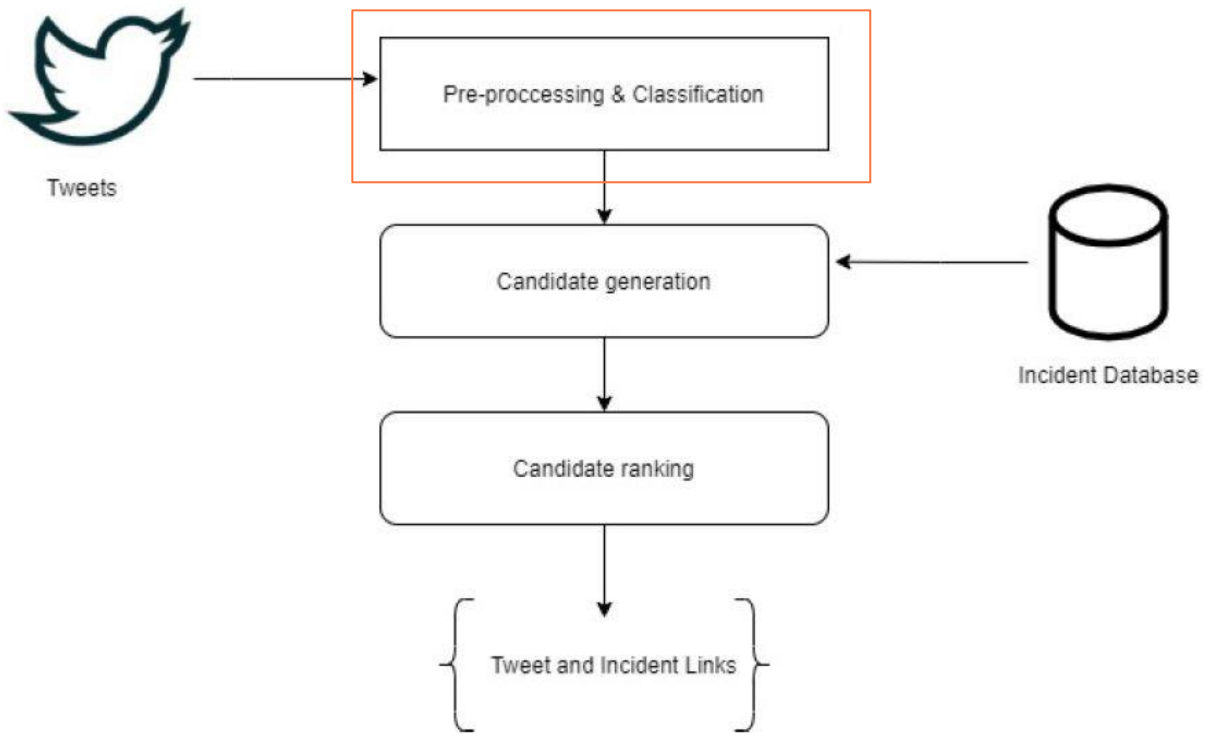
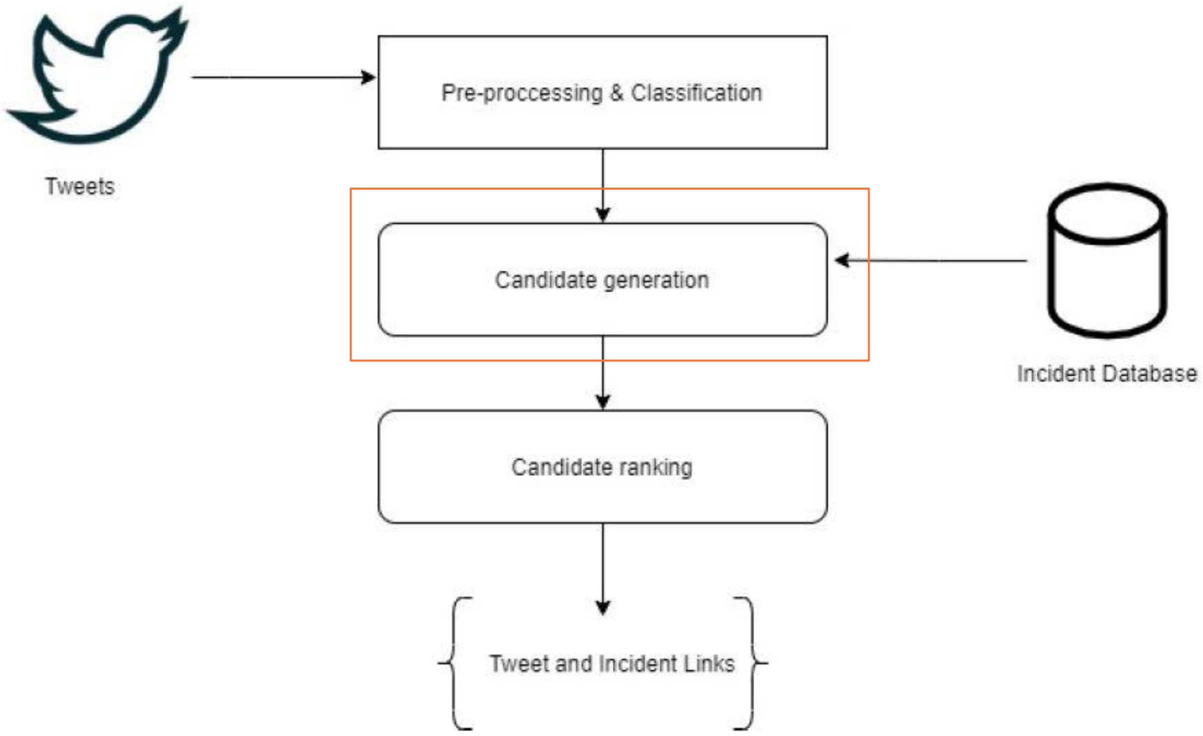
- Classification
  - Filter disaster related tweets
  - State-of-the-art pre-trained models



Candidate generation

- Input
  - Normalized tweets
  - Incident database
- Output
  - Candidate sets



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  - Disaster type-based candidates
  - Impact-based candidates
  - Time-based candidates

Location- Based candidates

$$C_L = \{(t_j, i_k) \mid \forall\, j \in \{1, ..., n_t\}, k \in \{1, ..., n_i\} \;\; : SimF_L(t_j^L, i_k^L) \wedge \Delta T_{(t_j, i_k)} < \tau\}$$

where:

C_L = Location-based candidates

t = Tweet

i = Incident database entry

$SimF_L$ = Similarity function for location

t_j^L = Location mention for tweet j

i_k^L = Incident location entity

j, k = index values

$\Delta T_{(t_j, i_k)}$ = Difference between incident entry time and tweet time in hours

τ = time threshold (based on disaster type)

