



# A Gold Mining Adventure

Using Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, and  
Human-Centered Design to Find Gold in Unstructured Data

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# AGENDA

## Interpreting Unstructured Listening Session Data

- Project Goals and Objectives
- Listening Session Process
- Find Gold in Unstructured Data
- Optimize NLP Visualizations With HCD
- HCD Project Outcomes
- Additional HCD Considerations/Puzzles

# PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Improve the review process of unstructured listening session data by leveraging Artificial Intelligence and Human-Centred Design.

## Goals:

Use HCD, Machine Learning (ML) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) to:

- Achieve high reliability (>80%) accuracy for review of listening session data
- Minimize/manage opportunities for human bias

## Objectives:

- Derive Themes
- Determine Sentiment

Listening Session Topic	Data Set
Prior Authorization	Data from several transcribed, national listening sessions summarized into one data set

# LISTENING SESSION PROCESS

Without AI	With AI
Conduct listening sessions with stakeholders	Transcribe recorded audio into text
Transcribe recorded audio into text	Use NLP to categorize data into thematic groups
Manually sort text snippets into thematic groups	Use ML to assign sentiment to themes
Manually identify the sentiment of themes	Visualize themes/sentiment; automate reporting
Retype findings into a management summary	

# USE HCD AND NLP TO Find Gold In Unstructured Data

# FIND GOLD IN UNSTRUCTURED DATA THEMES

## Themes

- Derive themes within unstructured data using Natural Language Processing
- Themes are scored and ranked by Tf-Idf\* within the unstructured data

## Sub-themes

- Derive sub-themes within themes through verb/adverb/adjective proximity and word frequency
- Sub-themes are scored and ranked by frequency

\***Tf-Idf** = **Term frequency, Inverse document frequency** – an algorithm used to evaluate how relevant or important a term is within a data set. The importance of a word increases proportionally to the number of times that word appears in the data set but is offset by the frequency of the words in the data set.

See [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tf%E2%80%93idf) at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tf%E2%80%93idf>.

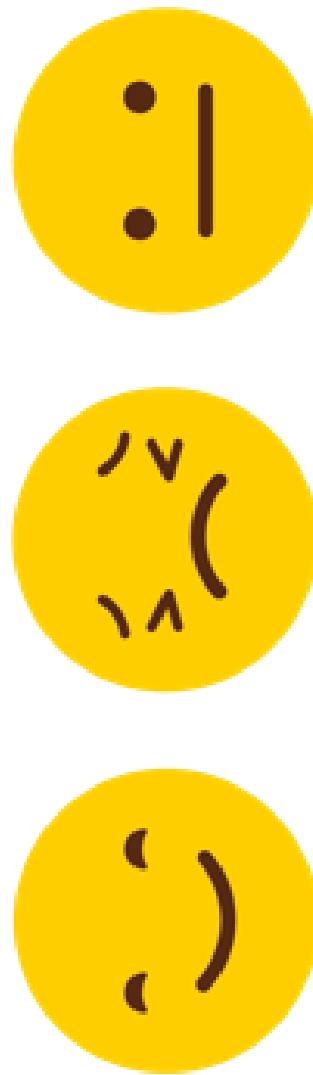
# FIND GOLD IN UNSTRUCTURED DATA HCD FOR THEMES

- Replace manual derivation of themes, which is highly prone to bias, with NLP-driven, numerically-based derivation of themes
  - Automates/accelerates the speed of extracting themes
  - Reduces bias

