

# Trends in Occupational Therapy Research in Japan

## A Text Mining Analysis of Three Decades

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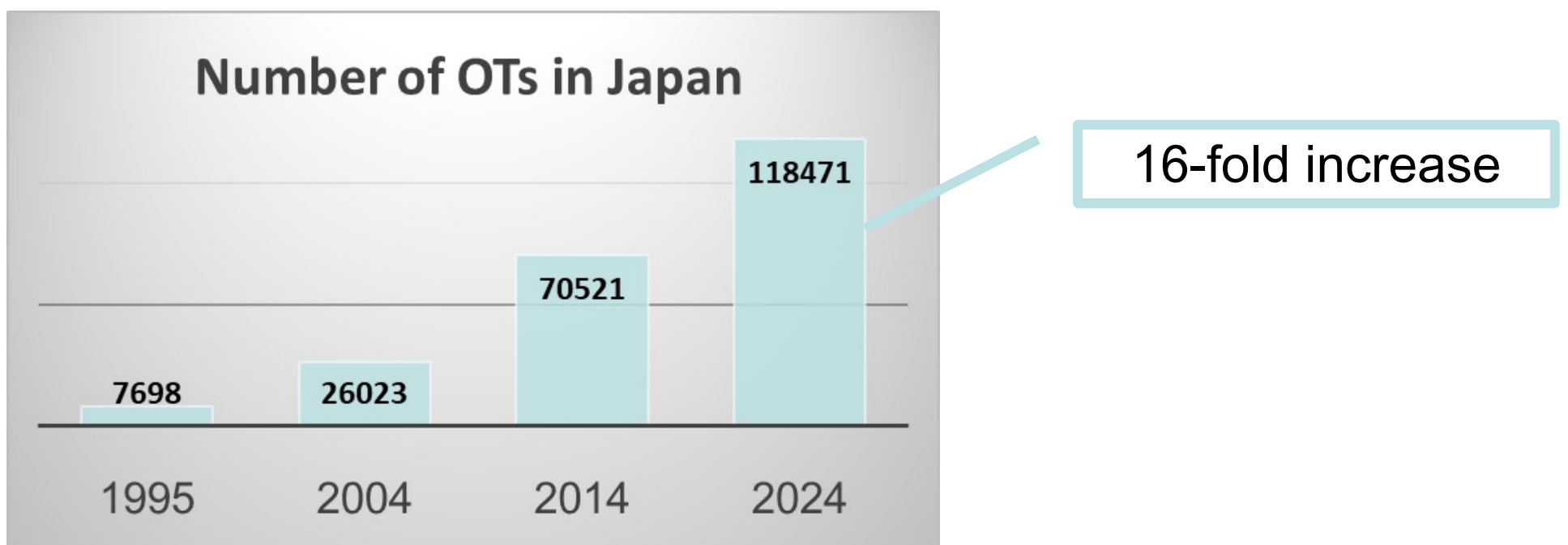
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### Research Question

Has our research content evolved alongside this rapid professional expansion?