Location- Based candidates


```
{
  "incident_id": "47108fe1-5c04-472c-b534-75a51b747489",
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Disaster type-Based candidates

$$C_D = \{(t_j, i_k) \mid \forall\ j \in \{1, ..., n_t\}, k \in \{1, ..., n_i\}\ \ : SimF_D(t_j^D, i_k^D) \wedge \Delta T_{(t_j, i_k)} < \tau\}$$

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t = Tweet

i = Incident database entry

$SimF_D$ = Similarity function for disaster type

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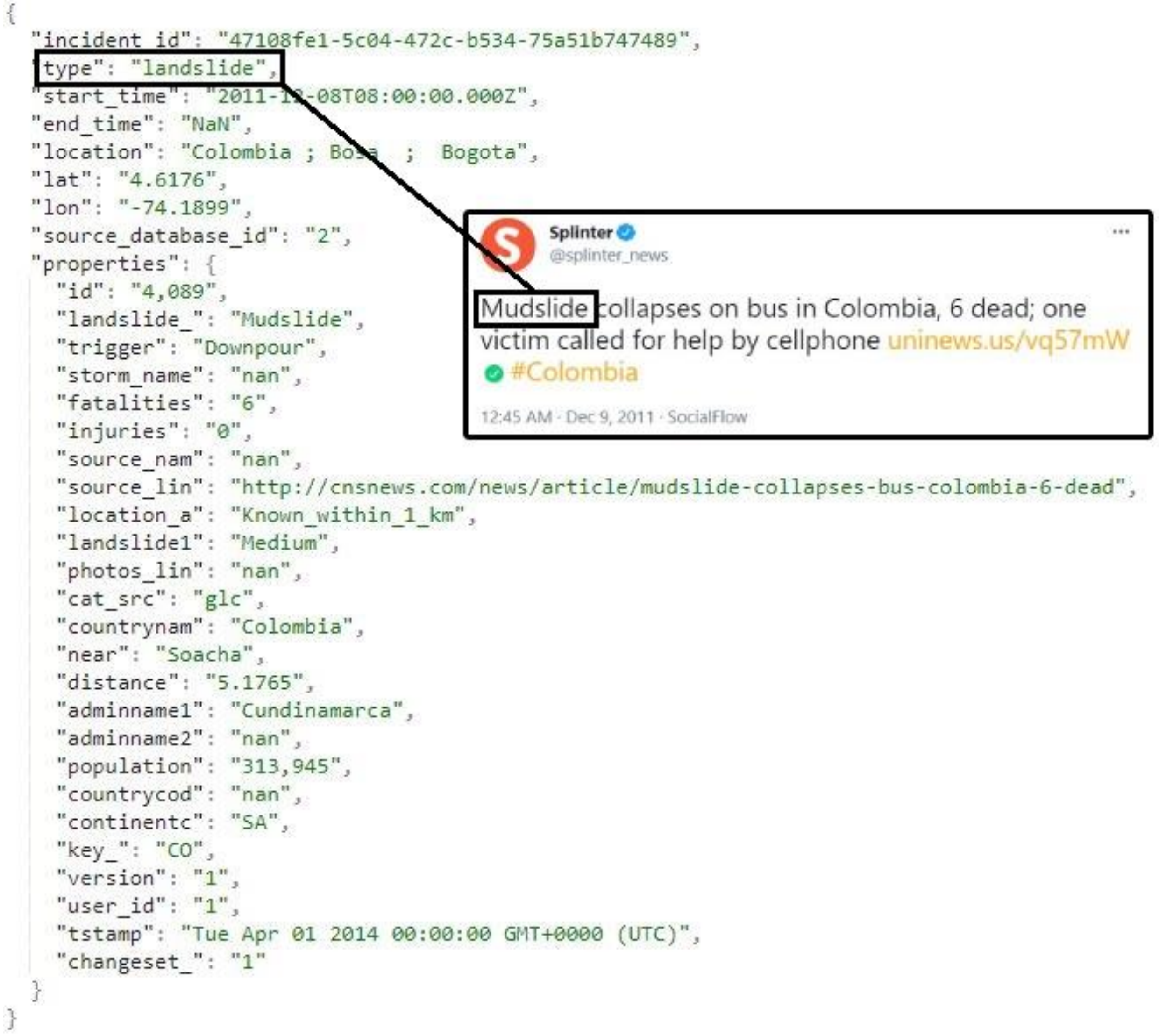

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Impact- Based candidates

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where:

