# What do contextualized representations represent? 

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## Don't cluster the vocabulary, cluster the tokens!

## Clusters capture theme \& polysemy like LDA

| Term | Model | Top Words |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| land | LDA | sea coast Beach Point coastal land Long Bay m sand beach tide Norfolk shore Ocean |
|  |  | land acres County ha facilities State location property acre cost lot site parking |
|  | BERT | arrived arrival landing landed arriving arrive returning settled departed land leaving |
|  |  | land property rights estate acres lands territory estates properties farm farmland |
|  | GPT-2 | arrived landed arriving landfall arrive arrives arrival landing land departed ashore |
|  |  | land sea ice forest rock mountain ground sand surface beach ocean soil hill lake snow |
| metal | LDA | metals metal potassium sodium + lithium compounds electron ions hydrogen |
|  |  | metal folk bands music genre band debut Metal heavy musicians lyrics instruments |
|  | BERT | metals elements metal electron element atomic periodic electrons chemical atoms |
|  |  | rock dance pop metal Rock folk jazz punk comedy Dance heavy funk alternative soul |
|  | GPT-2 | rock pop hop dance metal folk hip punk jazz B soul funk alternative rap heavy disco |
|  |  | plutonium hydrogen carbon sodium potassium metal lithium uranium oxygen |

...but are more syntactically aware than LDA

| Model | $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{k} \%}$ | H | Top Words (noun verb adj adv other) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LDA | 5\% | 0.69 | Valley Death valley Creek California mining ${ }^{\circ}$ Range Nevada Desert |
|  | 25\% | 0.97 | army forces soldiers campaign troops captured defeated Ba |
|  | 50\% | 1.11 | society News Week Good Spirit Fruit says Doug host free |
|  | 5\% | 1.28 | Washington Delaware ceremony Grand Capitol building 156 Number laying |
|  | 95\% | 1.53 | critics reviews review positive mixed list Enterta |
| BERT | 5\% | 0.00 | 199719961995193718951935961896179597 |
|  | 25\% | 0.61 | Jewish Israel Jews Ottoman Arab Muslim Israeli Islamic Jerusalem Islam |
|  | 50\% | 0.86 | captured defeated attacked capture attack sie |
|  | 75\% | 1.09 | hop dance hip B R Dance Hip Z Hop rapper |
|  | 95\% | 1.48 | separate combined co joint shared divided common co |
| GPT-2 | 5\% | 0.00 | 2004200320152000201419982001201320021997 |
|  | 25\% | 0.42 | Atlantic Pacific Gulf Mediterranean Caribbean Columbia Indian Baltic Bay Floric |
|  | 50\% | 0.73 | knew finds discovers learned reveals discovered know heard discover learns |
|  | 75\% | 1.02 | Olympic League FA Summer Premier Division UEFA European Winter Tour |
|  | 95 | 1.42 | positive mixed critical negative garnered favorable mostly attracted commercial |


$T$ tokens

Token Embeddings
$T \times 768$ vectors


Token Clusters
$T \times 100$ vectors
$T$ labels

## Topical Quality Varies by Model \& Layer



Internal Coherence

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K=500
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union employment labor bargaining Labor workers job strike unions working hiring jobs Employment worker gas coal oil natural mining mineral fuel mine fishing hunting timber Coal submerged uranium surface compensation wages pension wage salary welfare ensate salaries retirement bonus Pay compensated discrimination prejudice unfair bias harassment egregation retaliation boycott persecution unfairness medical health care hospital physician patient Medical physicians clinic hospitals doctor surgical doctors market competition competitive markets compete market competition competitive markets compete election vote voting electoral ballot voter elected votes elect Election ding electoral ballot voter elected vor vored weapons arms lethal guns deadly Violence terrorism
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Word Entropy
$K=500$


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