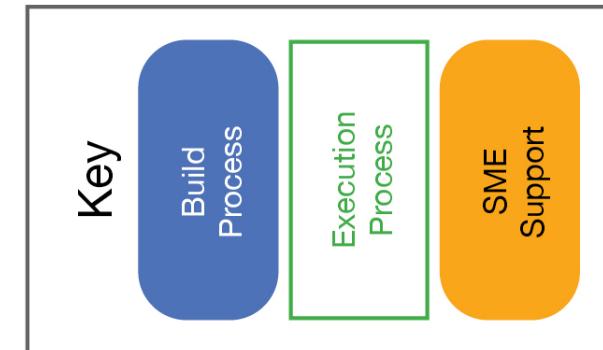
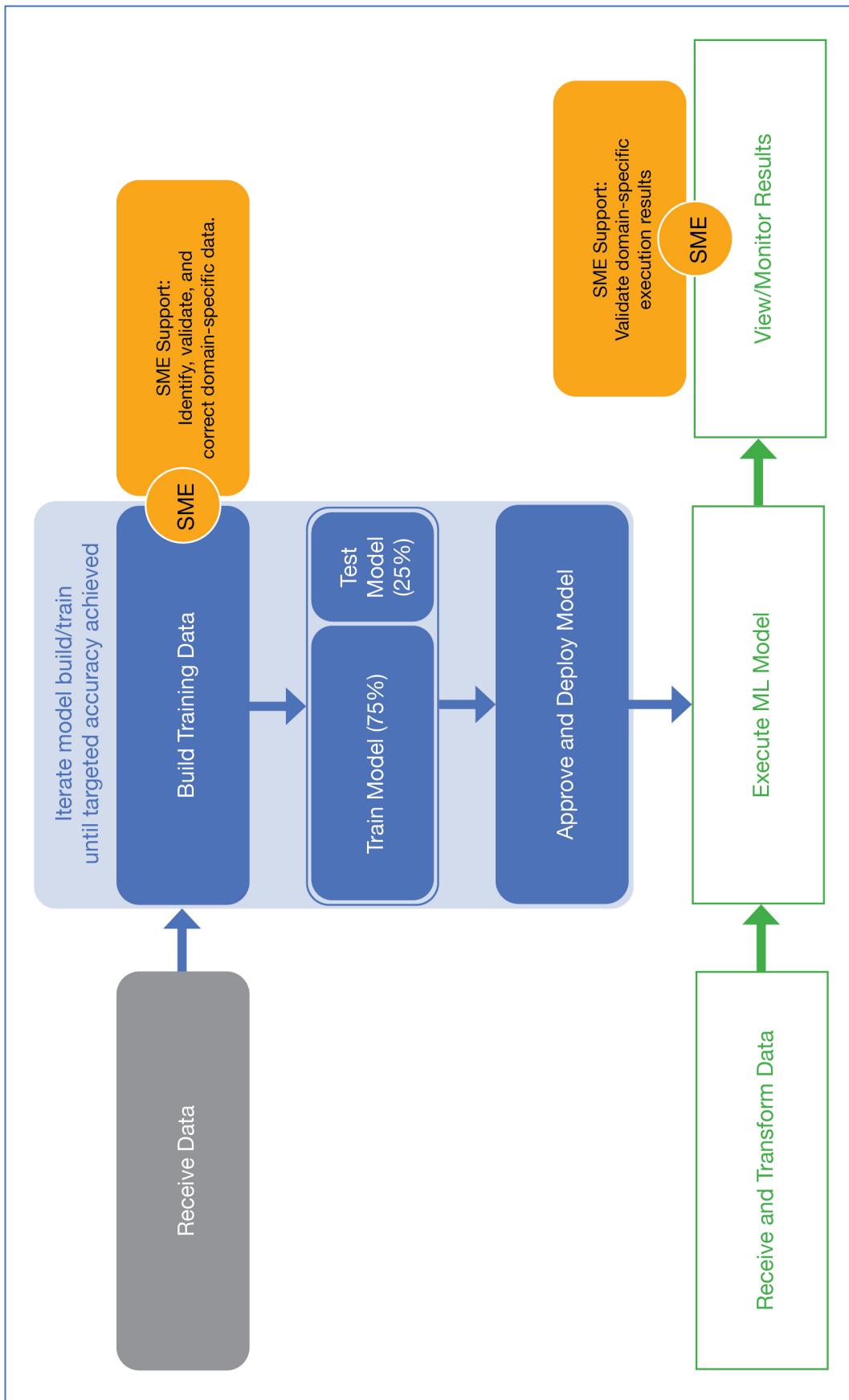
# FIND GOLD IN UNSTRUCTURED DATA SENTIMENT

Derive the Sentiment of unstructured data using machine learning instead of manual sentiment assignment, thereby reducing bias.

