



# Smart Analytics for Big Time-series Data

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# Roadmap

- Motivation
- Similarity search, pattern discovery and summarization
- **Non-linear modeling and forecasting**
- Extension of time-series data: tensor analysis

Part 1

Part 2

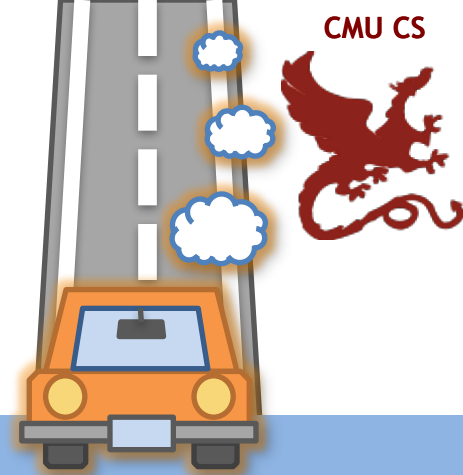
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# Non-linear mining and forecasting

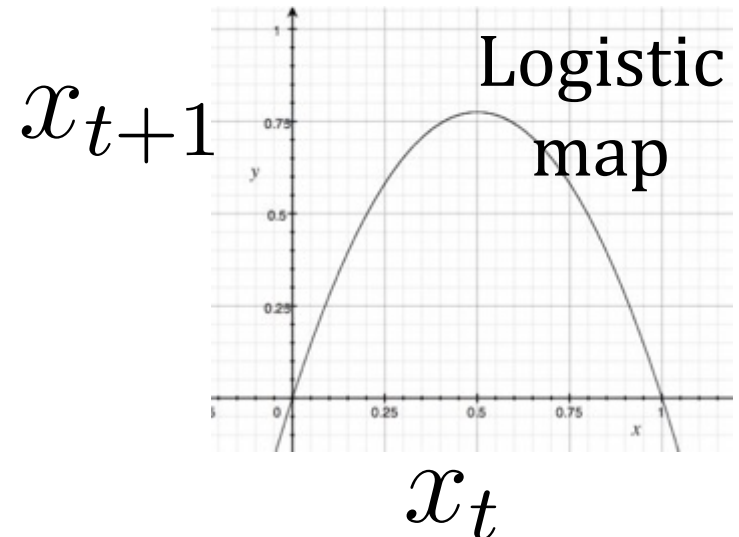
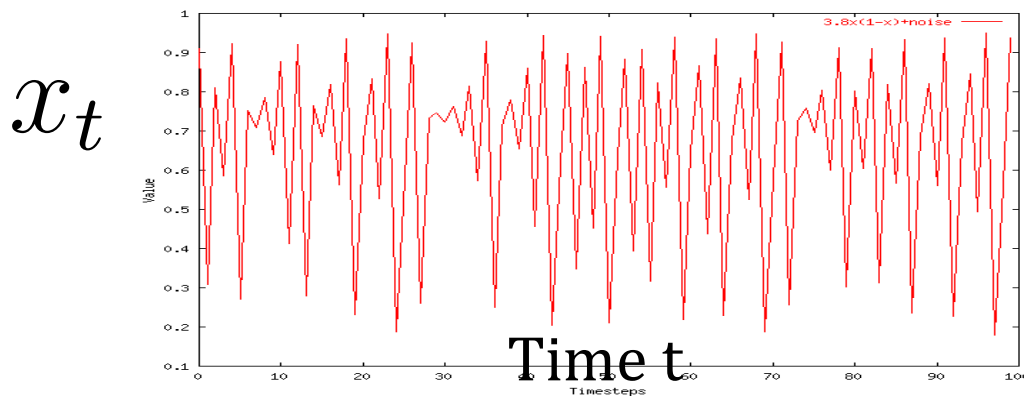
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## Example: logistic parabola

Models population of flies [R. May/1976]

$$x_{t+1} = ax_t \cdot (1 - x_t)$$

Time-series plot





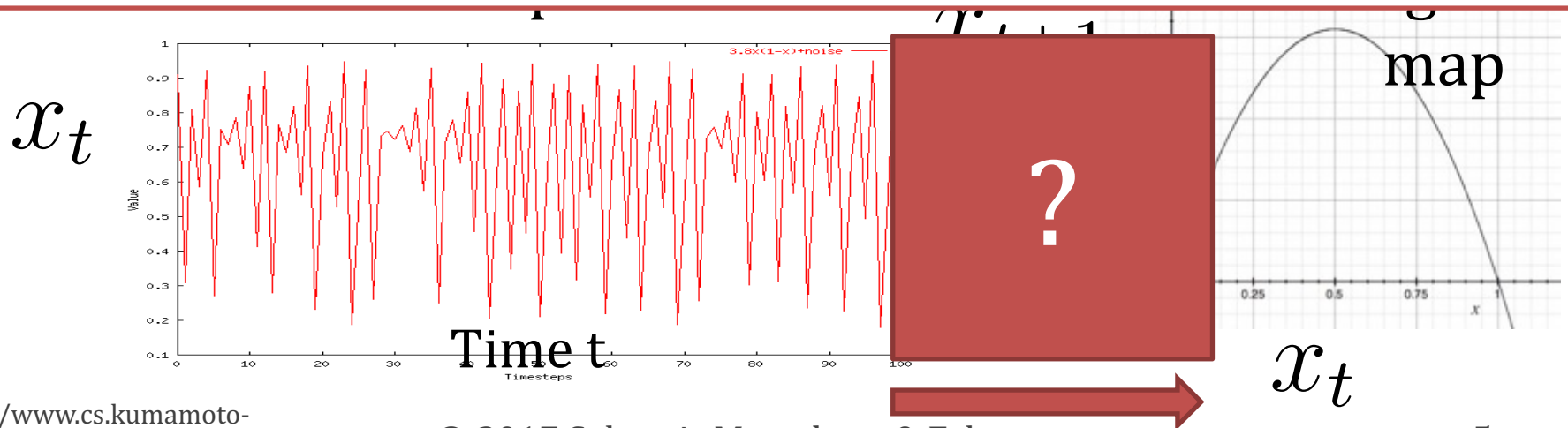
# Non-linear mining and forecasting

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## Problem:

**Given:** a time series  $x_t$

**Predict:** its future course, i.e.,  $x_{t+1}, x_{t+2}, \dots$

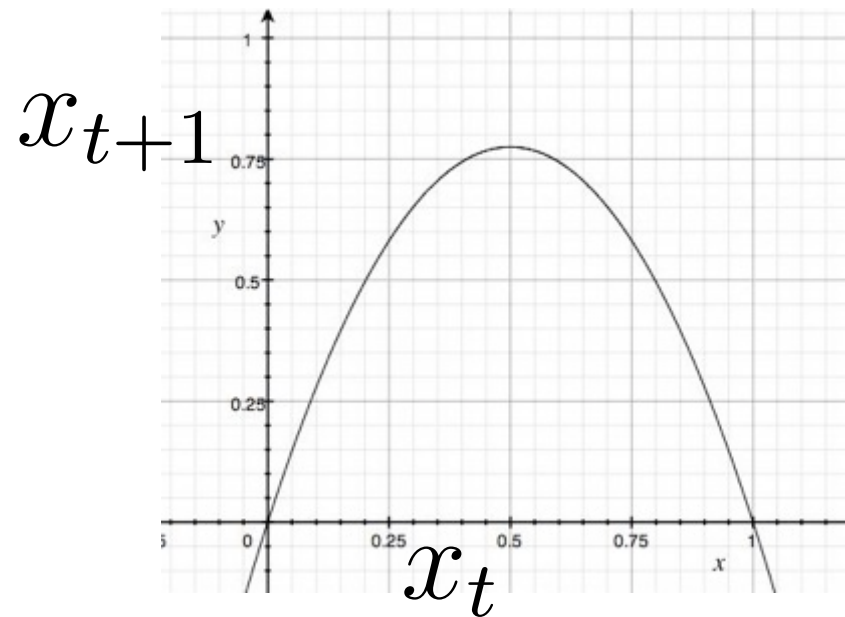




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Linear equations, e.g., AR, ARIMA, ...