C_I = Impact-based candidates

t = Tweet

i = Incident database entry

$SimF_I$ = Similarity function for impact

t_j^I = Impact mention for tweet j

i_k^I = Impact disaster type entity

j, k = index values

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Time- Based candidates

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where:

C_T = Time-based candidates

t = Tweet

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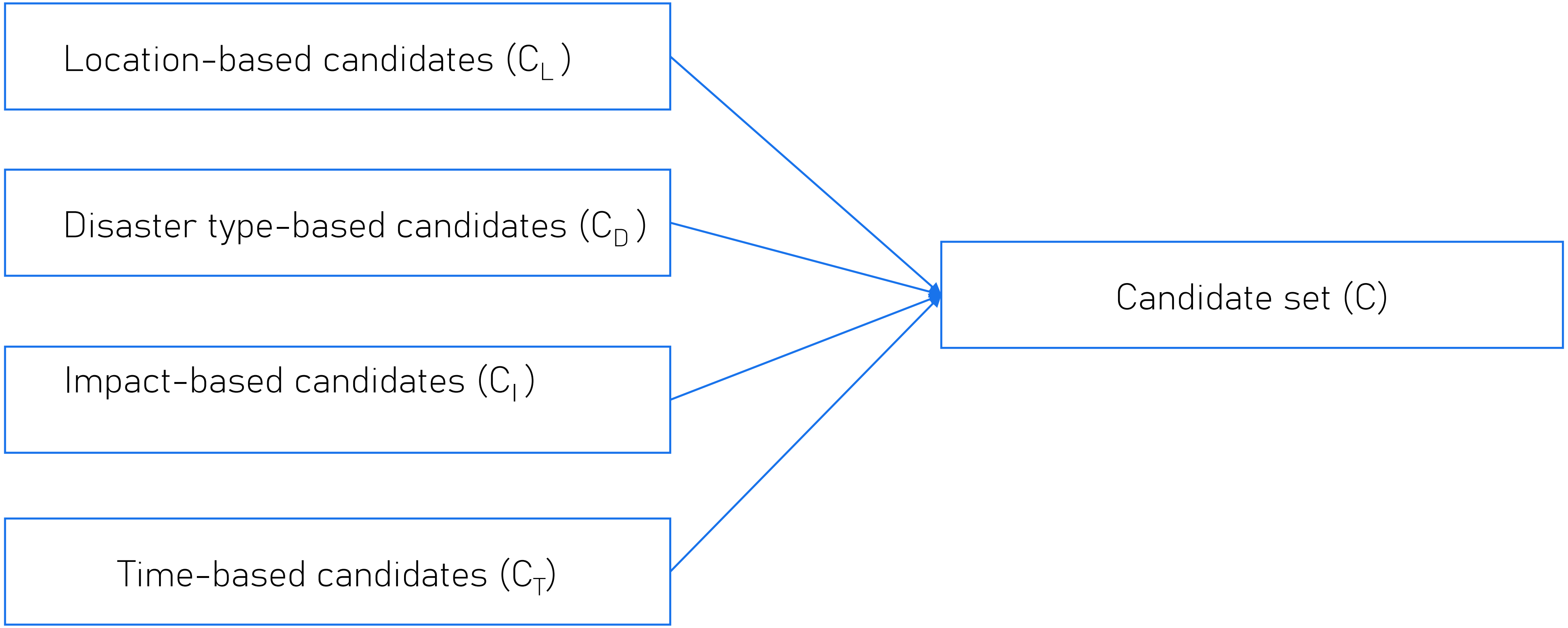

Candidate ranking

- Input
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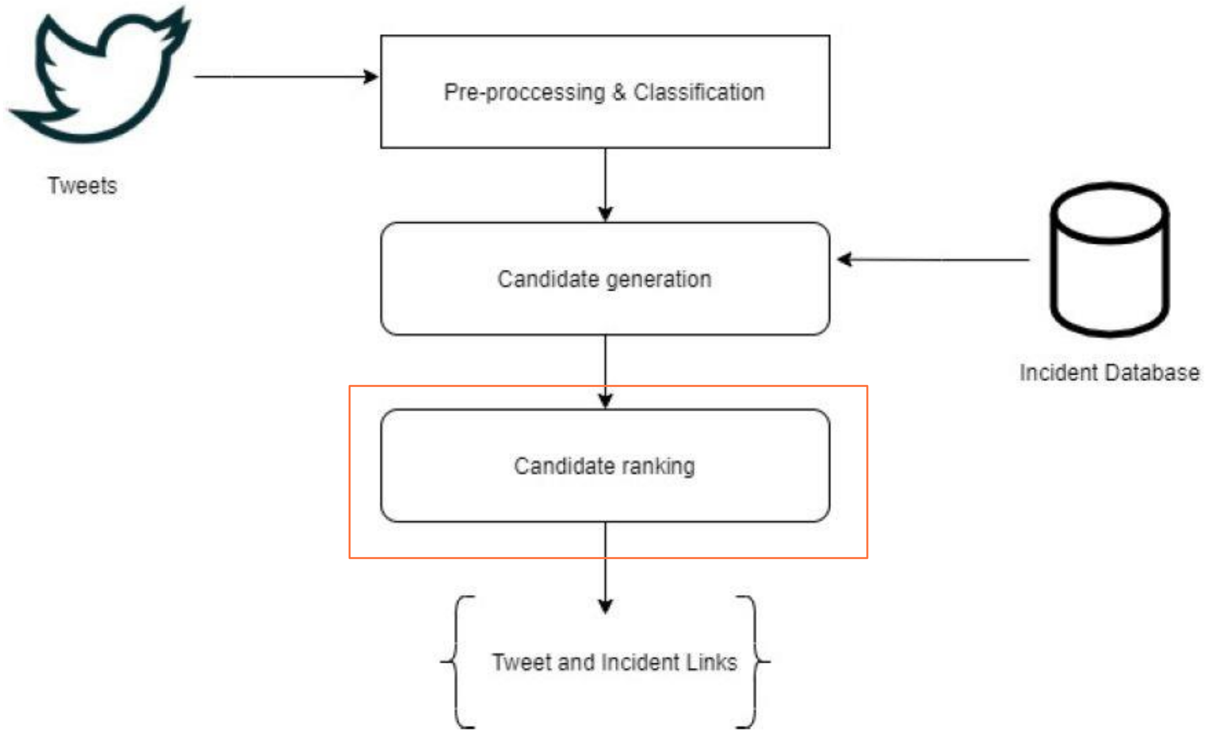
  - Tweet and Incident links



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Location score