Positive      Negative      Neutral



# FIND GOLD IN UNSTRUCTURED DATA USING ML TO FIND SENTIMENT



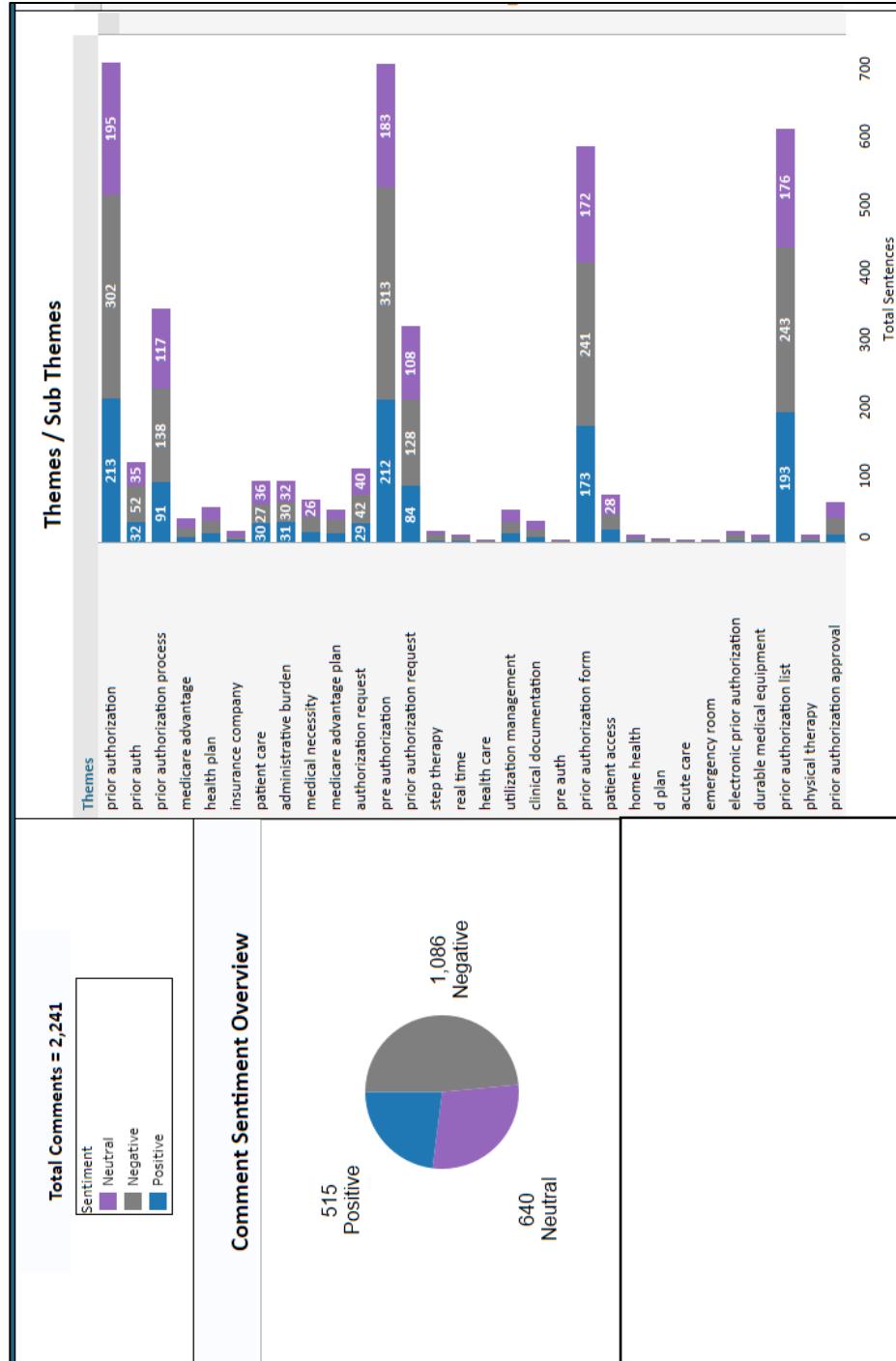
# FIND GOLD IN UNSTRUCTURED DATA AI MODEL ACCURACY

- Trained and executed the following models to compare results
  - BERT (Google)
  - RoBERTa (Facebook)
  - DistilBERT (A smaller and lighter version of the BERT model)
- A pre-trained model with 150 Gb of data
- Results – RoBERTa produced superior results

Model	Creator	Accuracy	F1 Score	MCC	Eval_Loss