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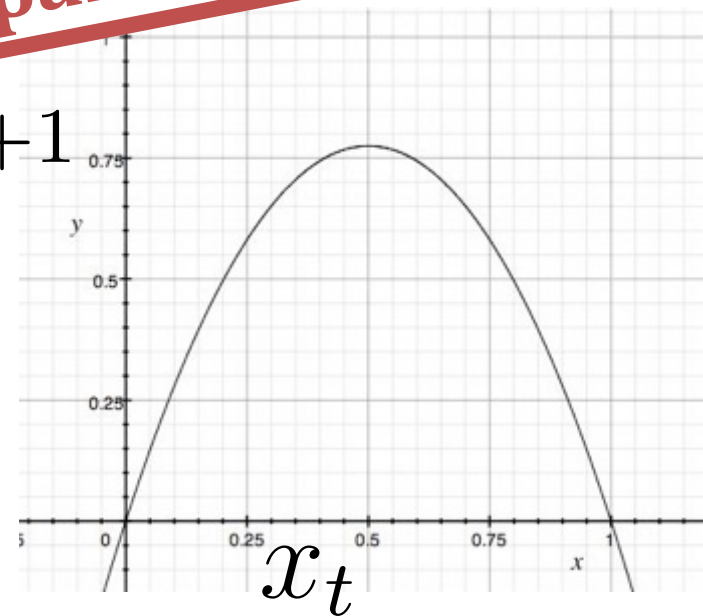
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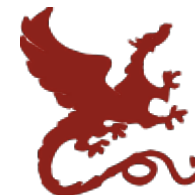
Details @ part1

e.g., AR(1)

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$x_{t+1}$





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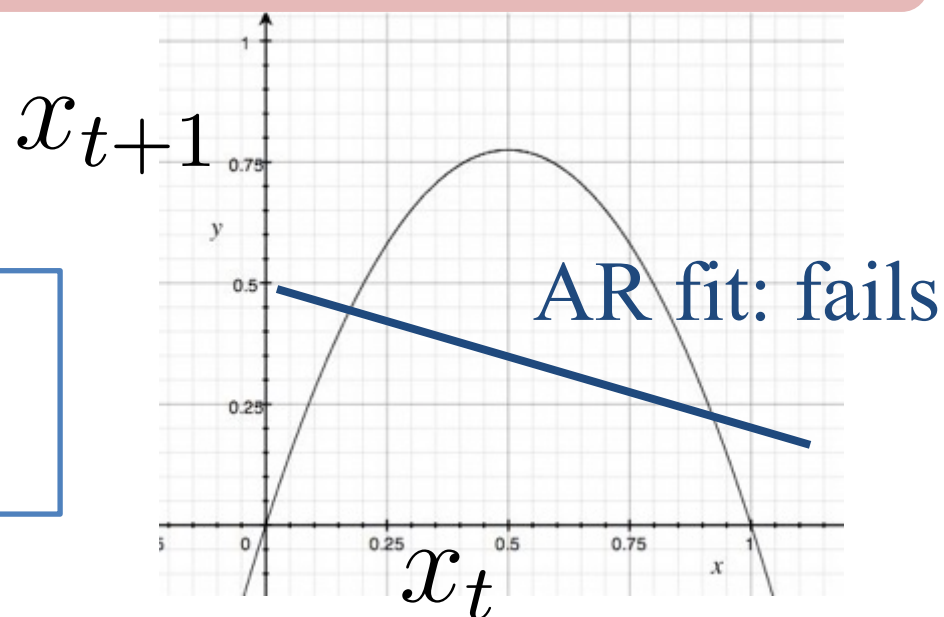
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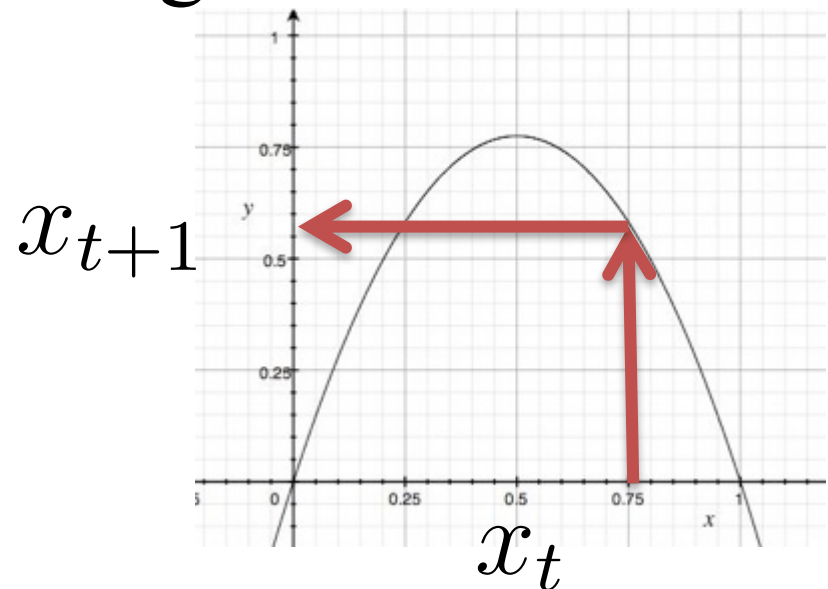
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- Based on k-nearest neighbor search