$$C_{LScore} = SimS_L(t,i), \forall(t,i) \in C_L$$

where:

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t, i = Tweet , Incident entry

C_L = Location-based candidate set

$SimS_L$ = Similarity score function for location

Location score example

Tweet Location	Incident location	Score
Colombia bosa	Colombia	0.25
	Colombia; Bosa	0.25+0.25=0.5

Disaster type score

$$C_{DScore} = SimS_D(t, i), \forall (t, i) \in C_D$$

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Disaster type score example

Tweet disaster type	Incident disaster type	Score
landslide	mudslide	0.4
	landslide	0.6

Impact score

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Impact score example

Tweet	Incident no of deaths	Score
Mudslide collapses on bus in Colombia, 6 dead	10	0.2
	4	0.3
	6	0.5

Time score

$$C_{TScore} = SimS_T(t,i), \forall (t,i) \in C_T$$

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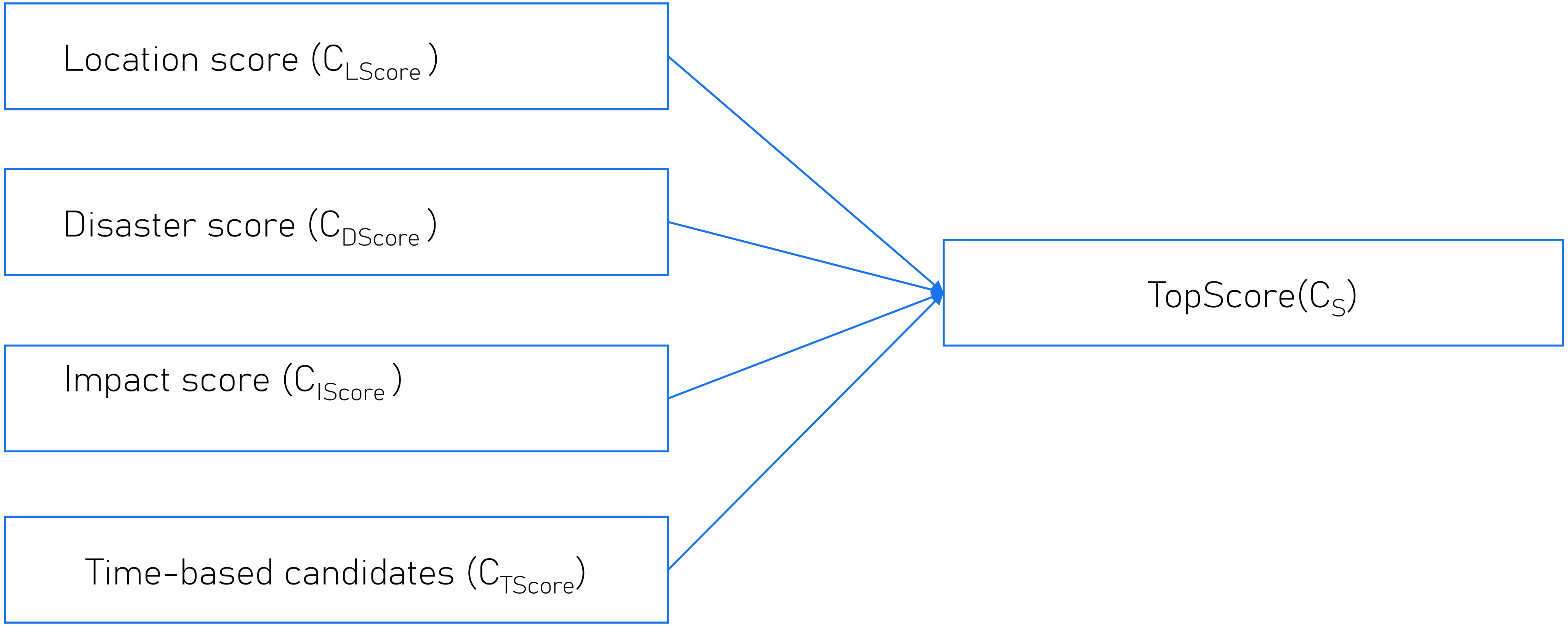
Generate top score



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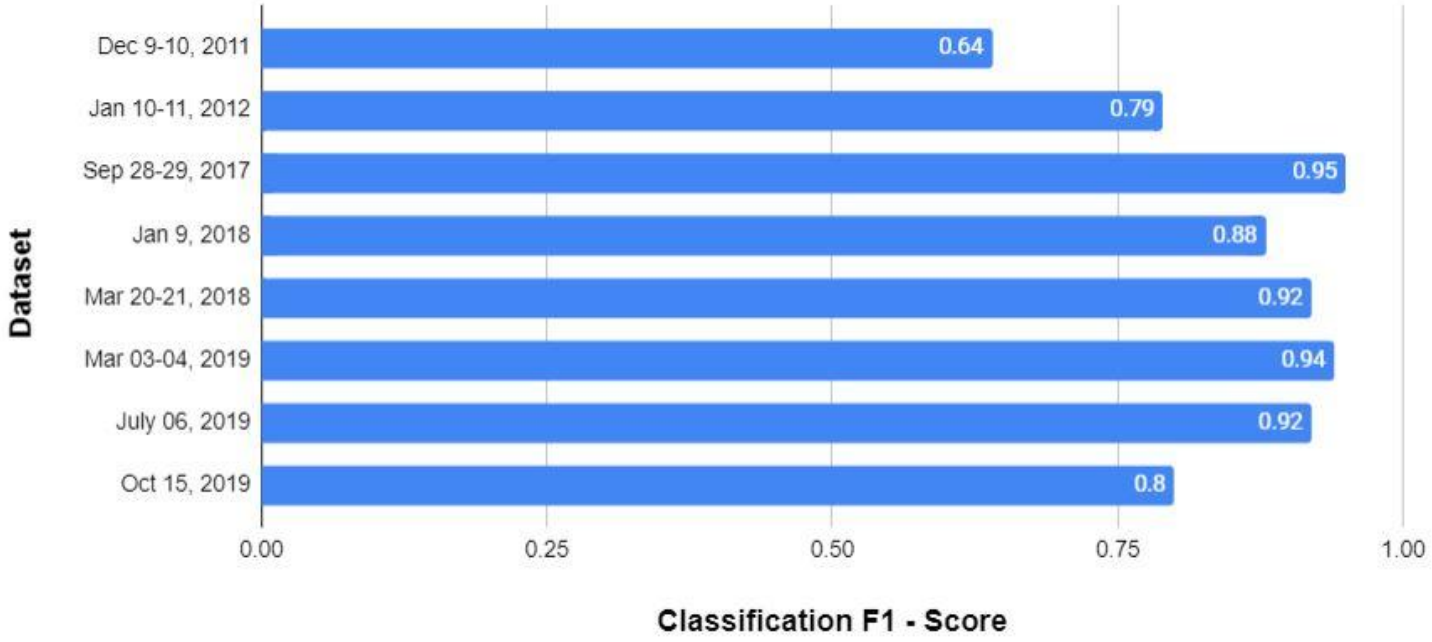
Results and Discussion

Classification (F1- Score)

- Avg. Score 0.86
- Best Score 0.95



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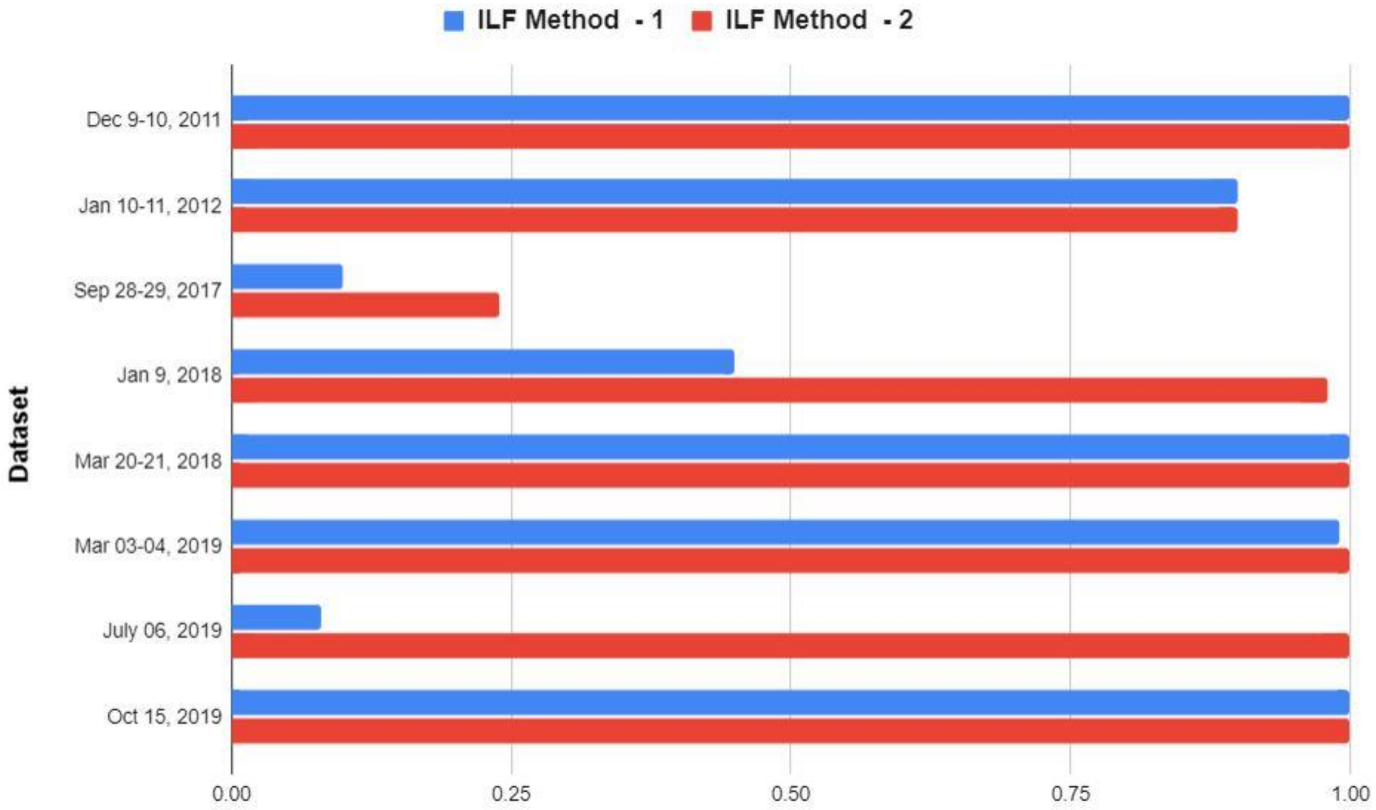

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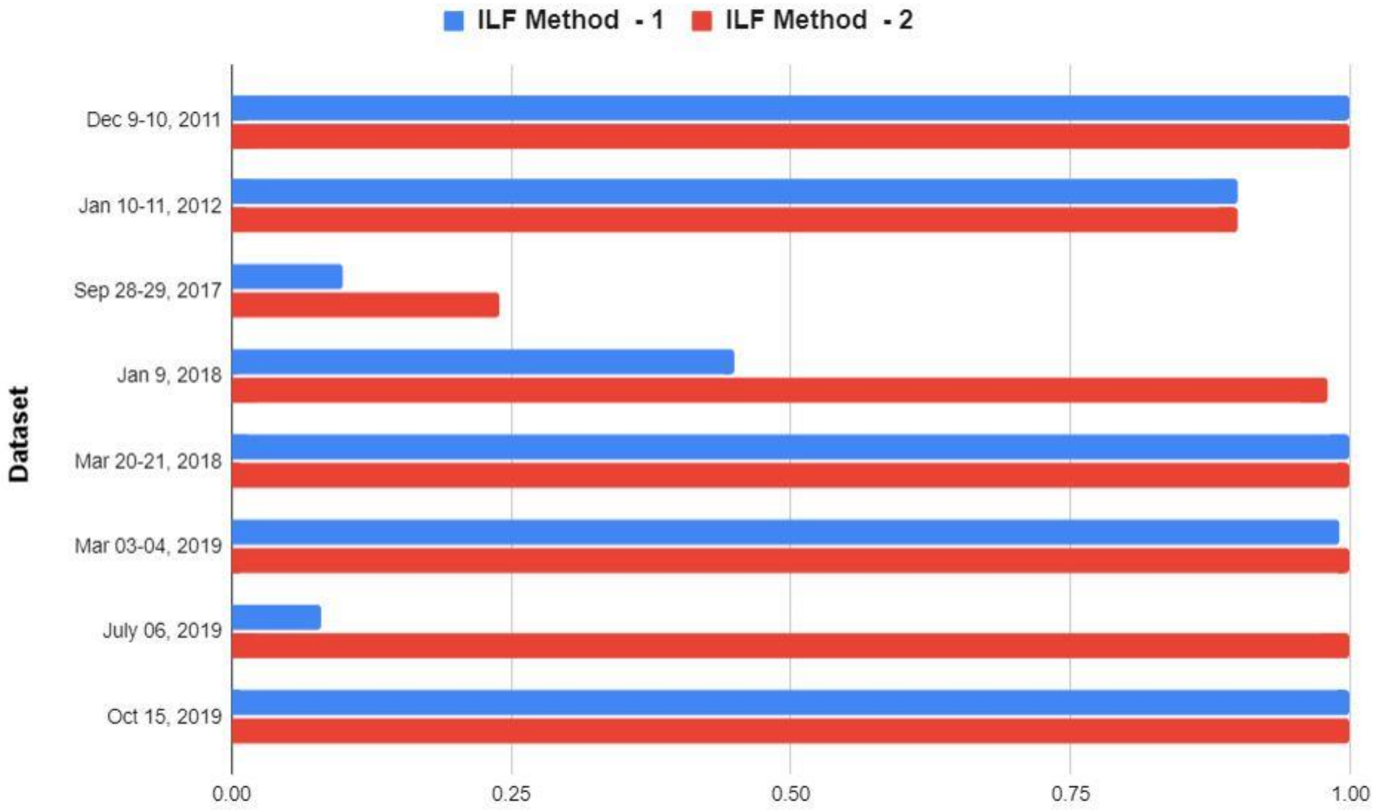

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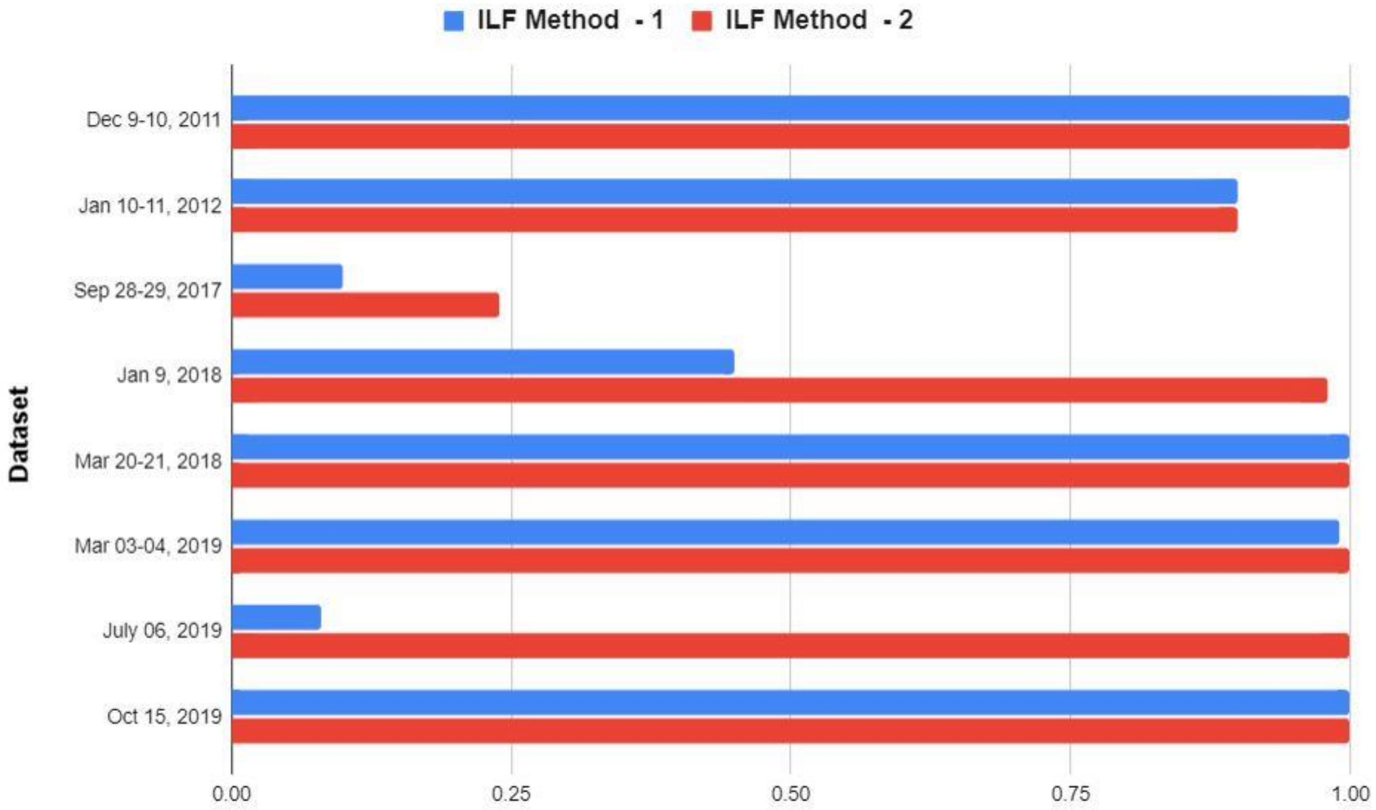