### Background

The Massive shift on OT practitioners



### Methods

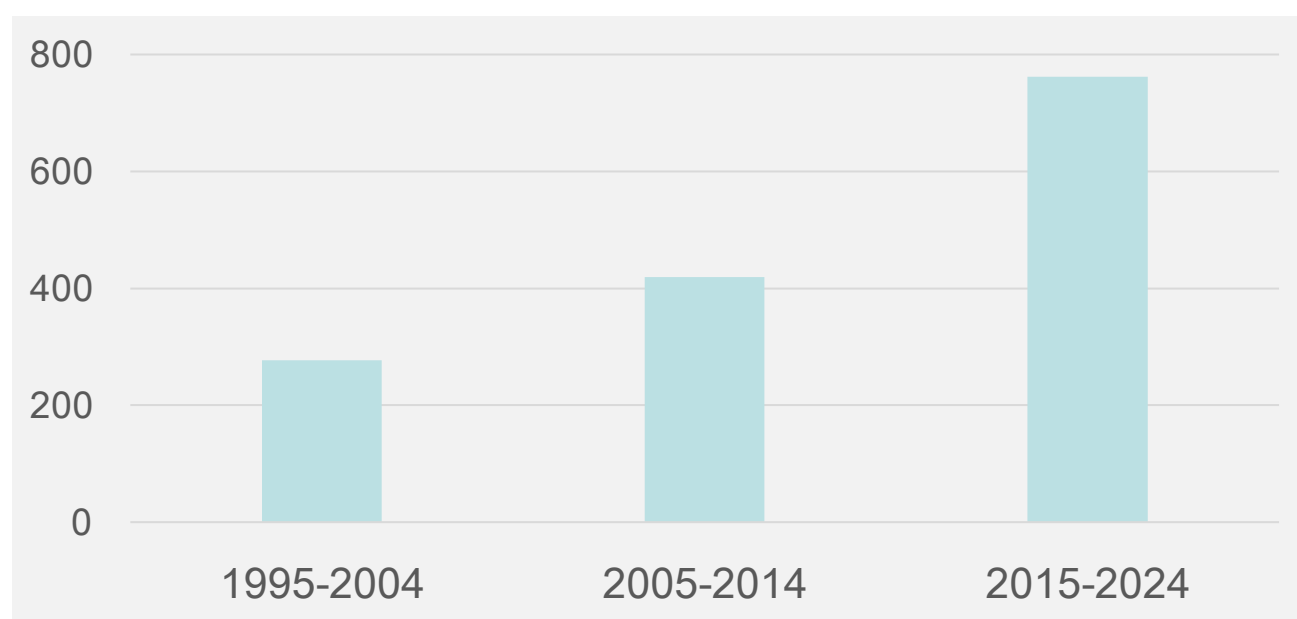
#### Data

Abstracts from Japanese Occupational Therapy Research (JOTR) (1995–2024)

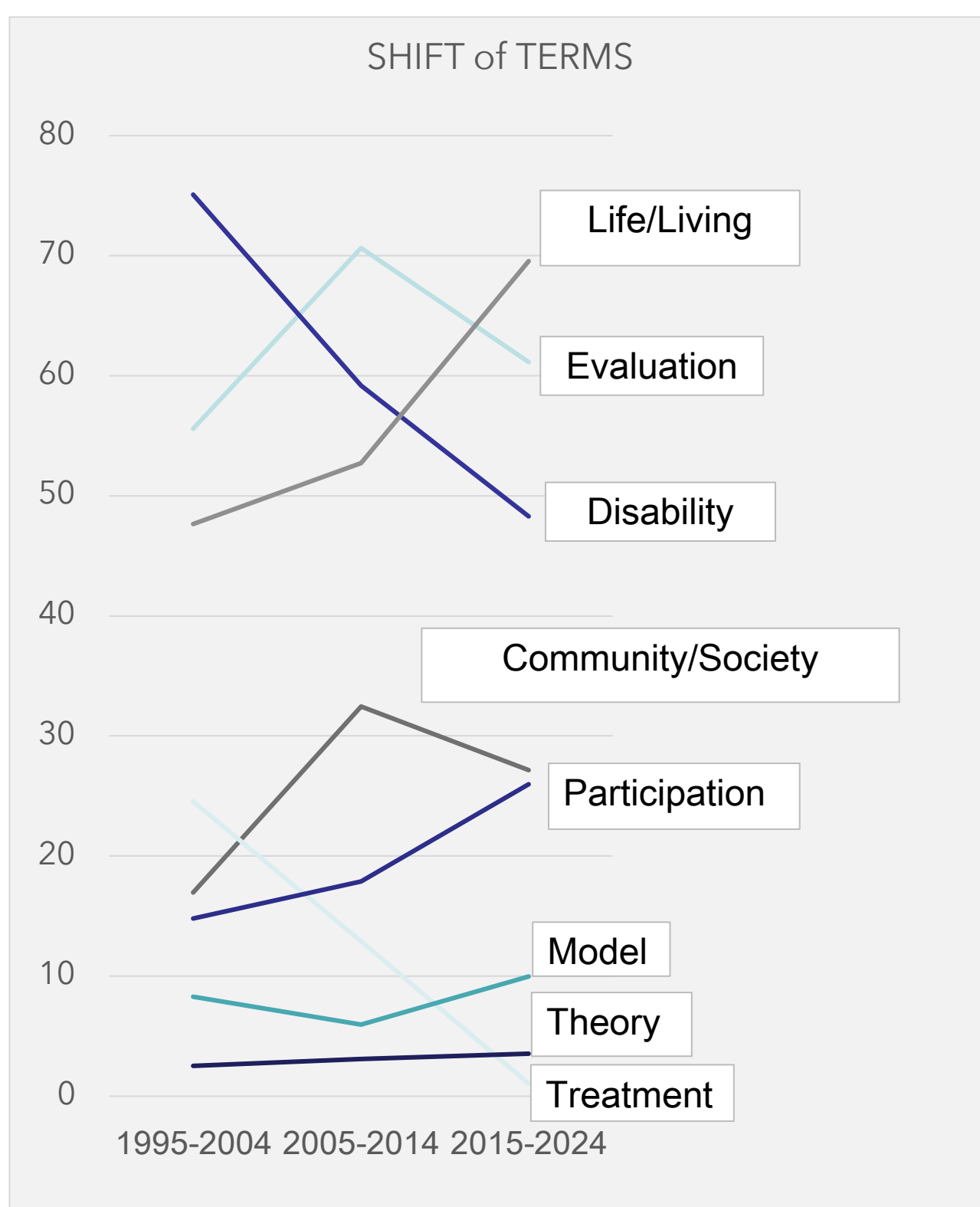
#### Analysis

Text mining and Co-occurrence network analysis.