RoBERTa	Facebook	0.8210	0.8210	0.6746	0.5046
DistilBERT	Cornell University	0.7354	0.7354	0.4932	0.7595
BERT	Google	0.7310	0.7310	0.6282	0.5615

# FIND GOLD IN UNSTRUCTURED DATA

# LISTENING SESSION THEMES WITH SENTIMENT



# PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES ATTAINED

## Goals achieved:

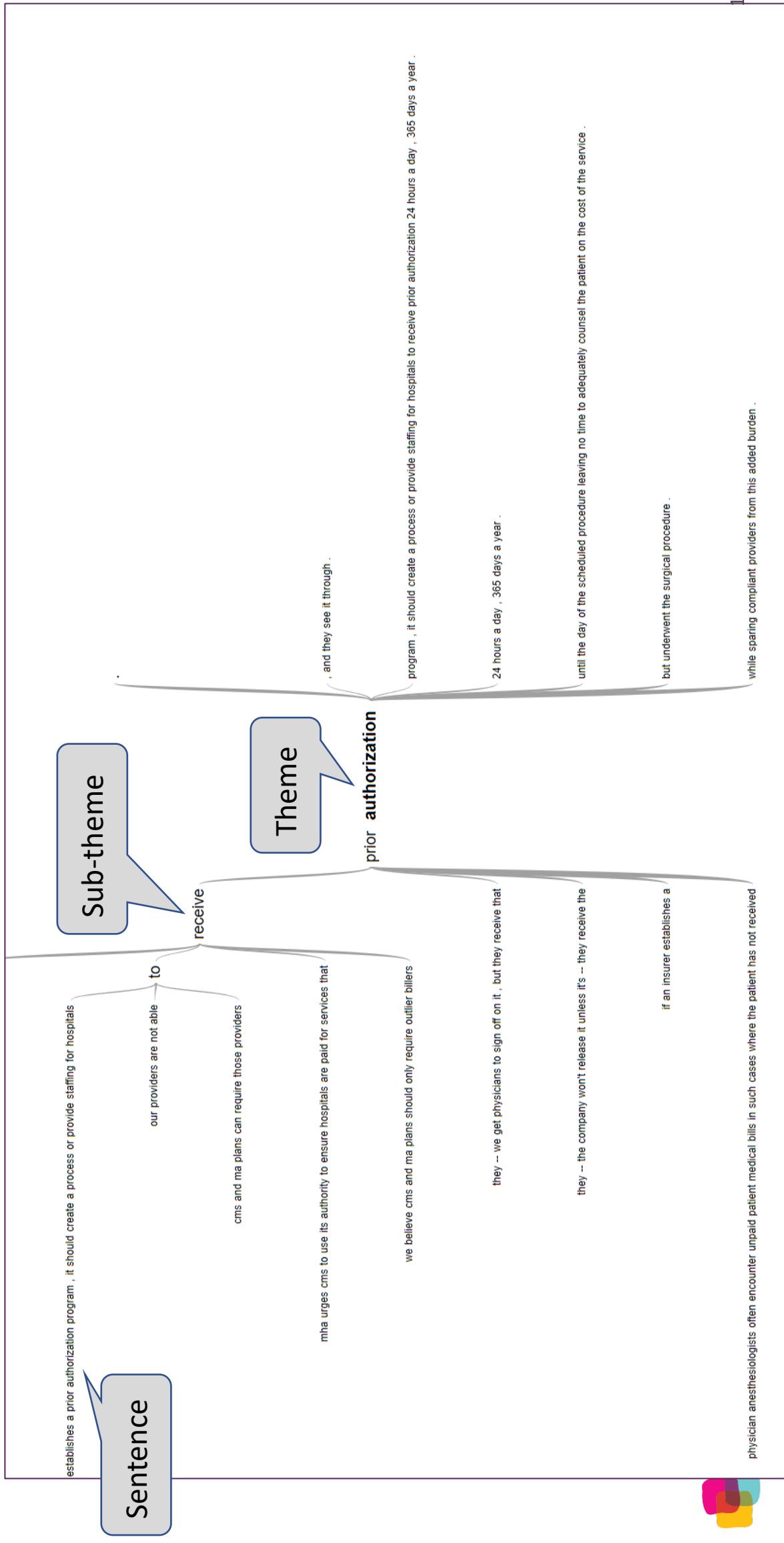
- Achieved high reliability (>80%) accuracy for sentiment assignment of listening session data
- Minimized human bias by utilizing ML and NLP modeling

