Argument Mining for Scholarly Document Processing: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead

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Abstract

Argument mining targets structures in natural language related to interpretation and persuasion. Most scholarly discourse involves interpreting experimental evidence and attempting to persuade other scientists to adopt the same conclusions, which could benefit from argument mining techniques. However, While various argument mining studies have addressed student essays and news articles, those that target scientific discourse are still scarce. This paper surveys existing work in argument mining of scholarly discourse, and provides an overview of current models, data, tasks, and applications. We identify a number of key challenges confronting argument mining in the scientific domain, and suggest some possible solutions and future directions.

1 Introduction

Scientific papers aim to present verifiable evidence for a series of stated claims, anchoring these claims in experiments, data, and references. However, the interpretation of such objective sources of evidence is often ambiguous and subjective. Thus, much of scientific communication is essentially persuasive and uses an argumentative structure to establish the relevance, validity, and novelty of an author's main claims and conclusions (Pelclova and Weilun, 2018). This argumentation takes the form of a dialogue between the author and her readers, in which new knowledge is proposed and an attempt made to persuade the readers to accept and follow particular claims (Fahy, 2008; Hyland, 2014). However, most current research on automatic document processing ignores this argumentative context and treats statements that are persuasive, tentative, or speculative to be factual. This risks overstating the certainty of claims and hypotheses, and bypasses

the rhetorical aspect of scientific discourse (see e.g. (Gross and Chesley, 2012)).

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Computational argumentation is a recent and growing field of research concerned with the computational analysis and generation of natural language arguments and argumentative discourses. Over the past decade, this area has attracted researchers seeking to tackle different tasks including argument mining, argument quality assessment, and argument generation (for an overview, see e.g. (Stede et al., 2018)). The most studied task is argument mining, i.e., the identification of argumentative units, argument components (e.g., conclusion and premise), and structures of text documents. However, despite a wealth of Natural Language Processing (NLP) research on extracting information from scientific literature-including entity extraction (Augenstein et al., 2017; Hou et al., 2019), relation identification (Luan et al., 2018), question answering (Demner-Fushman and Lin, 2007), and summarization (Erera et al., 2019)-relatively few attempts have been made to model argumentative structures in science.

This paper argues for an increased focus of the NLP community on argument mining in scientific documents. To encourage work at the intersection of Scholarly Discourse Processing and Argument Mining, we provide a brief overview of current work in this field, and discusses the most used models, data, methods, and applications. We discuss a number of challenges in mining the argumentative structure of scientific documents and propose some promising future directions.

2 Argumentation in Scientific Discourses

To support future efforts on argument mining of scientific documents, we present a survey of the literature from 2000 to the present, summarized in Table 1 in the Appendix. To attempt to create a somewhat comprehensive overview, we concentrated on papers published by the NLP commu-

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nity². To obtain this list, we used Google Scholar (https://scholar.google.com/) to find papers on "Argumentation Mining on Scientific Papers", "Argumentation Mining on Research Papers", and "Argumentative Zoning on Scientific Papers". We also traced the references of some pivotal papers from the proceedings of Argument Mining workshops³.

For each paper, we identified the *Domain* of study (i.e., a specific scientific domain, full-text or abstracts), the *Objectives* of the work, and the *Methods* used. Furthermore, the papers can be categorized under four areas of study, discussed, in turn, below.

Corpus Creation and New Annotation Schemes

A number of studies propose an annotation scheme for mining argumentative discourse in the science domain. Many of these studies follow the wellknown argumentation model of Toulmin (Toulmin, 1958). Toulmin's model targets the structure of an argument, modelling it as a *claim* that is supported by *data* following some *warrants*, which can be supported by *backing*. The model has also two optional components: *qualifiers* and *rebuttals*.

Examples of the studies that adopt Toulmin's model are Green (2014) and Lauscher et al. (2018b). The former proposes the scheme of premise (i.e., data and warrant) and conclusion. The latter's scheme includes background claim, own claim, and data, which is used to annotate 40 publications from computer graphics.

Another model that is often used is that of *argumentation schemes* (Walton et al., 2008). Argumentation schemes target the structure of an argument, where the argument is modeled as a set of propositions, i.e., a conclusion and one or more premises, with a pattern that manifests the logical inference between the conclusion and its premise. Walton et al. (2008) proposed around 60 different schemes including 'argument from cause to effect' and 'argument from example', among others. An example of this approach is Green (2015a), where ten schemes were selected and annotated in a corpus of biomedical genetics articles.

