



# ArguminSci A Tool for Analyzing Argumentation and Rhetorical Aspects in Scientific Writing

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#### The exponential growth of scientific output from 1980 to 2012 (Bornmann and Lutz, 2015)

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## ... and downstream applications.

- Summarization (e.g., Cohan and Goharian, 2015)
- Research trend prediction (e.g., McKeown et al., 2016)
- Semantometrics (Herrmannova and Knoth, 2016)
- ...

#### Scientific publications are inherently argumentative (Gilbert, 1976)

## "tools of persuasion"

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### Carefully composed of different rhetorical layers (*"Scitorics"*)

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"In general, our OMR preserves the high frequency content of the motion quite well, since inverse rate control is directed by Jacobian values." "In general, our OMR preserves the high frequency content of the motion quite well [claim], since inverse rate control is directed by Jacobian values [data]." "In general, our OMR preserves the high frequency content of the motion quite well [claim], since inverse rate control is directed by Jacobian values [data]."

- Subjective Aspect:
- Discourse Role:
- Summary Relevance:

advantage

- outcome
- relevant (Fisas et al., 2016)

# ArguminSci aims to support a holistic analysis of scientific publications in terms of scitorics



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## System Overview: Annotation Tasks and Data Set

#### **Annotation Tasks**

**Discourse Role Classification** Background, Challenge, Approach, Future Work, Outcome, Unspecified

Subjective Aspect Classification Advantage, Disadvantage, Novelty, Common Practice, Limitations, None

Summary Relevance Classification Totally irrelevant, Should not appear, May appear, Relevant, Very relevant, None

**Citation Context Identification** B-Citation Context, I-Citation Context, Outside

#### **Argument Component Identification**

B-I-O annotation scheme with three types of argumentative components: Own claim, Background claim, and Data





#### Dr. Inventor Corpus (Fisas et al., 2016)

**Scientific discourse roles** Background, Challenge, Approach, Future Work, Outcome

**Subjective aspects and novelty classes** Advantage, Disadvantage, Novelty, Common Practice, Limitations

**Summary relevance grading + Summaries** Totally irrelevant, should not appear, may appear, relevant, very relevant

**Citation purpose** Criticism, Comparison, Basis, Use, Substantiation, Neutral



# Extension of the corpus with fine-grained argumentative structures (Lauscher et al. 2018, derived from Toulmin, 2003; Dung 1995; Bench-Capon, 1998)



"SSD is widely adopted in games, virtual reality, and other realtime applications due to its ease of implementation and low cost of computing."

## System Overview: Annotation Models

## Model Architecture Token-level tasks

Given a sequence of inputs **x**, assign a sequence of tags **y**.



### Model Architecture Sentence-level tasks



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Models can be exchanged

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- Command Line Interface
- RESTful Application Programming Interface
- Web Application

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C:\Users\anlausch\PycharmProjects\ArgDemo>python arguminsci.py -h
usage: arguminsci.py [-h] [--argumentation] [--discourse] [--aspect]
[--citation] [--summary]
inputfile outputfolder
```

Analyze Argumentation and Rhetorical Aspects in Scientific Writing.

#### positional arguments: inputfile The name of the textual file containing the input text. outputfolder The name of the output folder where the output should be stored.

optional arguments:

-h,help	show this help message and exit
argumentation	Extract argument components.
discourse	Analyze discourse roles.
aspect	Analyze subjective aspects.
citation	Extract citation contexts.
summary	Assign summary relevance.

# ArguminSci

Analyze Argumentation and Rhetorical Aspects in Scientific Writing.

Just copy your text in the input field below and submit.



Insert scientific text here..

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Argument Components	Discourse Categories	Subjective Aspects	Citation Contexts	Summary Relevance	
this paper aims to produce f	luid simulations with a hig	h degree of spatial ada	ptivity . we desire to en	nable a simulator to focus	Background
its computational resources	on the visually interesting	regions of a fluid flow ,	while remaining comp	outationally efficient and	
avoiding common artifacts o	due to a spatially adaptive	pressure solve . previou	is approaches have ma	de great strides towards	Challenge
this goal , but they often ex	nibit visual artifacts , a lack	of computational robu	stness , or an unaccept	tably hefty computational	Approach
expense . the groundbreakir	ng work of Losasso et al . [	2004 ] introduced an o	ctree for spatial adapti	vity , but it suffers from	Approach
spurious flows at T-junctions	s . finite volume methods	batty et al . 2010 ] repa	air these spatial artifact	ts at the expense of solving	Outcome
a significantly larger system	of equations and sacrificir	ig computational stabili	ity near poorly-shaped	elements . furthermore ,	-
many existing methods still	are not truly spatially adap	tive in the sense that th	neir computational con	nplexity is still tied to a	Future Work
uniform grid or spatial para	neter				

Insert scientific text here..

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https://github.com/anlausch/ArguminSci http://data.dws.informatik.uni-mannheim.de/arguminsci/



Thank you

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