Objectives	Results
Derive Themes/sub-themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deep learning algorithms determine the themes based on prevalence of text content and determine sub-themes based on theme proximity and frequency</li></ul>
Determine Sentiment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Achieved &gt;80% accuracy</li><li>• Machine learning algorithms determine sentiment at multiple levels:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overall sentiment</li><li>• Sentiment by themes</li><li>• Sentiment by stakeholders</li></ul></li></ul>

# Optimize NLP Visualizations With HCD

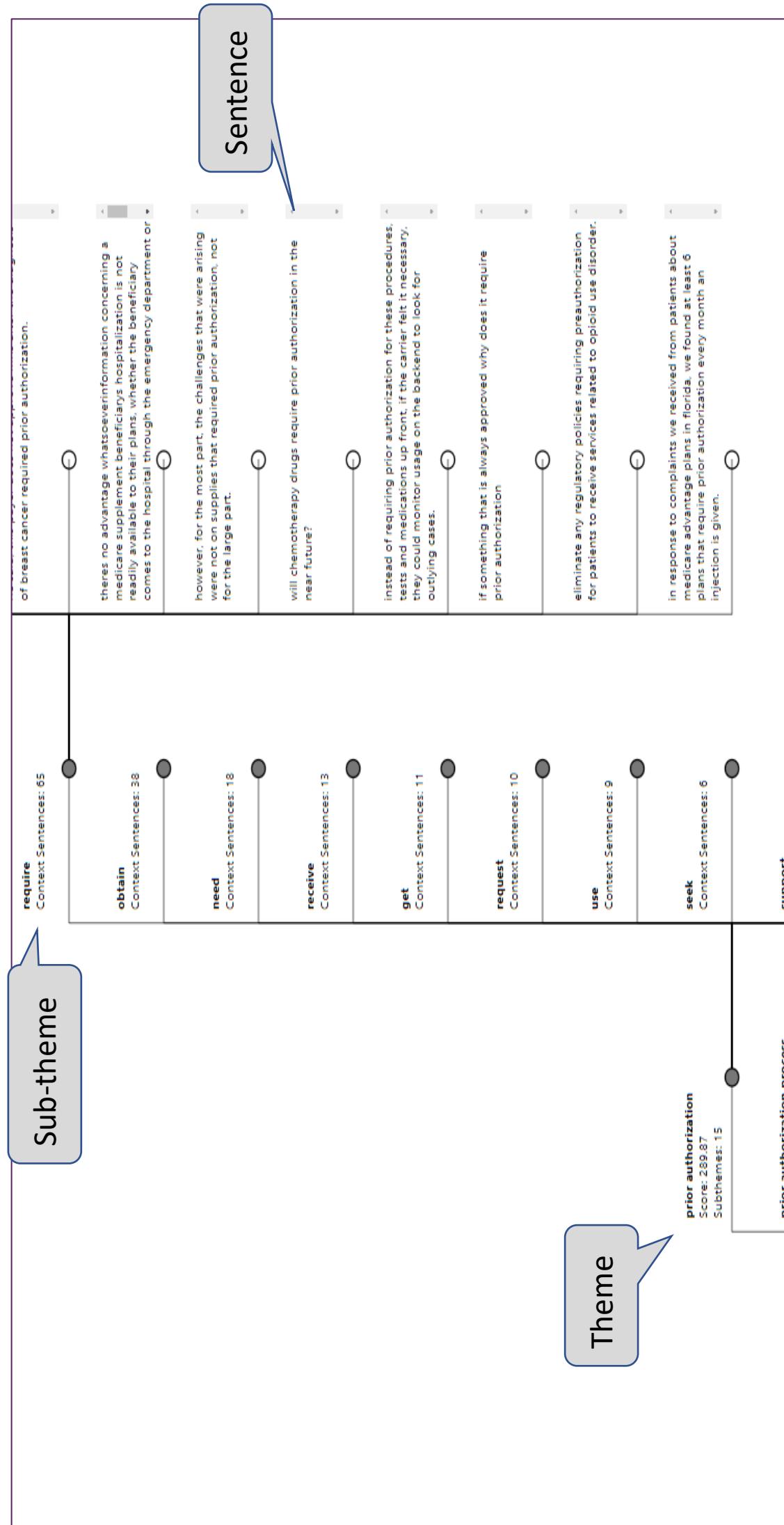
# OPTIMIZING NLP VISUALIZATIONS – ATTEMPT 1