Other studies focus on identifying argumentative discourse roles, especially *argumentative zones* (Teufel and Moens, 2002), assigning roles such as 'aim' and 'background' to large text spans (usually paragraphs). Following this approach, several corpora have been constructed for biomedical papers (Guo et al., 2011), as well as papers in chemistry, computational linguistics (Yang and Li, 2018), and agriculture (Teufel, 2014).

Inspired by the theory of Freeman (2011), some studies annotate the argumentative relations between arguments. For instance, Lauscher et al. (2018a) consider the relations of 'support', 'contradicts', and 'same claim'. Kirschner et al. (2015), in another study, consider the relations of 'support', 'attack', 'detail', and 'sequence', which were annotated in 24 articles belong to the domain of educational and developmental.

Automatic Argument Unit Identification Much work in argument mining focuses on identifying Argumentative Discourse Units (ADUs). An ADU is a text span that plays a specific role in an argument. In this way, argument unit identification resembles named entity recognition or discourse segment type identification. Green (2017b) extracted argumentative units from biomedical and biological articles using a semantic rule-based approach. Lauscher et al. (2018a) and Lauscher et al. (2018c) proposed several neural multi-task learning models based on Bi-LSTM to identify premises and conclusions. Other papers propose different approaches to identify argumentative zones, including supervised and weakly-supervised approaches with a rich set of linguistics features (e.g., (Guo et al., 2011)). Identifying the 'claim' unit is tackled in several papers such as Achakulvisut et al. (2019), which employs transfer learning on top of a discourse tagging model using a pre-trained BilSTM-CRF to identify claims in biomedical abstracts. Extracting 'evidence' has been tackled in other studies, e.g. Li et al. (2019) extracted evidence in biomedical publications with sentence-level sequential labelling, using BiLSTM-CRF and attention.

Automatic Argument Structure Identification If unit identification resembles entity recognition, *argument structure identification* is akin to relation extraction: this work aims to find typed relationships between ADUs. This more challenging task has been addressed by relatively few studies: Accuosto and Saggion (2020) extend existing discourse parsing models to address this problem on

²In this paper, we focus our research on papers related to argument mining for scholarly document processing and exclude less central topics such as citation analysis: we hope that future scholars can help augment our work with these and similar related approaches

³See https://2021.argmining.org/ and links from there for a full list of past workshops

computational linguistics abstracts and identify the argumentative discourses of computational linguistics abstracts using lexical and ELMo embeddings, while Song et al. (2019) analyze the argument structure of information science and biomedical science articles through sequential pattern mining.

Applications To date, much of the applicationoriented work has focused on scientific article summarization. An exception is Feltrim and Teufel (2004), which had the goal of developing tools for scientific writing for the computer science domain. Other efforts aim to identify claims and evidence, to enable claim-evidence based representations of collections of documents, such as (de Waard et al., 2009), (Groza et al., 2011) and (Li et al., 2021). The goal here is to allow the reader to traverse the reasoning behind a scientific claim to either experimental evidence in the paper itself, or to reasoning for data provided in cited papers. Recently, Yu et al. (2020) study the problem of correlation-tocausation exaggeration in press releases by comparing claims made in news articles and the corresponding scientific papers.

3 Challenges

In this section, we describe a few challenges that are relevant to argument mining in the scientific literature. Although not only specific for the scientific domain, these are hurdles that need to be faced in future research to allow progress to be made.

Argumentation Modeling As described above, various argument models have been proposed (Stede et al., 2018). The selection of which model fits scientific documents is a crucial and challenging research question.

Most previous studies in argument mining of scientific documents utilize either Toulmin's model or argumentation schemes. However, none of these models seems to be a perfect fit: Toulmin's warrants and rebuttals are not common to scholarly argumentation⁴, and none of the other argument schemes take the specific nature of scholarly argumentation into account. Adapting these models for use seems to be an essential step to achieve feasible annotation and identification of argument structures in scholarly discourse. **Domain Knowledge** Science communication encompasses a variety of domains, topics, and methodologies organized into research communities, each following its own standards regarding the structuring of documents and the arguments they contain (Weinstein, 1990). These community conventions present a barrier to understanding for nonspecialists and computational models alike. An important open question, therefore, is whether argument mining techniques must be tailored to individual scientific communities, or whether a unified model can be adapted to address domain-specific features of scientific argumentation.

Scientific Document Type Scientific communication involves a variety of document types, including reviews, methods papers, and experimental reports, among others ⁵. Each type concentrates on specific aspects of the discussed topic and usually provides particular types of evidence.