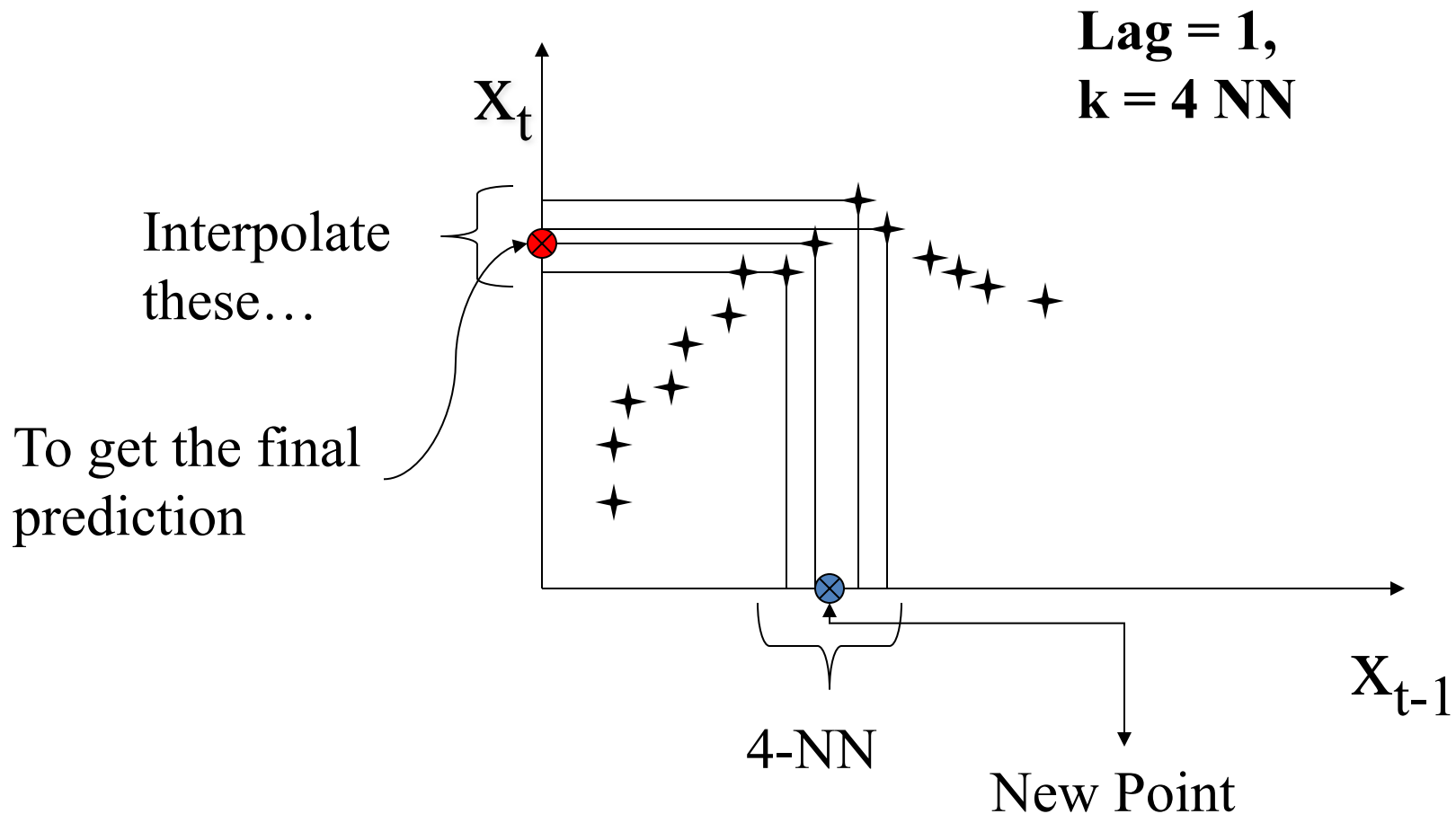




# General Intuition (Lag Plot)



## Solution 2



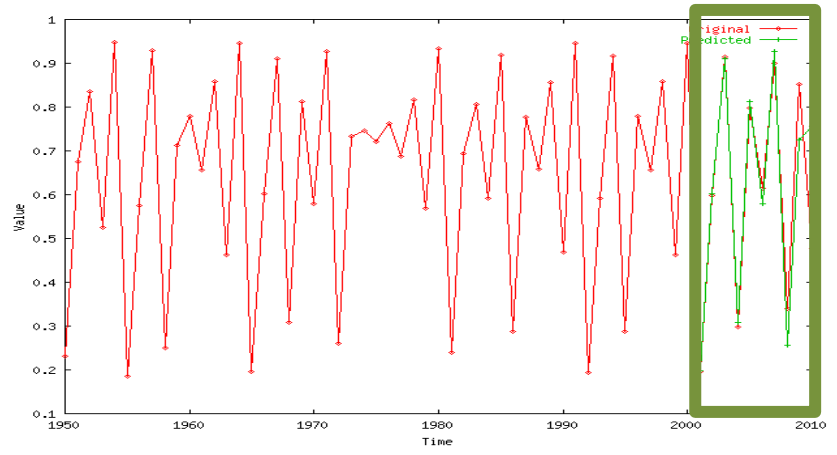
# Forecasting results (Lag Plot)



[Chakrabarti+ CIKM'02]

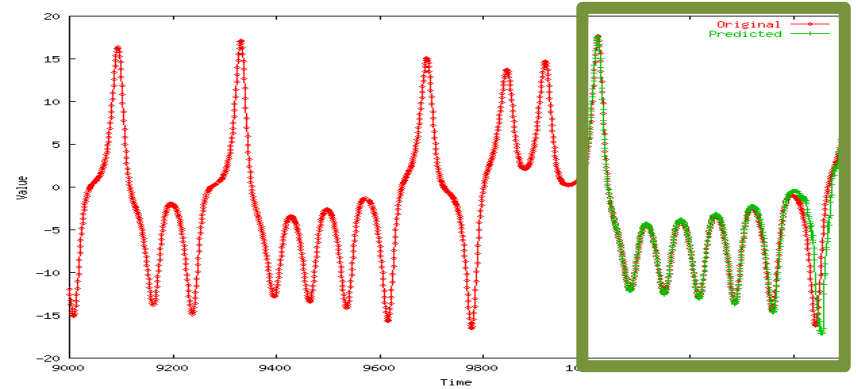
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Logistic parabola 



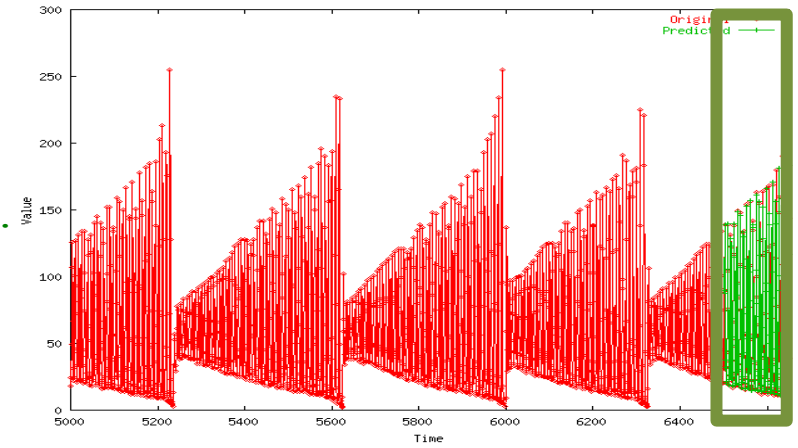
Original  $x_t$  (red)      Forecasted  $x_{t+1, \dots}$  (green)

LORENZ 



Laser

Forecast 





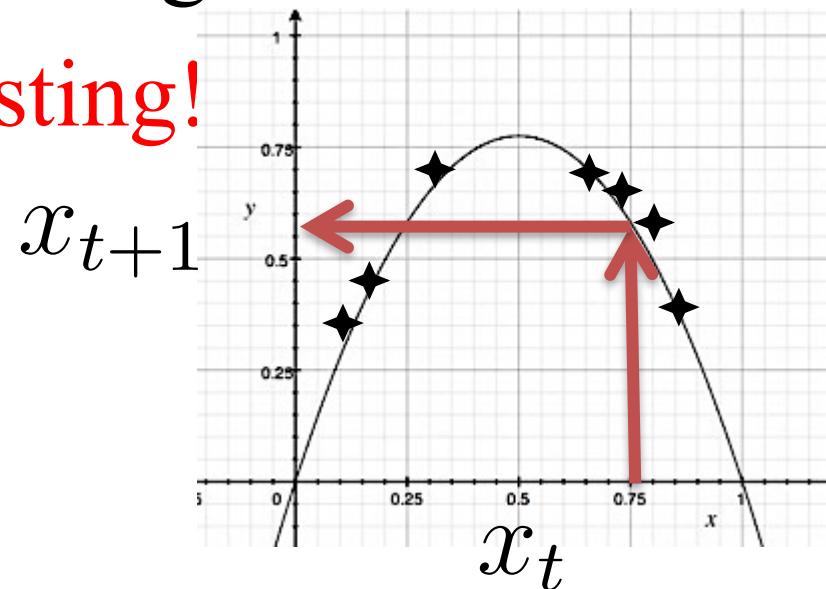
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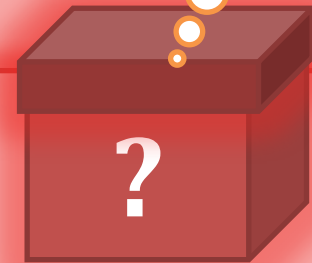


