# Neural Nonnegative Matrix Factorization for Hierarchical Multilayer Topic Modeling 

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|  | 2 | $0.374 / 0.926$ | $0.394 / 0.911$ | $\mathbf{0 . 3 0 5} / \mathbf{1}$ |
|  | 3 | $0.676 / 0.930$ | $0.733 / 0.930$ | $\mathbf{0 . 4 9 6} / \mathbf{0 . 9 9 0}$ |
| Supervised | 1 | $0.052 / 0.960$ | $0.042 / 0.962$ | $0.042 / \mathbf{1}$ |
|  | 2 | $0.311 / 0.984$ | $0.310 / 0.984$ | $0.307 / 1$ |
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## Thanks for listening!

## Questions?

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