Analogous to the previous point, an open question is whether different document types require different models, or whether they can be accommodated by a single representation and modeling approach tailored to different argument structures.

Enthymemes An enthymeme is the implicit (unstated) premise or conclusion in an argument. Because enthymemes are supposedly known by the target audience (or easily constructed using common knowledge), enthymeme are rarely a problem for humans. However, to the extent that shared knowledge is required which is not found in the document, this offers a challenge for argument mining techniques.

As an example, Green (2014) conducted a manual inspection of several arguments in the biomedical genetics research literature, showing that arguments with enthymemes are common there and suggested explicitly providing domain knowledge for reconstructing enthymemes.

Subjective Interpretation A common dilemma in argument mining is that an argumentative text may have multiple valid interpretations of its structure. This is a concern for scientific documents, where the connection between a claim and its evidence can be implicit, i.e., the author leaves this connection to the readers' interpretations.

In particular, experimental papers can follow a line of reasoning that makes e.g. 'biological sense',

⁴For example, Lauscher et al. (2018b) conducted an expert annotation of the argumentative structures of a small set of scientific publications based on Toulmin's model. The annotation results show that warrant, backing, qualifier, and rebuttal are not observed in the publications.

⁵For more examples of the types, see https://coling2018. org/index.html%3Fp=156.html

i.e. where a specific experiment follows another experiment to address a potential alternate interpretation of the previous experiment. For a nonbiologist, this reasoning is unclear, and the reason for these subsequent results are generally never explicitly stated in the text.

Context-Dependence Context plays a key role in text mining in general and argument mining in particular. Scientific documents are at least as complex as other genres where argument plays a role, such as persuasive essays, to fulfil both the persuasive role and the presentation of objectivity which scientific writing demands (Vazquez Orta and Giner, 2009-11). More specifically, selecting the optimal boundaries of argumentative units in scientific documents is known to be challenging (Green, 2014; Stab et al., 2014). For instance, the distance between a claim and its premise may be particularly wide in scientific discourse, e.g., the claim which is stated in one section can be supported by a premise in a different section.

4 Discussion

In summary, we have provided a brief overview of current work and a summary of issues that need to be addressed to make headway in the automated argument mining for scholarly documents. We hope to have shown that more research is needed in this field to enable better representation of the persuasive aspects of scholarly communication. This can help provide a more realistic representation of how scientific knowledge is obtained, and how authors aim to persuade readers of the validity of claims. In particular, seeing scholarly discourse as a pragmatic discourse, i.e. one that humans undertake with interpersonal, as well as informative goals, can allow richer representations of the knowledge structures underlying scientific progress.

As noted, applications of argument mining in scientific discourse, such as summarization and aids to technical writing, to date have been limited to those that are relatively robust to errors, a partial consequence of the immaturity of the field. In particular, these applications are mostly insensitive to the *factual* content of scientific arguments. Meanwhile, a relatively mature community continues to expand models and methods for information extraction in various scientific domains, usually with no attention to the argumentative context in which the target facts are presented. Because a correct understanding and use of facts is critical to scientific understanding and progress, we see an opportunity for many innovative applications at the intersection of fact and argument. For example, models capable of determining the *salience* of individual facts in a domain could provide the basis for highly precise forms of scientific information retrieval, or even offer forms of automation that assist scientists in maximizing the pertinence of their experiments.

To achieve this vision at scale, the argument mining community must grapple with the problem of increasing scientific domain specialization. It is crucial that we separate the invariant features of scientific argumentation from those that vary with field and specialization, and that we investigate effective methods of cross-domain transfer. To this end, the field should seek consensus regarding how scientific argumentation should be formalized and strive for broad-coverage reference corpora annotated under guidelines optimized for high interannotator agreement.

To support these efforts, we suggest a greater collaboration between participants of the scholarly document processing and argument mining domains, with a particular focus on creating shared models and shared and accessible corpora to spur on research. We hope such conversations can commence at this workshop and others, to inspire and unite members of both communities with natural language processing and improve sharing and improving the outputs of science and scholarship.

5 Conclusion

This paper endeavors at promoting the collaboration between the communities of scholarly discourse processing and computational argumentation, arguing for the ultimate importance of more extensive research on argument mining in scientific documents. Particularly, we address the current contributions on argument mining for scientific documents by surveying about 40 papers that approach different aspects and tasks such as proposing annotation schemes, creating corpora, and identifying argumentative discourse units as well as argumentative relations in scientific documents. Furthermore, we describe various challenges for mining argumentative structures of scientific documents and suggest some strategic directions in order to accomplish remarkable benefits on a wide range of downstream applications such as scientific writing assistance, scientific articles summarization, and quality assessment.