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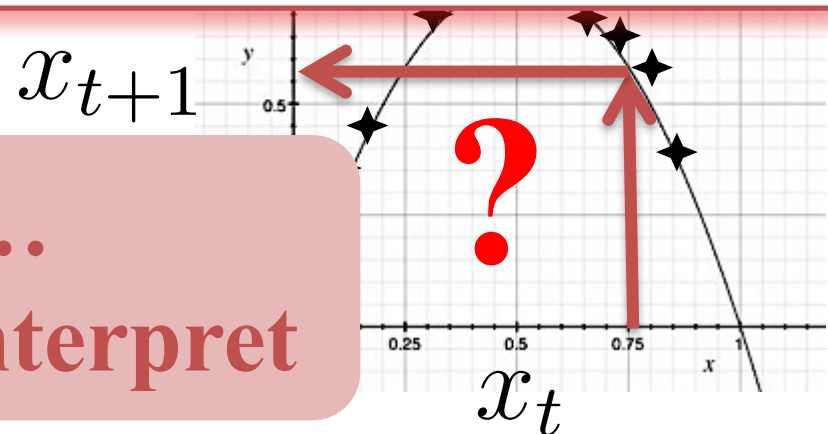
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(we don’t know the equations)



But, still,...  
Hard to interpret

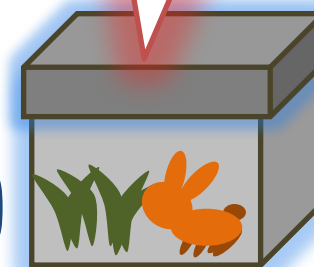
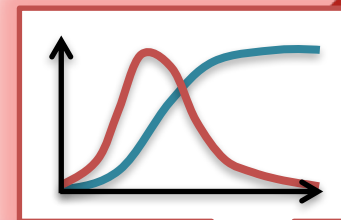




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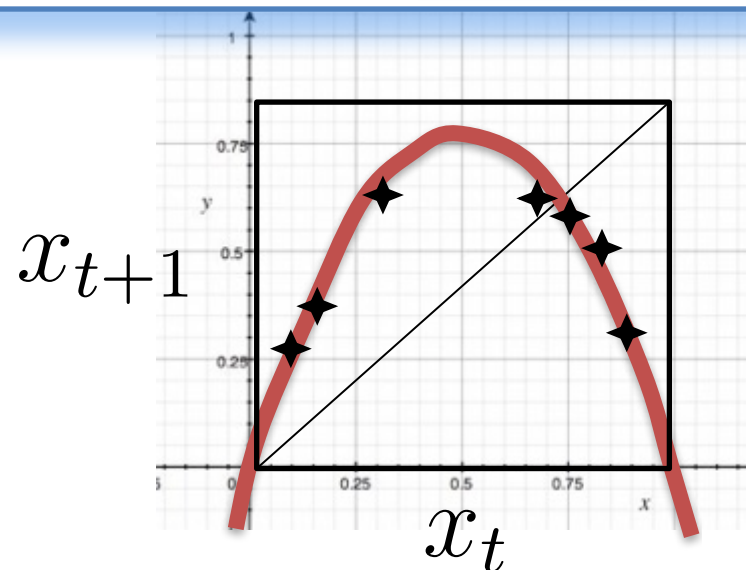
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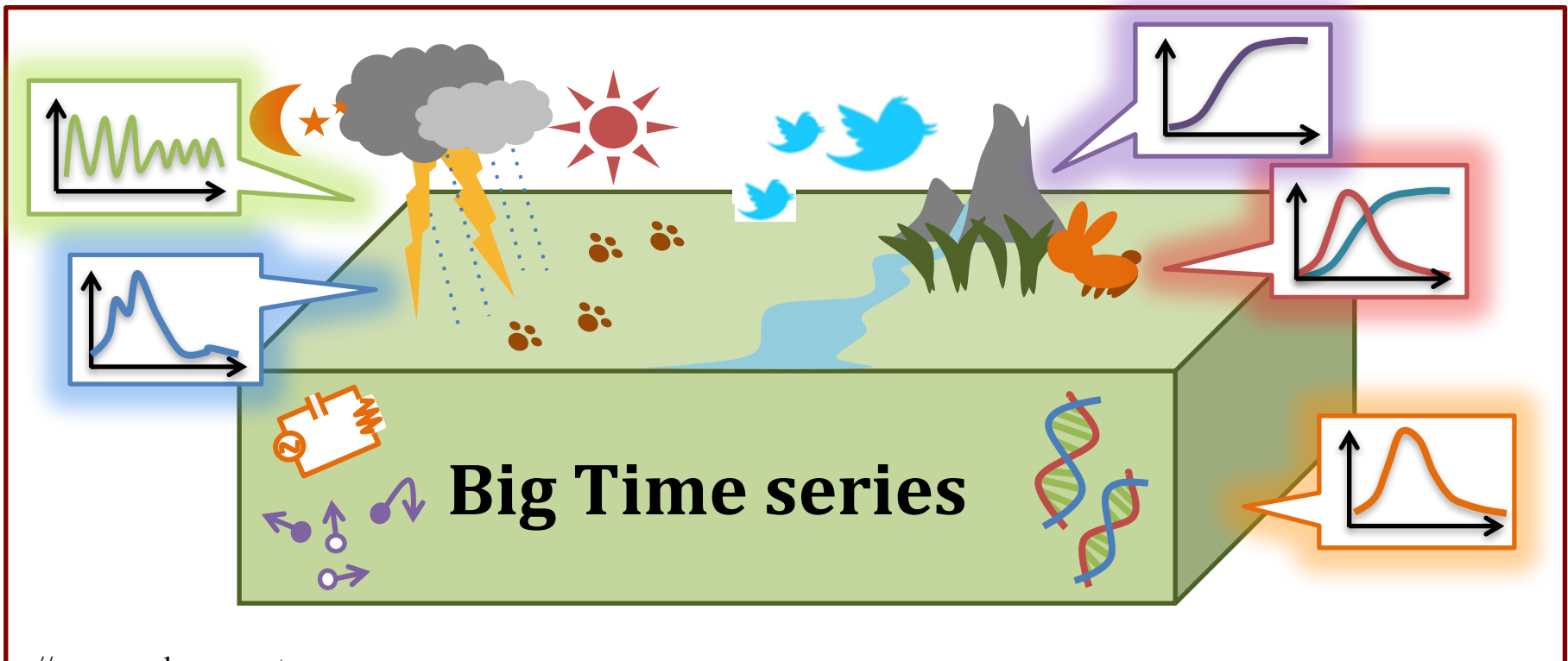