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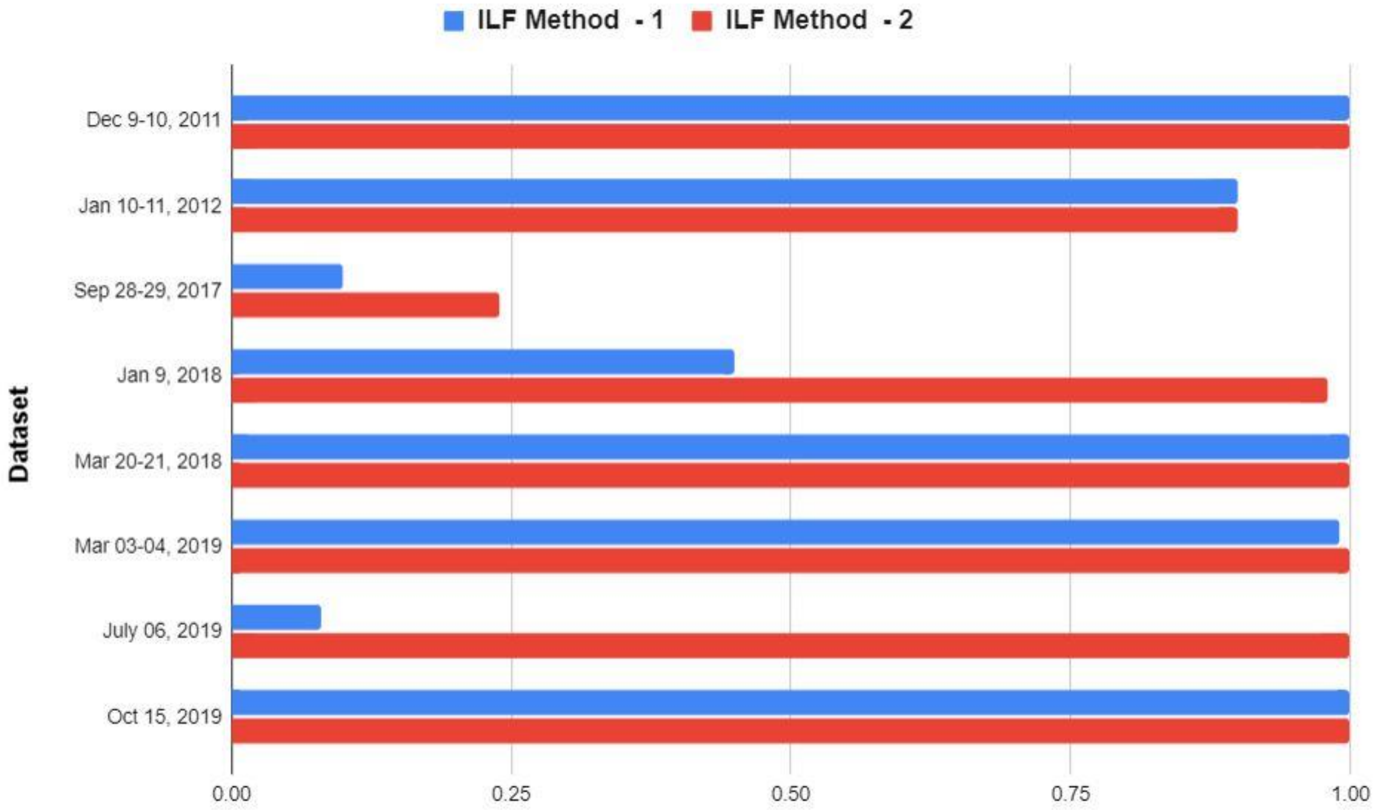

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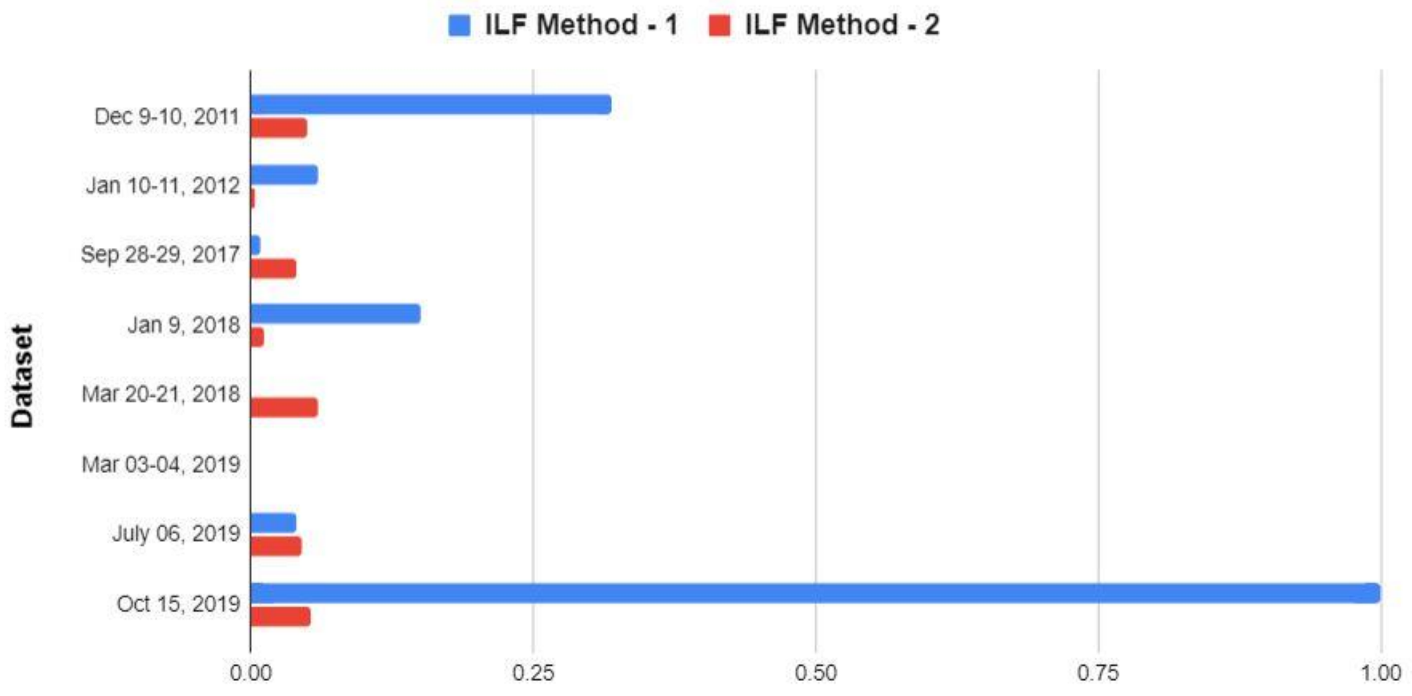

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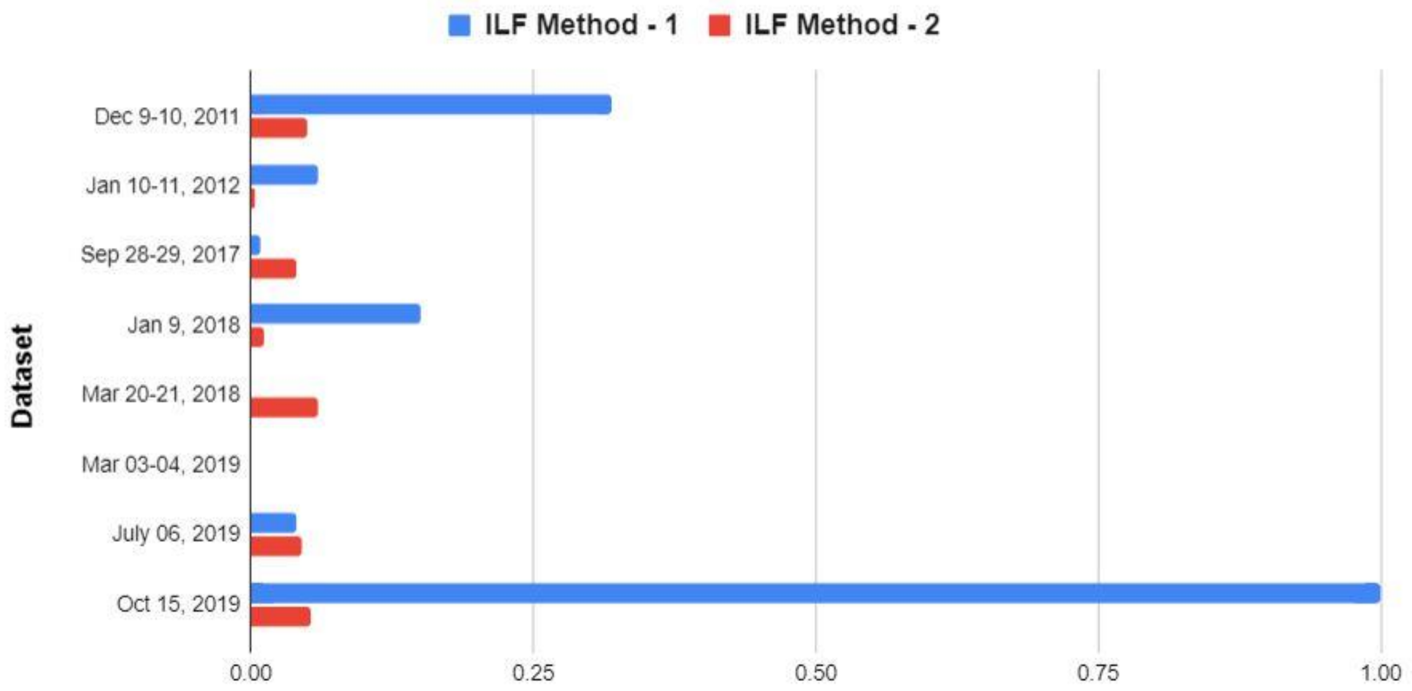

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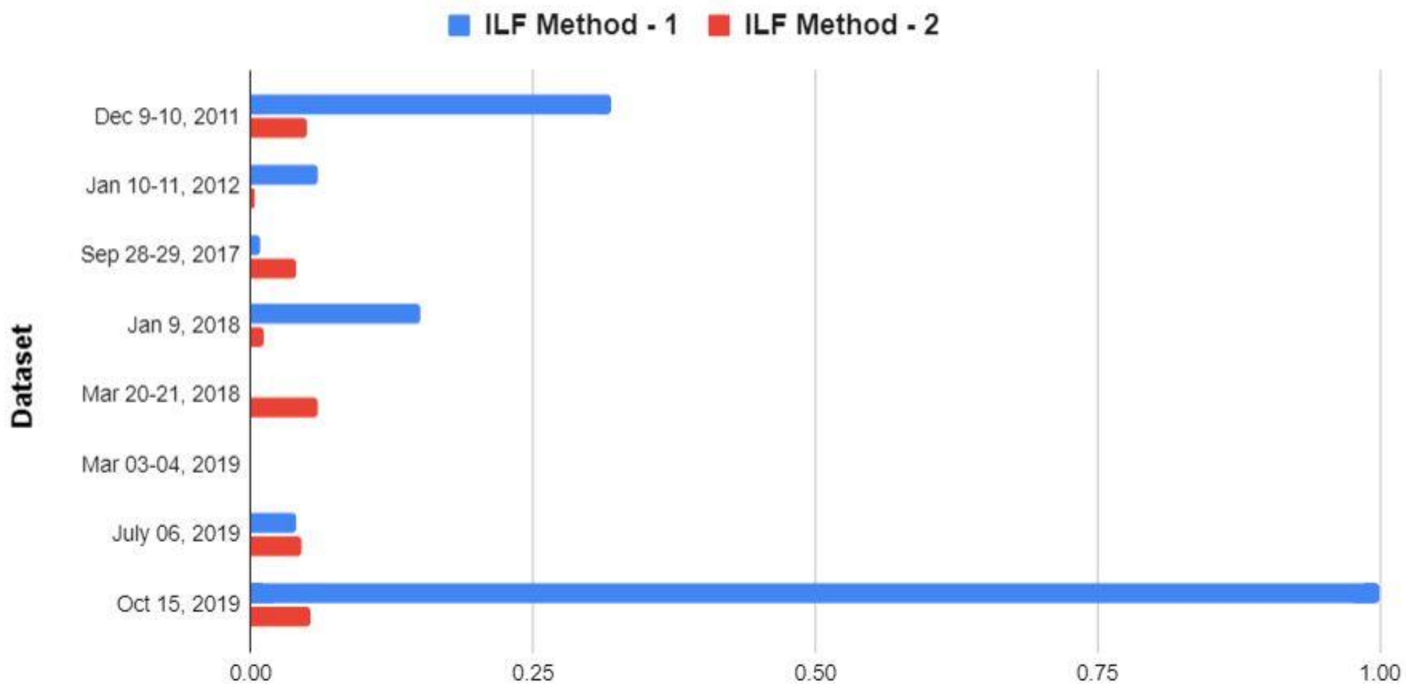

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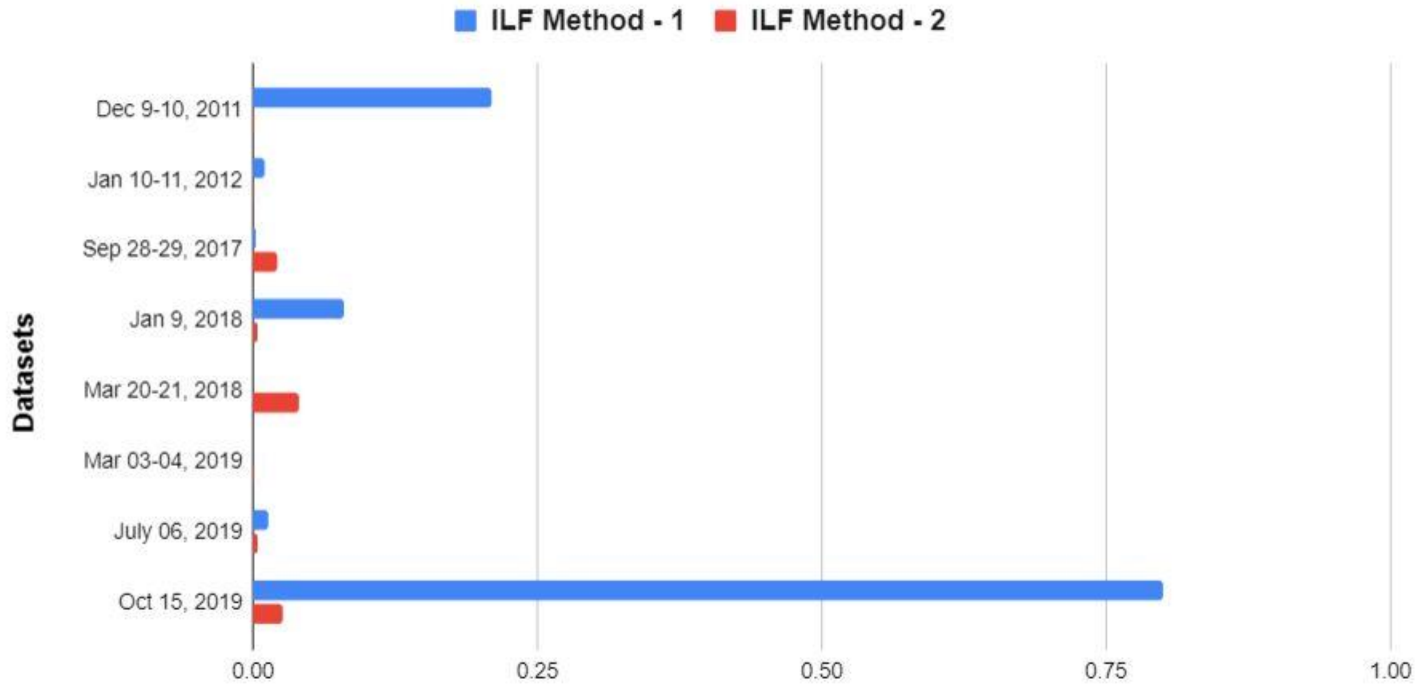

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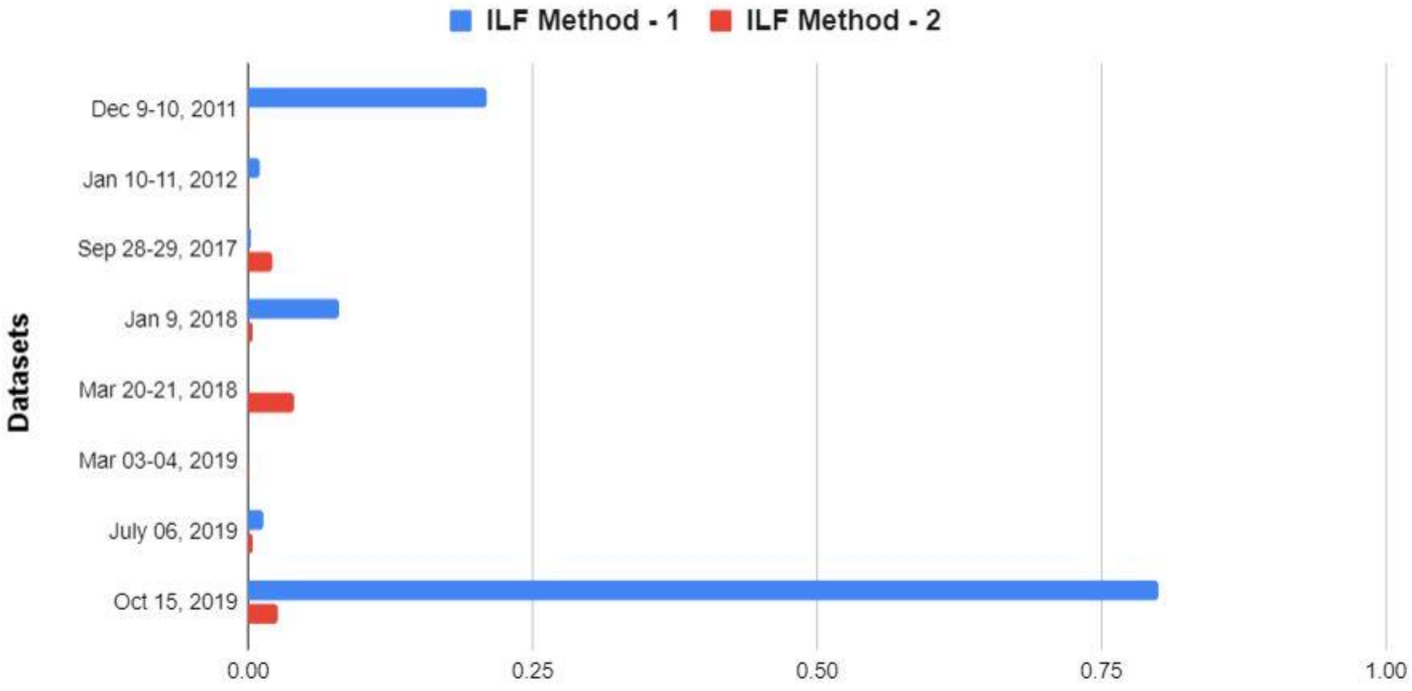

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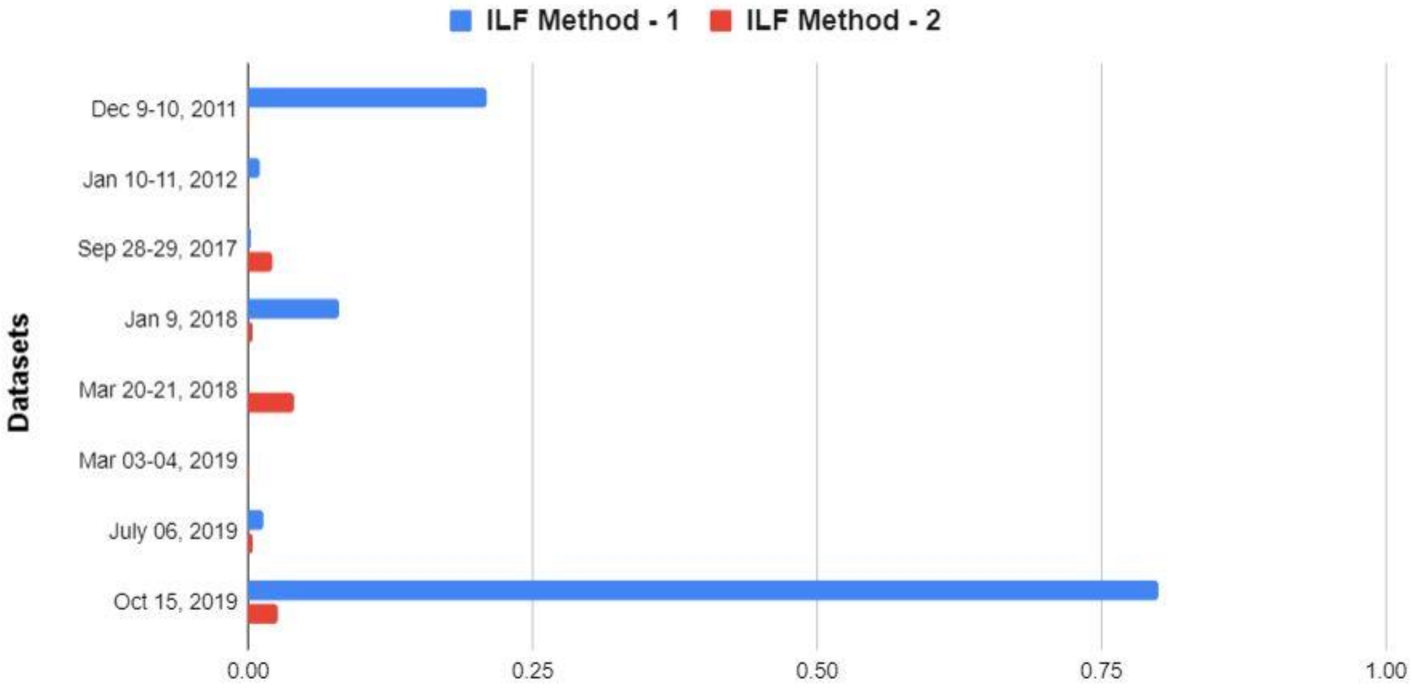

Overview results of ILF Method – 1