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A Appendix

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Reference	Domain	Objectives	Methods	Additional Contribution			
Manual Argument Analysis							
Green (2015b)	Biomedical	Analyzed evidence based arguments					
	articles	in four full-text articles on genetic					
		variants that may cause human health					
		problems and created a preliminary					
		catalog of argumentation schemes					
Green (2017a)	Biomedical	Evaluate human analysts' ability to					
	articles	identify the argumentation scheme					
		and premises of an argument having					
Crean (2019h)	Diamadiaal	Explores how ensuments in a research					
Green (20180)	research articles	article occur within a parrative of sci					
	research articles	entific discovery and how they are re-					
		lated to each other					
Green (2018a)	Biomedical	Provide a method for semantic rep-					
	Genetics articles	resentation of arguments that can be					
		used in empirical studies of scientific					
		discourse as well as to support appli-					
		cations such as argument mining					
Graves et al.	Biomedical	Analyses article title as a potential					
(2014)	articles	source of claims and finds that fre-					
		quency of verbs in titles of experimen-					
		tal research articles has increased over					
		time	notation Schomes				
Green (2014)	Biomedical	Argument annotation scheme:		Theoretical challenges to cre-			
Green (2011)	Genetics articles	Premise (Data, Warrant) and Conclu-		ate an argument corpora			
		sion					
Green (2015a)	Biomedical	Identification of argumentation		Annotation guidelines for ar-			
	Genetics articles	schemes with specification of ten		gumentation corpora			
		semantically distinct argumentation					
		schemes					
Teufel and Moens	Chemistry, Com-	Detect argument zones in scientific ar-	Proposed a scheme and annotated				
(1999)	putational Lin-	ticles	15 argument zone categories for 39				
12: 1 1	guistics		papers (5,374 sentences)				
Kirschner et al.	Scientific articles	New annotation scheme to identify		Study of the annotation strat-			
(2013)	(Educational and	took detail sequence		egy across 24 articles, an anno-			
	Psychology)	tack, detail, sequence		inter-annotation measure			
Lauscher et al	Computer Graph-	Proposed a new argument-annotated	Adapted Toulmin's model for	Investigation on link between			
(2018b)	ics scientific pub-	dataset of scientific publications	argumentative components: Back-	argumentative nature of scien-			
()	lications	F	ground Claim, Own Claim, Data.	tific publications and rhetori-			
			Relation between argumentative	cal aspects such as discourse			
			components: support, contradicts,	categories or citation contexts.			
			same claim				
Alliheedi et al.	Biochemistry arti-	Determine rhetorical moves in the ar-	Annotated method sections of 105				
(2019)	cles	gument structure of biomedical arti-	text files based on a new annotation				
		cles	scheme for identifying the struc-				
			tured representation of knowledge				
			in a set of sentences describing the				
Guo et al. (2012)	Biomedical	Introduce a tool for analysis and visu	Used HTML JavaScript PHP	Interactive annotation via ac			
Guo et al. (2012)	napers	alizing argument structure (based on	XML for the annotation tool: SVM	tive learning: CRAB Reader			
	pupers	AZ), and also facilitate expert AZ an-	classifier using features from Guo	allows user to define AZ			
		notation	et al. (2011)	schemes; AZ can be per-			
			× ´	formed on each word, sen-			
				tence, paragraph, document			
				level			
Yang and Li	Scientific ab-	Construct a domain-specific dis-	798 segmented abstracts were la-	Provide several baselines for			
(2018)	stracts from ACL	course treebank annotated on	belled by 5 annotators in 6 months.	scientific discourse depen-			
	Anthology	scientific articles	506 abstracts were annotated more	dency tree parsing			
			inan twice separately by different				
			tains 708 unique obstracts with 620				
			labelled more than once and 18 078				
			discourse relations.				
Automatic Argument Unit Identification							
Green (2017b)	Biomedical, Bio-	Argumentation extraction	Semantic rule-based approach	Demonstrates the need for			
	logical articles			a richer model of inter-			
				biomodical/biological			
				search articles			
				search articles.			