## Themes and Sub-themes Tree View (Sentence-driven)



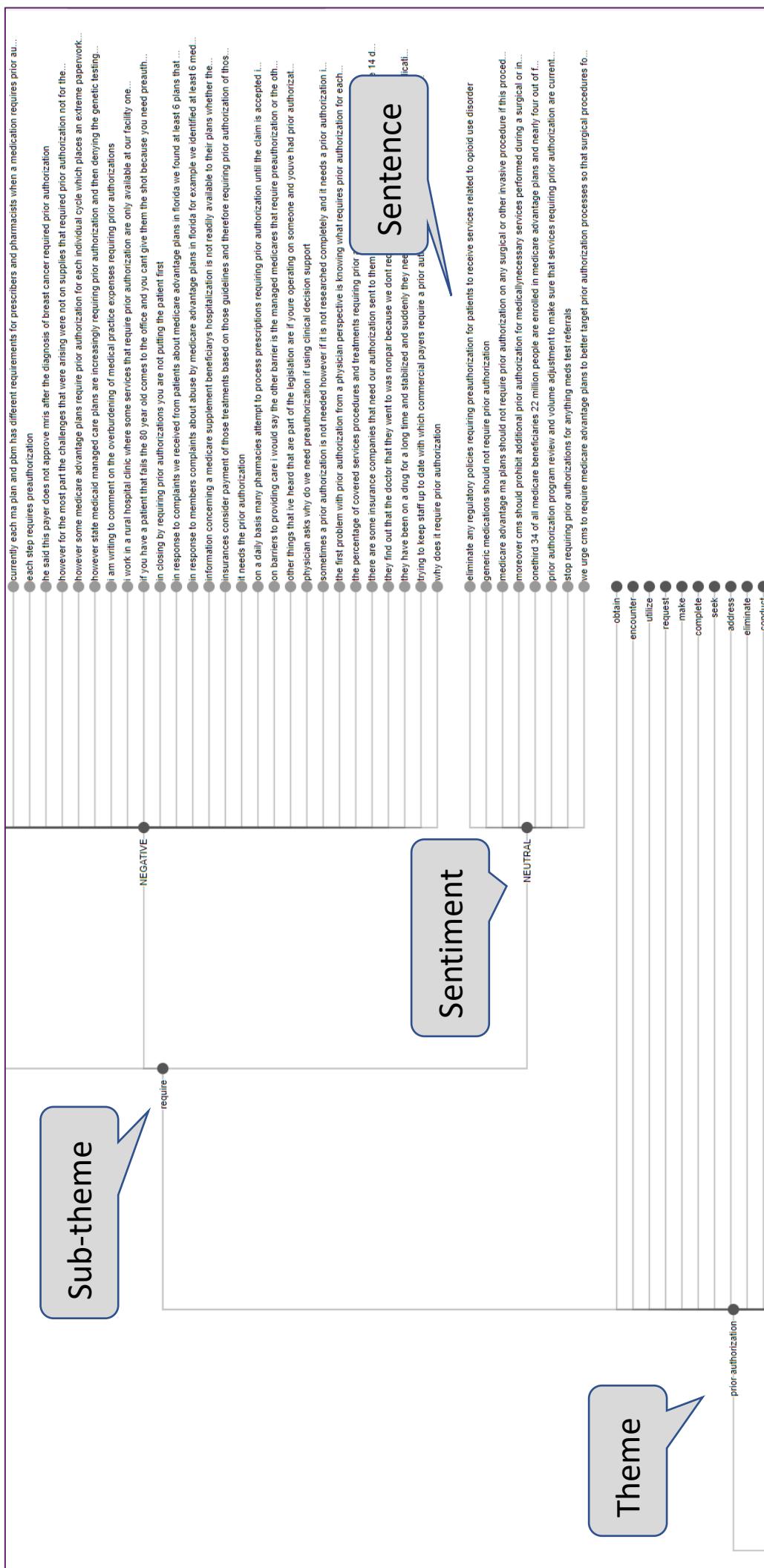
# OPTIMIZING NLP VISUALIZATIONS – ATTEMPT 2