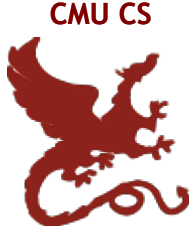


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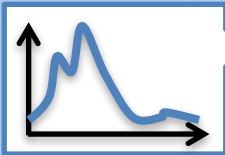
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Non-linear equations

Population growth

Competition

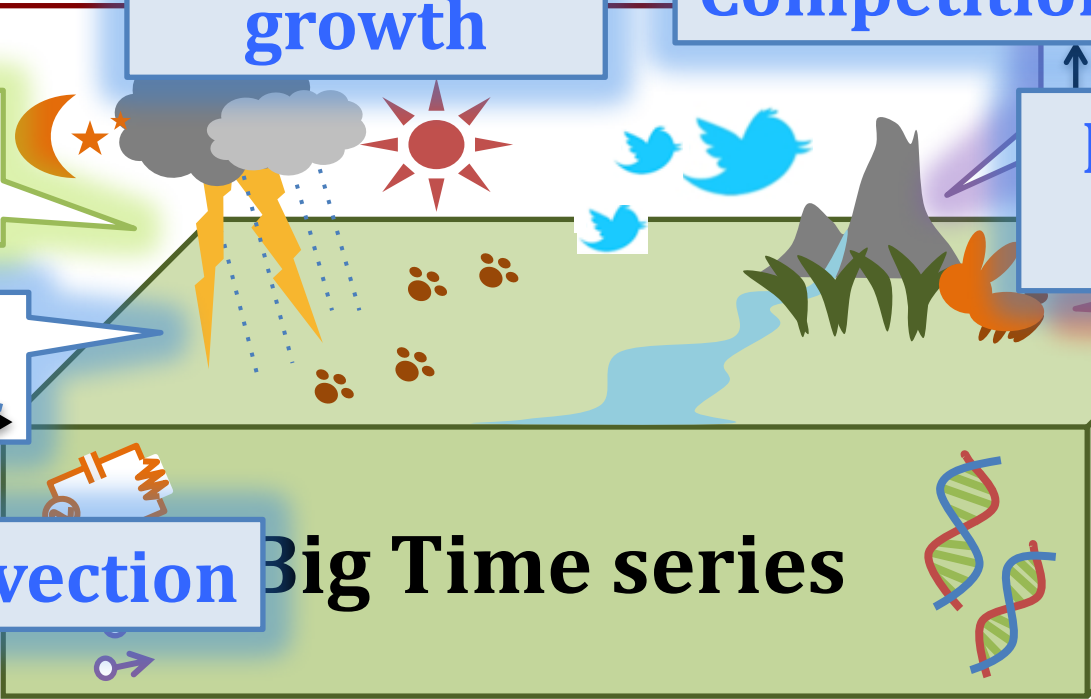
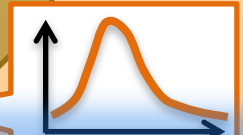
Information diffusion



Convection

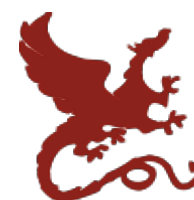
Big Time series

Epidemics





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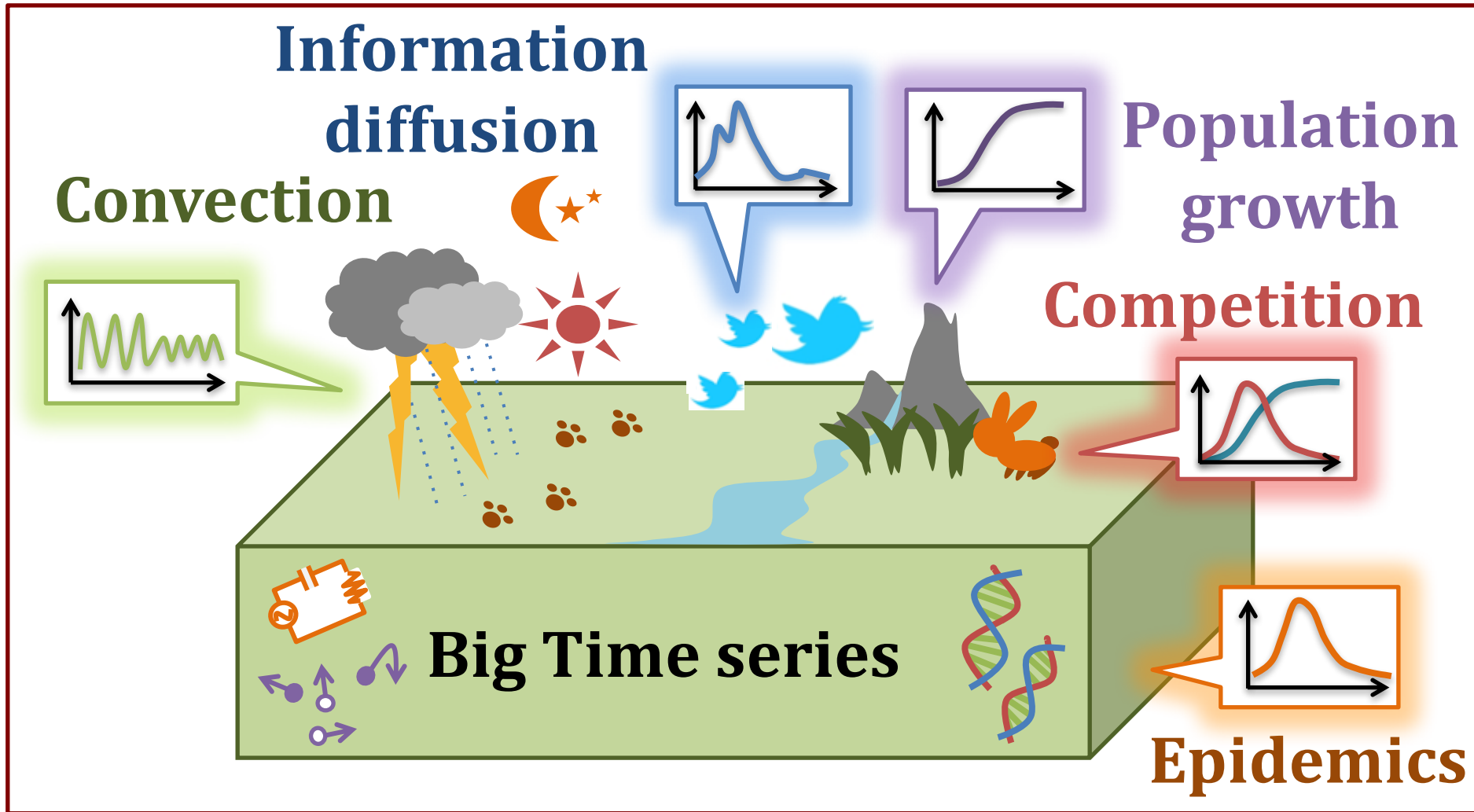
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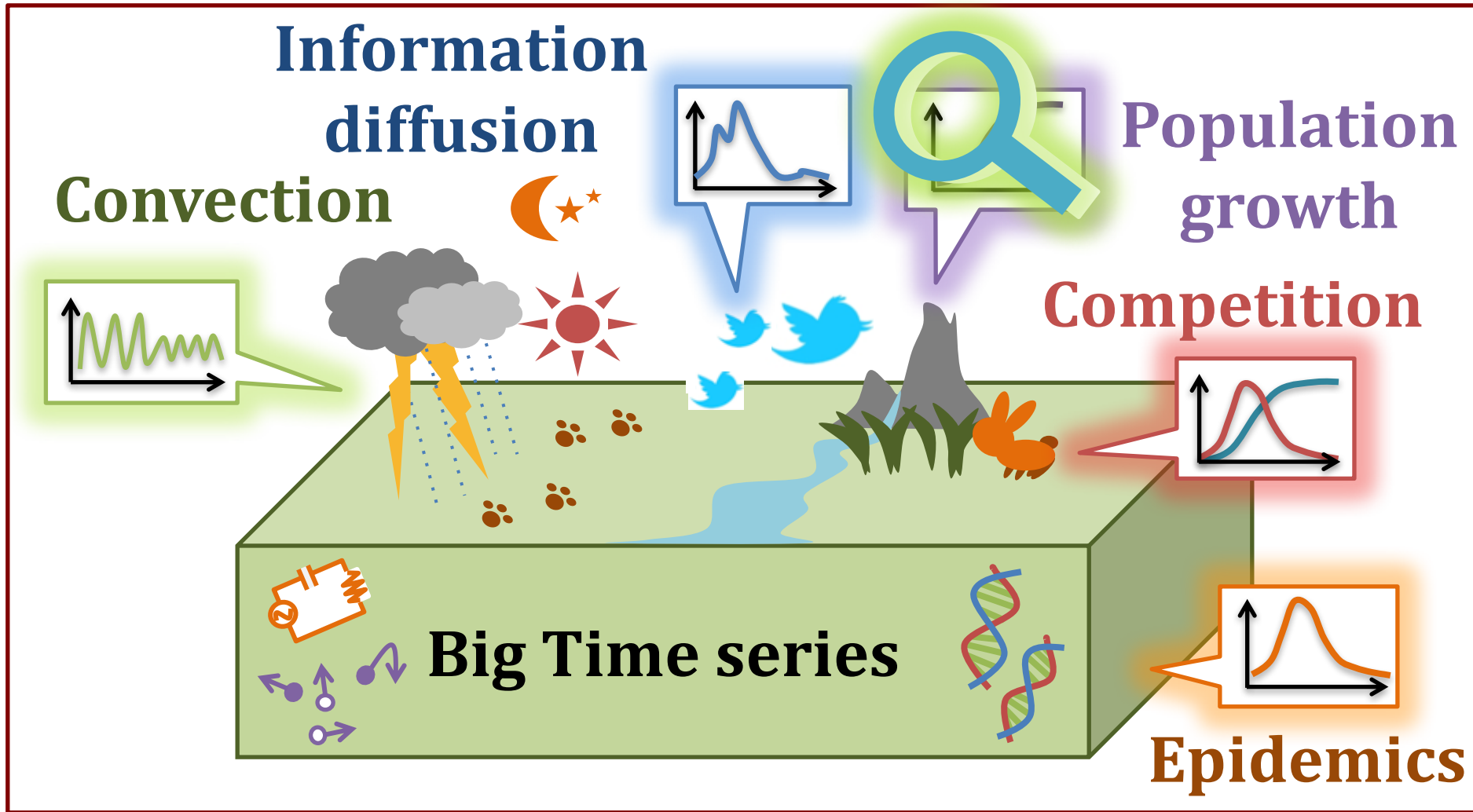
- Logistic function
- Lotka-Volterra (prey-predator, competition)
- SI, SIR models, etc.
- Lorenz equations, etc.