Table 1: Argumentation Mining Literature on Scientific Discourse

Reference	Domain	Objectives	Methods	Additional Contribution			
Lauscher et al. (2018a)	Computer Graphics scientific publica- tions	A toolkit for rhetorical analysis of argument component identification, discourse role classification, subjec- tive aspect classification, citation context classification, summary rel- evance classification	Token-level sequence la- belling, sentence-level classifi- cation using Bi-ISTM	Command-line tool, RESTful API, web application			
Lauscher et al. (2018c)	Computer Graphics scientific publica- tions	Proposed two neural multi-task learning (MTL) models for argu- mentative analysis based on the tasks in (Lauscher et al., 2018a)	Bi-LSTM based simple MTL model for sentence-level clas- sification, hierarchical MTL for sequence labelling	Adapted Toulmin's model for argumentative components: Back- ground Claim, Own Claim, Data. Relation between argumentative components: support, contradicts, same claim			
Teufel (2014)	Chemistry, Compu- tational Linguistics, Agriculture	Views scientific argumentation de- tection as limited-domain intent recognition	Model based on recognition of 28 rhetorical moves in text				
Guo et al. (2011)	Biomedical ab- stracts	Investigating a weakly-supervised approach for AZ detection when a limited amount of training data is available	Features like location, word bi-gram, verb, verb cues, PoS, grammatical relations, subj/obj, voice are used with ASVM, ASSVM, TSVM, SSCRF	Conclusion that location of AZs are super important, directions to facili- tate easy porting of AZ schemes to new NLP tasks and domains			
Li et al. (2019)	Biomedical publica- tions	Automatic evidence extraction us- ing scientific discourse tagging based on classification by de Waard et al. (2009)	sentence-level sequential la- belling using BiLSTM-CRF + Attention	Leveraging scientific discourse tag- ging for evidence fragment detec- tion			
Achakulvisut et al. (2019)	Biomedical ab- stracts	Automated claim extraction	Neural discourse tagging model based on a pre-trained BiJSTM+CRF followed by transfer learning and fine tuning on a expert annotated dataset	New dataset of 1,500 expert- annotated biomedical abstracts indicating whether the sentence presents a scientific claim.			
Houngbo and Mercer (2014)	Biomedical articles	Identify the components of IMRaD rhetorical structure in biomedical papers	Applied a few heuristics to construct a corpus and used machine learning techniques (Naive Bayes and SVM) to classify sentences into Method,Result or Conclusion				
Pinto et al. (2019)	Biomedical papers	Claim-evidence matching as a learning to rank problem where goal is to find evidence in the form of a paper to make a natural language claim appear credible; to assist scientific argumentation	Rhetoric Classification Task and Claim-Evidence Rank Task using NB-BoW, SVM- BoW, CNN on data from a Wikipedia dump with word2vec trained on PubMed Central UMLS, SemMedDB databases	Augmenting "prestige" meta-data features for a paper improved per- formance, to rank claim-evidence pairs, a model should account for other semantic properties beyond simple content-matching			
Faiz and Mercer (2014)	Biomedical papers	Extraction of connections or "higher order relations" between <i>biomedical relations</i> (relationship between biomedical entities). The higher order relation conveys a causal sense, which indicates that the latter relation causes the earlier one.	In the first stage, the au- thors use a discourse relation parser to extract the explicit discourse relations from text. In the second stage, the au- thors analyze each extracted explicit discourse relation to determine whether it can pro- duce a higher order relation.	Pilot evaluation on AIMed corpus for protein-protein interaction pre- diction: identify the full argument extent which contain the biomedi- cal entities			
Yepes et al. (2013)	MEDLINE/PubMed abstracts	An evaluation of several learning algorithms to label abstract text with argumentative labels, based on structured abstracts available in MEDLINE/PubMed	Naive Bayes, SVM, Lo- gistic Legression, CRF, AdaBoostM1 as classifiers for the argumentation labels on abstract text. In addition to textual features, the position of the sentence or paragraph from the beginning of the abstract is used	A data set to compare and evalu- ate GeneRIF indexing approaches. The sentence annotation are: Ex- pression, Function, Isolation, Non- GeneRIF, Other, Reference, and Structure on MEDLINE articles.			
Automatic Argument Structure Identification							
Stat) et al. (2014)	Scientific articles	structures	and relation extraction	tific full-texts annotated with argu- ment relations 'support', 'attack', 'sequence'			
Feltrim et al. (2006)	Brazilian PhD The- ses	A system to detect argumentative structures in text	The annotation scheme has the following rhetorical cate- gories: Background, Gap, Pur- pose, Methodology, Results, Conclusion and Outline. A Naive Bayes classifier to iden- tify the argumentative units Explore two transfer learning	Porting of Argumentative Zoning (AZ) from English to Portuguese. A pilot system to demonstrate the ef- fectiveness of AZ for a critiquing tool to support academic writing			
Accuosto and Sag- gion (2020)	Linguistics abstracts	Angunent unit identification and re- lation extraction	approaches in which discourse parsing is used as an auxiliary task when training argument mining models	and use it to augment a corpus of computational linguistics abstracts that had previously been annotated with discourse units and relations			
50ng et al. (2019)	and Biomedical articles	sppy sequencia pattern mining to analyse the common argument structure in two scientific domains (Information science and biomedi- cal science)					