# Articles Published in JOTR



# Keywords Trends



## Decreasing

- Disability
- Treatment

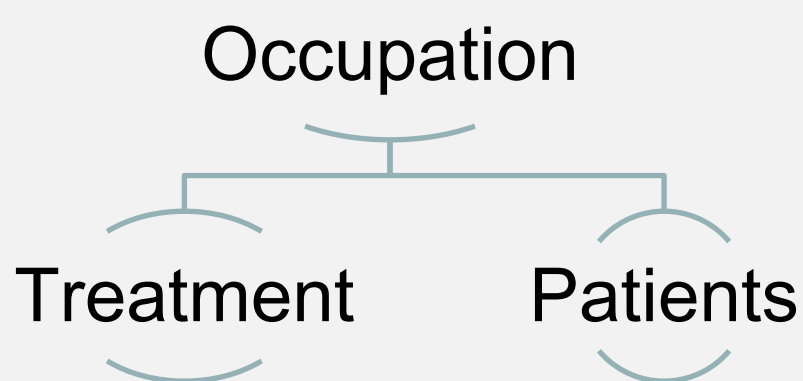
## Increasing

- Life/Living
- Participation
- Community/Society

*"Theory" or "Model" have not moved in 30 years.*

# The Shift of Co-occurrence Terms: Occupation

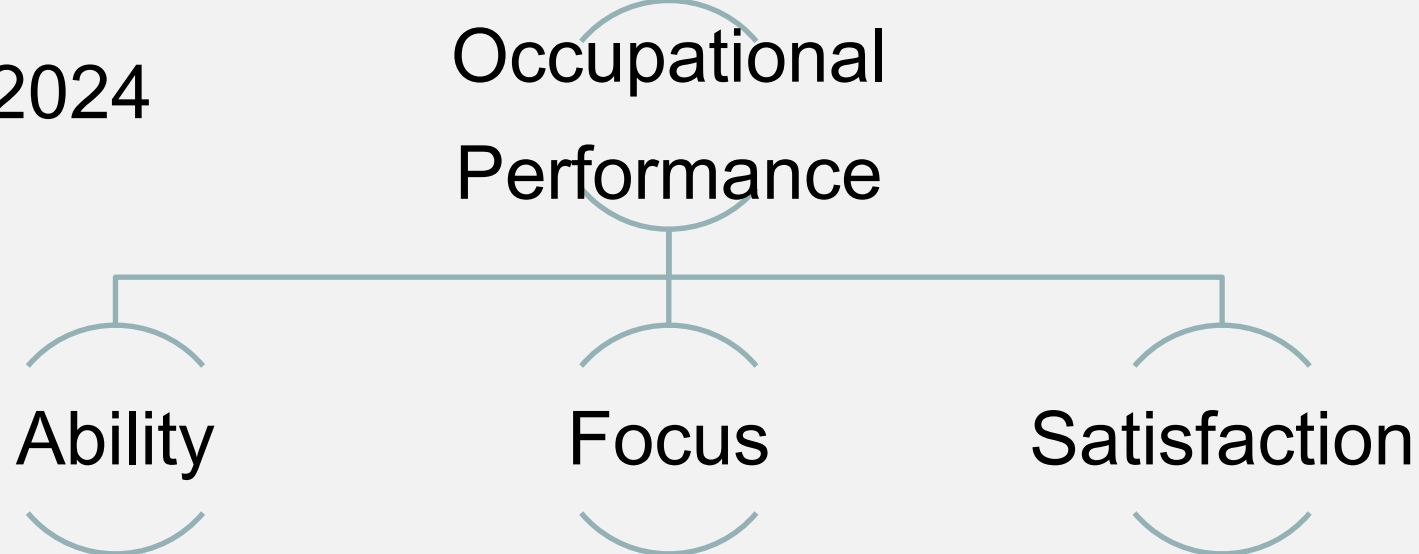
1995-2004



2005-2014



2015-2024



## Conclusion & Future Directions

### Summary

- Japanese OT has successfully shifted from medical to social orientation.
- But our theoretical foundation has not shifted.

### Future Direction

- Translate rich practical experience into robust OT theories.
- Strengthen professional identity through theoretical development.