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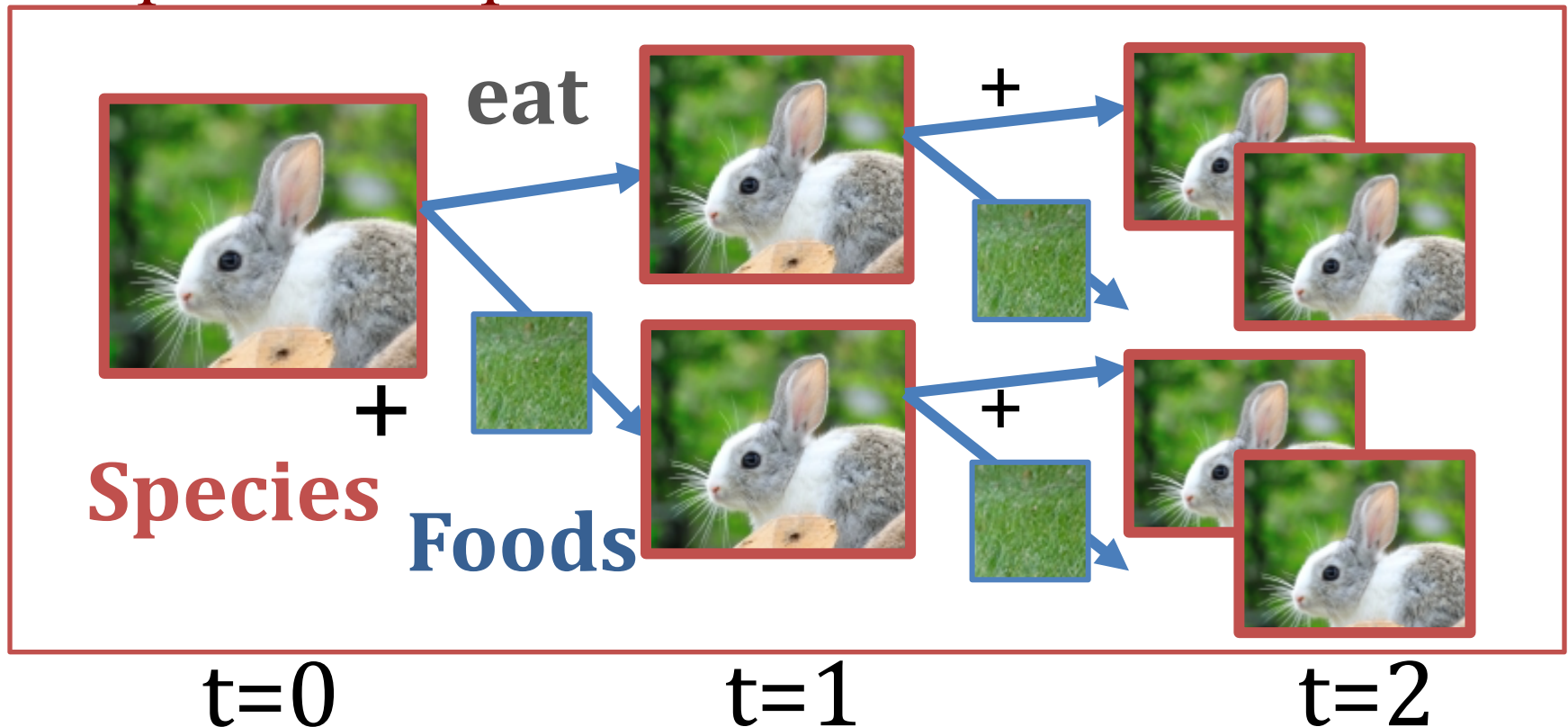