Reference	Domain	Objectives	Methods	Additional Contribution				
Applications								
Accuosto and Sag- gion (2019)	Computational Linguistics ab- stracts	Leverage existing discourse parsing RST annotations (Stede et al., 2017) to identify argumentative components and relations	Transfer learning to improve the performance of argument mining tasks trained with a small corpus of 60 abstracts by leveraging the dis- course annotations available in the full SciDTB () corpus; sequence la- belling task with dependency-based word embeddings, contextualized FIMo. BST encodings. GloVe	Enrich a subset of SciDTB with additional layer of ar- gumentation, EDUs as mini- mal span for annotation, pi- lot task to predict accep- tance/rejection using automat- ically identified argumentative components and relations				
Contractor et al. (2012)	Biomedical papers	Leveraging on AZ features for extrac- tive summarization of scientific arti- cles	Used AZ categories as features in fi- nal sentence selection process + ad- ditionally used verbs, tf-idf, citation and reference occurrences, locative features for classification to gener- ate initial set of candidate sentences. Then performed k-Means cluater- ing to group similar sentences and select the centroid from each group to generate the summary (redun- dancy elimination)	Demonstrated the efficacy of weakly-supervised AZ classi- fier for less training data by Guo et al. (2011) for scientific article summary extraction				
Teufel and Moens (2002)	Computational Linguistics papers	Summarize scientific articles by con- centrating on the rhetorical status of statements in an article	Developed an algorithm to select content from articles and clas- sify them into rhetorical cate- gories which integrate argumenta- tion structure in scientific papers					
Feltrim and Teufel (2004)	Brazilian PhD Theses in Com- puter Science	Integrated Argumentative Zoning into an automatic Critiquing Tool for Sci- entific Writing in Portuguese (SciPo)	Implemented a set of 7 features, de- rived from the 16 used by (Teufel and Moens, 2002), Naive Bayes as the classifier	Port the feature detection stage of AZ from English to Por- tuguese, a human annotation experiment to verify the re- producibility of the annotation scheme, intrinsic evaluation of AZ-part of SciPo				
Groza et al. (2011)	Production and Manufacturing, Biomedical, Law/Legal	The authors present SALT (Semanti- cally Annotated LATEX), a semantic authoring framework that enables the externalization of the argumentation and rhetoric captured in scientific pub- lication's content.	The annotation framework is a lay- ered organization of three ontolo- gies: the Document Ontology - cap- turing the linear structure of the publication, the Rhetorical Ontol- ogy - modeling the rhetorical and argumentation, and the Annotation Ontology - linking the rhetoric and argumentation to the publication's structure and content.	A LATEX and MS-Word plu- gin for semantic annotation of scientific publications as per SALT scheme				
de Waard et al. (2009)		Proposal to extract knowledge from articles to allow the construction of a system where a specific scientific claim is connected, through trails of meaningful relationships, to experi- mental evidence. To improve ac- cess to collections of scientific papers represented as networks of collection of claims that have a defined epis- temic value, with links to experimen- tal evidence and argumentative rela- tionships to other statements and ev- idence. The authors coin this concep- tual approach 'Hypotheses, Evidence and Relationships' (HypER).						
Yu et al. (2020)	PubMed papers and news articles	Study exaggeration in press releases	Developed a new corpus and trained models that can identify causal claims in the main statements in a press release. By comparing the claims made in a press re- lease with the corresponding claims in the original research paper, the authors found that 22% of press releases made exaggerated causal claims from correlational findings in observational studies.					
Li et al. (2021)	Biomedical papers	demonstrate the benefit of leverag- ing scientific discourse tags for down- stream tasks such as claim-extraction and evidence fragment detection	Develop a sentence-level sequence tagging model to label discourse types for each sentence in a para- graph					