STELLA: A Framework for Reproducibility and Evaluation of Online Search Experiments

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- Living Lab evaluation platform for Information Retrieval systems: real users, real environment, real data
- A/B-Testing: production system against a test system to explore improved ranking and recommendation approaches
- Reproducible results with usage statistics
- Ideal scenario to test advanced literature retrieval as part of a challenge and to improve production retrieval strategies
- Production search engines (e.g. LIVIVO, GESIS-search) open to researchers to develop and test new ideas
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Stella workflow using LIVIVO search portal as an example of a production system

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