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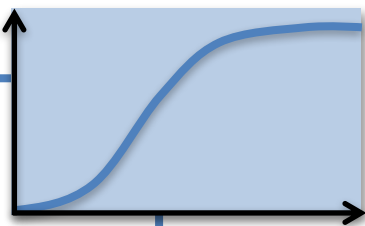


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$P$ : Population size

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = rP \left( 1 - \frac{P}{K} \right)$$


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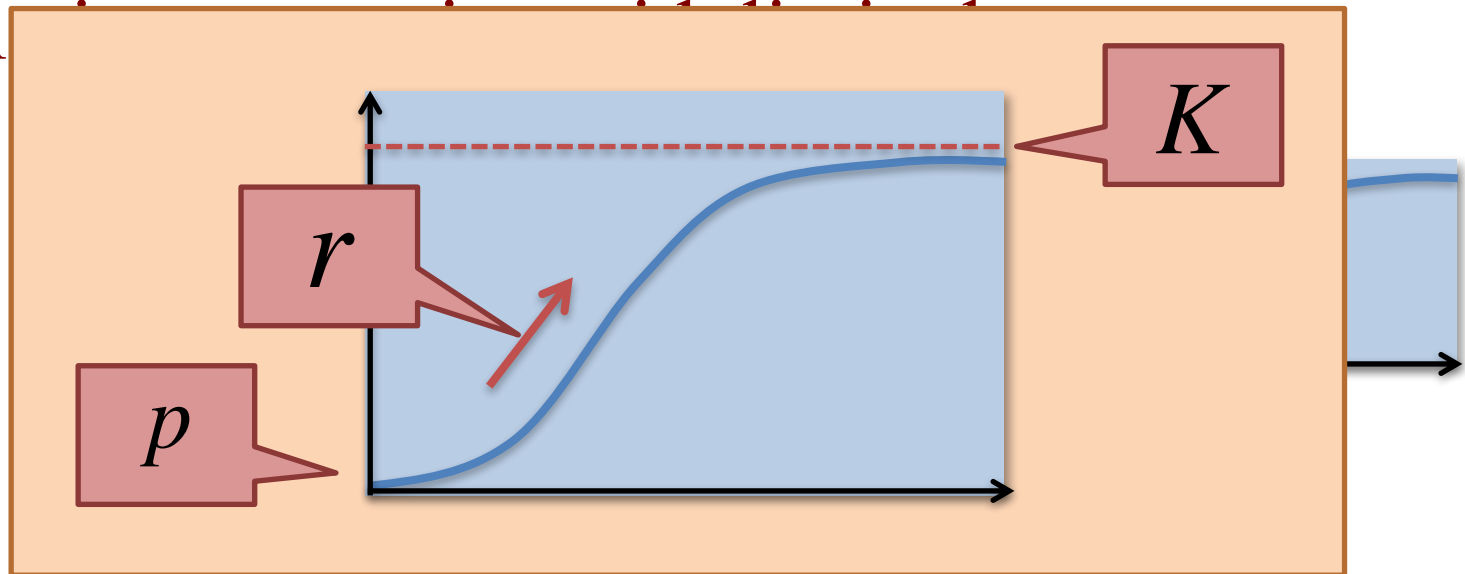
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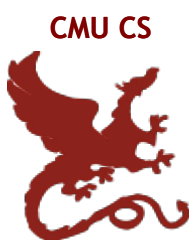
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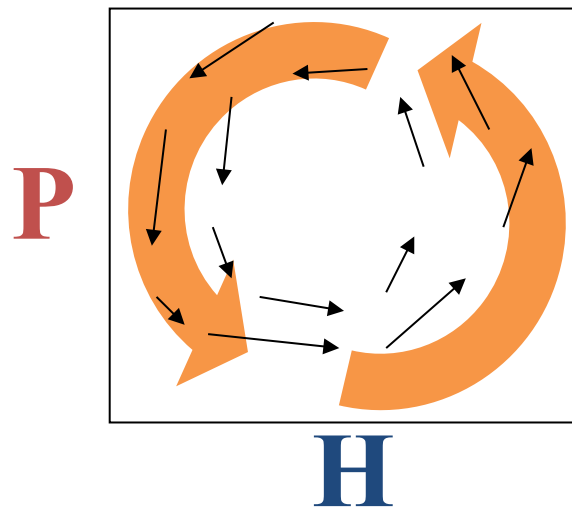
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Predator (P)

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$$\frac{dP}{dt} = bHP - mP$$



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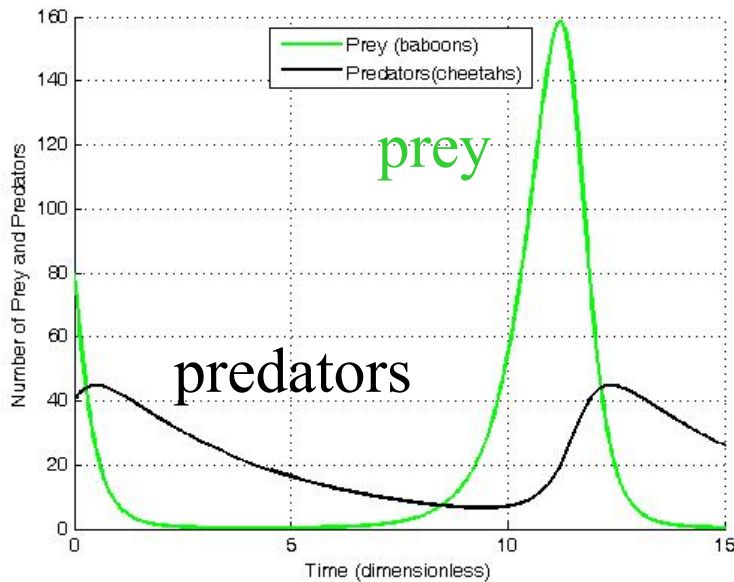
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# Solution to the Lotka-Volterra equations.

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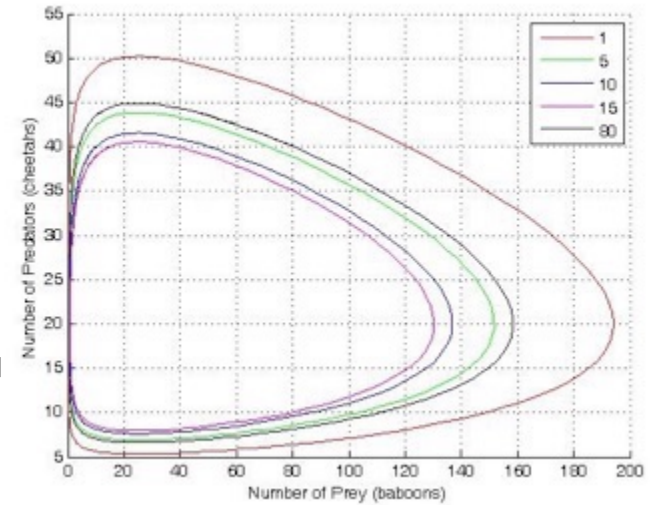
# of prey/predators