- Overall performance of Dec 9-10 and Oct 15,2019 datasets shown good results
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Jan 9, 2018	0.88	0.45	94.56	0.1500	0.0800
Mar 20-21, 2018	0.92	1	158.63	0	0
Mar 03-04, 2019	0.94	0.99	128	0	0
July 06, 2019	0.92	0.08	108	0.0400	0.0135
Oct 15, 2019	0.8	1	52	1	0.8000

Overview results of ILF Method – 2

- Candidate generation performed well
- High candidate generation count
- Candidate ranking could not performed well

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Dec 9-10, 2011	0.64	1	977	0.0500	0.0010
Jan 10-11, 2012	0.79	0.90	462	0.0031	0.0015
Sep 28-29, 2017	0.95	0.24	557	0.0400	0.0215
Jan 9, 2018	0.88	0.98	918	0.0116	0.0044
Mar 20-21, 2018	0.92	1	145	0.0600	0.0400
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July 06, 2019	0.92	1	108	0.0452	0.0034
Oct 15, 2019	0.8	1	52	0.0530	0.0265

Micro averages

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ILF Method - 2	0.84	0.89	418	0.0329	0.0123

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  - Two different NER's makes better recall for candidate generation
  - Low performance due to the heavy no of candidates generated by the system
  - Candidate ranking module needs to be improved

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  - Create missing entries in the database
  - Extend these system to other languages
  - Improve candidate ranking method using advanced ML (e.g. CNN)

THANK YOU