

# Semantic Search for Literature Retrieval for the Environmental Domain

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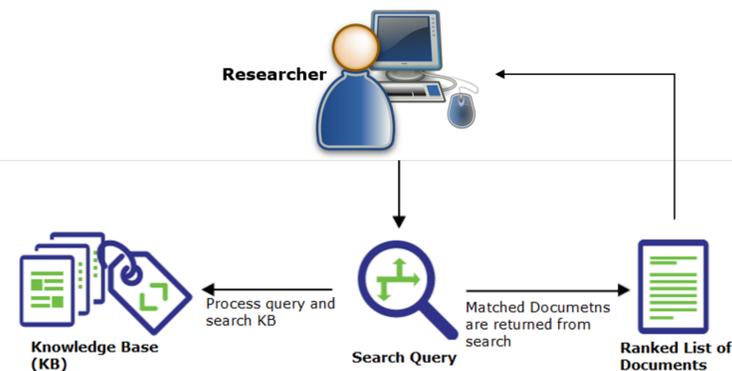
## Problem

- **Literature search** is an unavoidable first task for any research project.
- Researchers rely on systems utilizing standard **search engine techniques**.
- Several key **articles or documents may be missed** in the search process due to those search engine techniques which rely mainly on **keyword matching**.



## Solution:

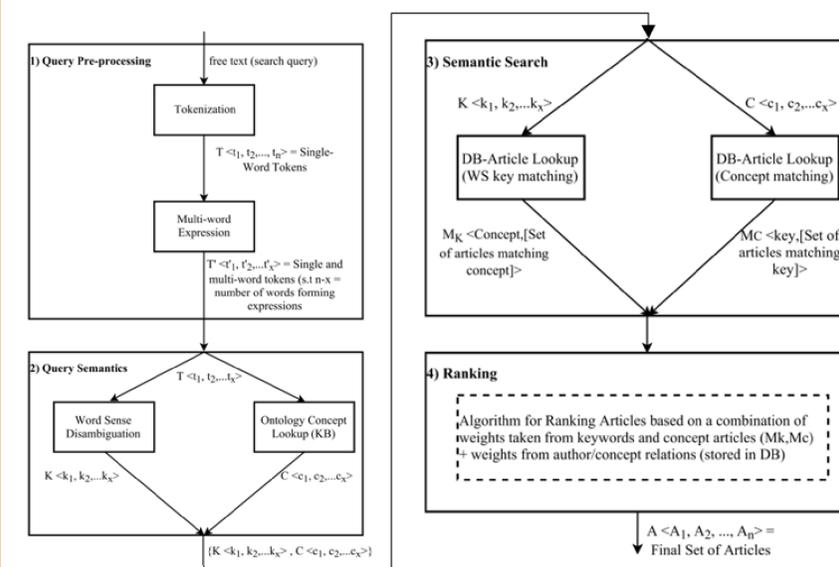
Build a **semantic search system** to enhance the literature retrieval for the environmental domain.



## EnvoScholar

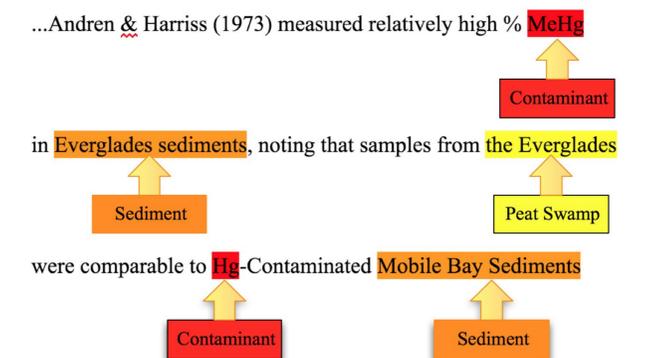
The screenshot shows the EnvoScholar interface with a search bar and a list of results. The top result is highlighted, showing the title, author (Jing K. Wang - 2014-07-15), and a brief abstract. Below the abstract, there are sections for Citations and Concepts.

## System Design



## Annotation Study

- Getting human judgements on what environmental concepts are discussed in scholarly texts.
- Annotations are ground truth for evaluating performance of our system.



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