## Themes and Sub-themes (Theme-driven View)



# OPTIMIZING NLP VISUALIZATIONS – ATTEMPT 3

## Themes and Sub-themes with Sentiment (Theme-driven View)



# OPTIMIZING NLP VISUALIZATIONS – ATTEMPT 4 SUCCESSFUL

## Themes and Sub-themes (Interactive, Theme-driven View)



# ATTAINED PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

## Goals achieved:

- Identified a visualization technique that made it possible to interpret listening session data with a large number of themes/sub-themes and their associated sentiment by using an interactive dashboard.

# HCD Project Outcomes

# HCD/AI MOVES ANALYSTS FROM LOW-VALUE TO HIGH-VALUE WORK

Per Listening Session

## Without HCD/AI

1. Read comments
2. Write thematic phrases on yellow stickies
5. Retype themes/sentiment text back into system
6. Develop management summary

Analysts' Effort

Per Listening Session

## With HCD/AI

- 1) Build ML model
- 2) Execute ML model against listening session data

Per Listening Session

- 3) Assign Sentiment to each thematic phrase
- 4) Group phrases into themes with sentiment

Per Listening Session

- 3) Extract/report insights

Low Value Work

High Value Work

# HCD HELPS TO FIND GOLD IN UNSTRUCTURED DATA

- Artificial Intelligence automates previously manual tasks which:
  - Achieve high reliability (>80% accuracy)
  - Minimize human bias
  - Accelerate the speed of review for each listening session
  - Move analysts from low-value to high-value work
- Interactive visualizations are far superior to static visualizations by maximizing human-centered design to target insights, including:
  - Numerous filters
  - Drill-down capability (theme->sub-theme->sentiment)
- Accurate, SME-driven labelling of machine learning training data is crucial to modeling success

# ADDITIONAL HCD CONSIDERATIONS/PUZZLES

## Themes/Sentiment

- Static Data Set vs Changing Data Set
  - Changing data sets increase complexity and tracking overhead
- Subject Matter Expert Data Labelling

## Visualizations

- Multiple Months of Listening Session Data
  - Increases visualization complexity
  - How to track the review process as data changes over months

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