time

## Phase Space Plot

# predators



# prey

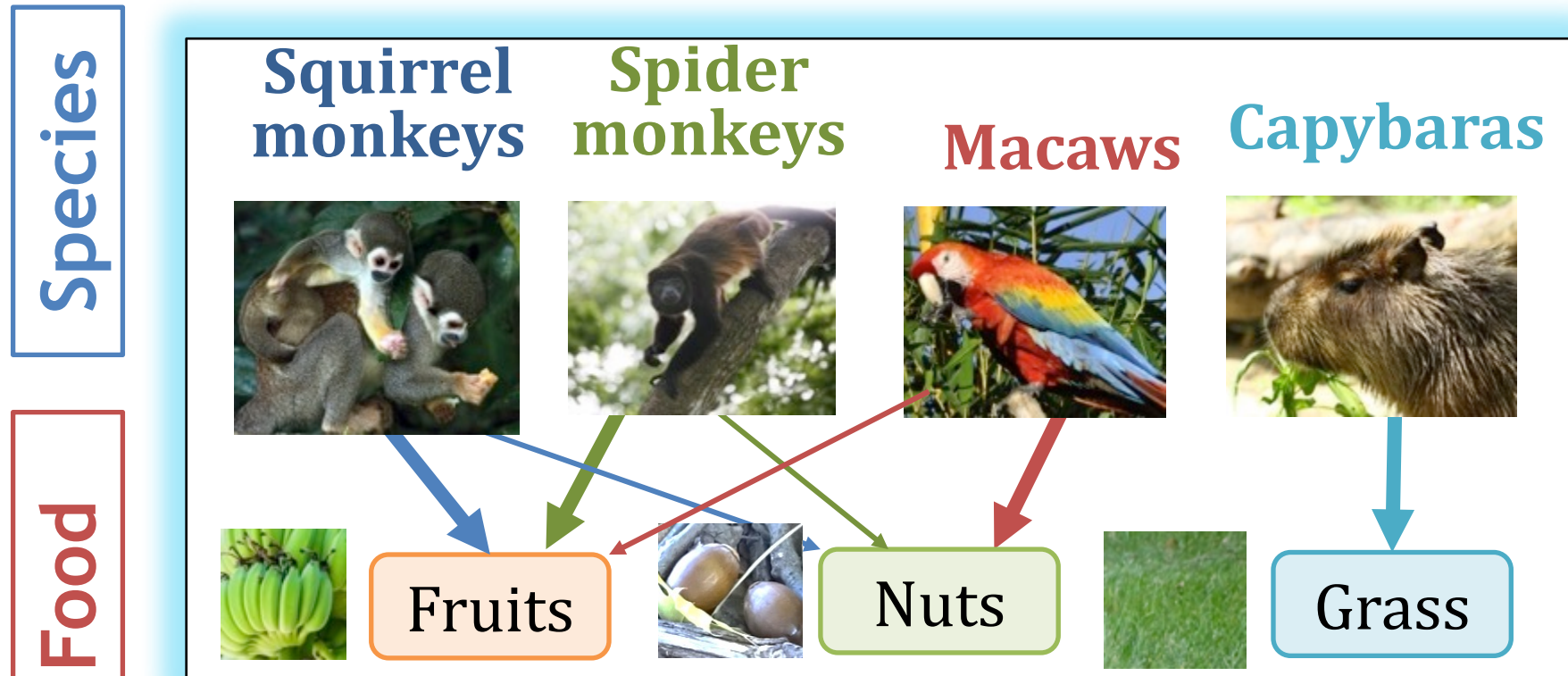
From Wikipedia





# Extension: “Competitive” Lotka-Volterra equations

Competition between multiple (d) species



## “Competition” in the Jungle

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# “Competitive”



## Lotka-Volterra equations

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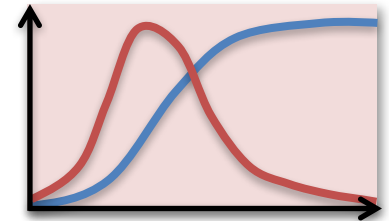
Population of species  $i$

Population of  $j$

$$\frac{dP_i}{dt} = r_i P_i \left( 1 - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^d a_{ij} P_j}{K_i} \right)$$

$(i = 1, \dots, d)$

$a_{ij}$ : Interaction coefficient  
i.e., effect rate of species  $j$  on  $i$





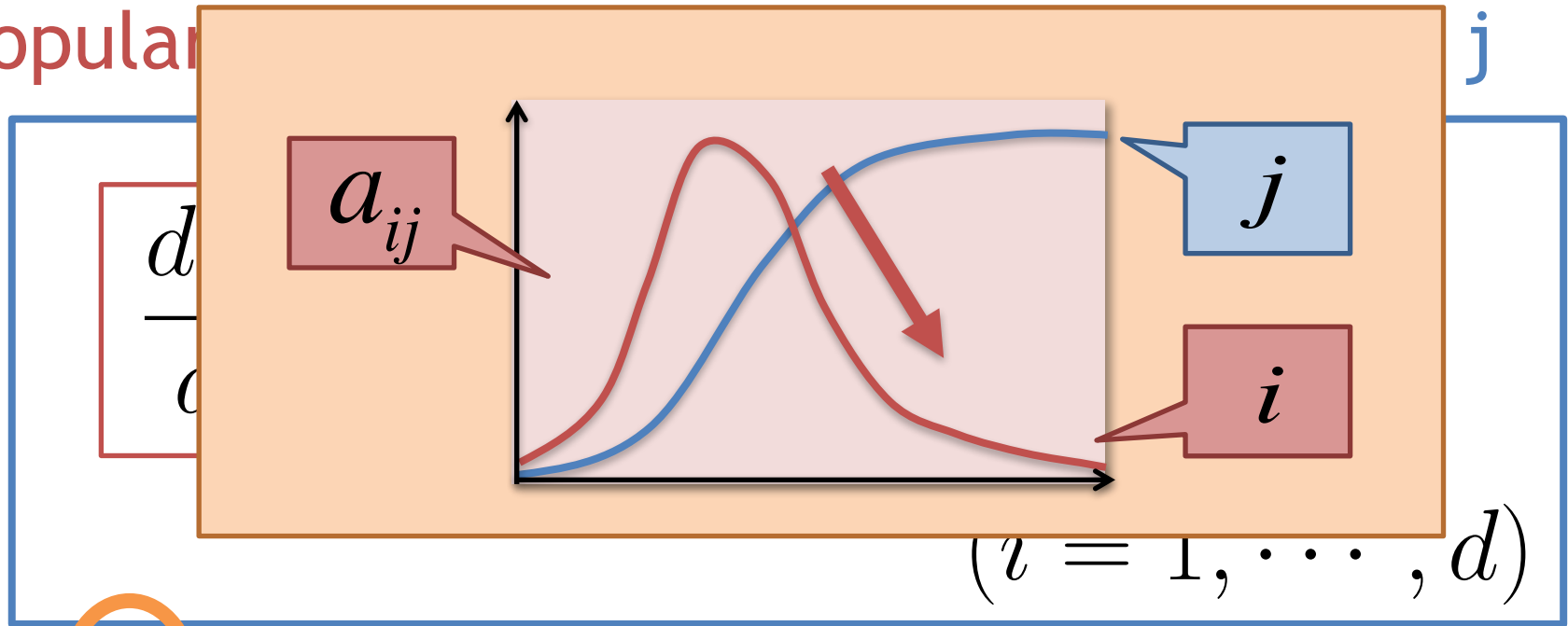
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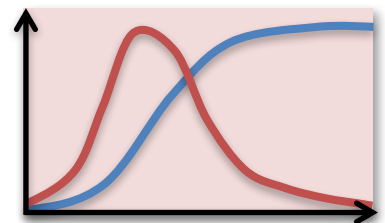
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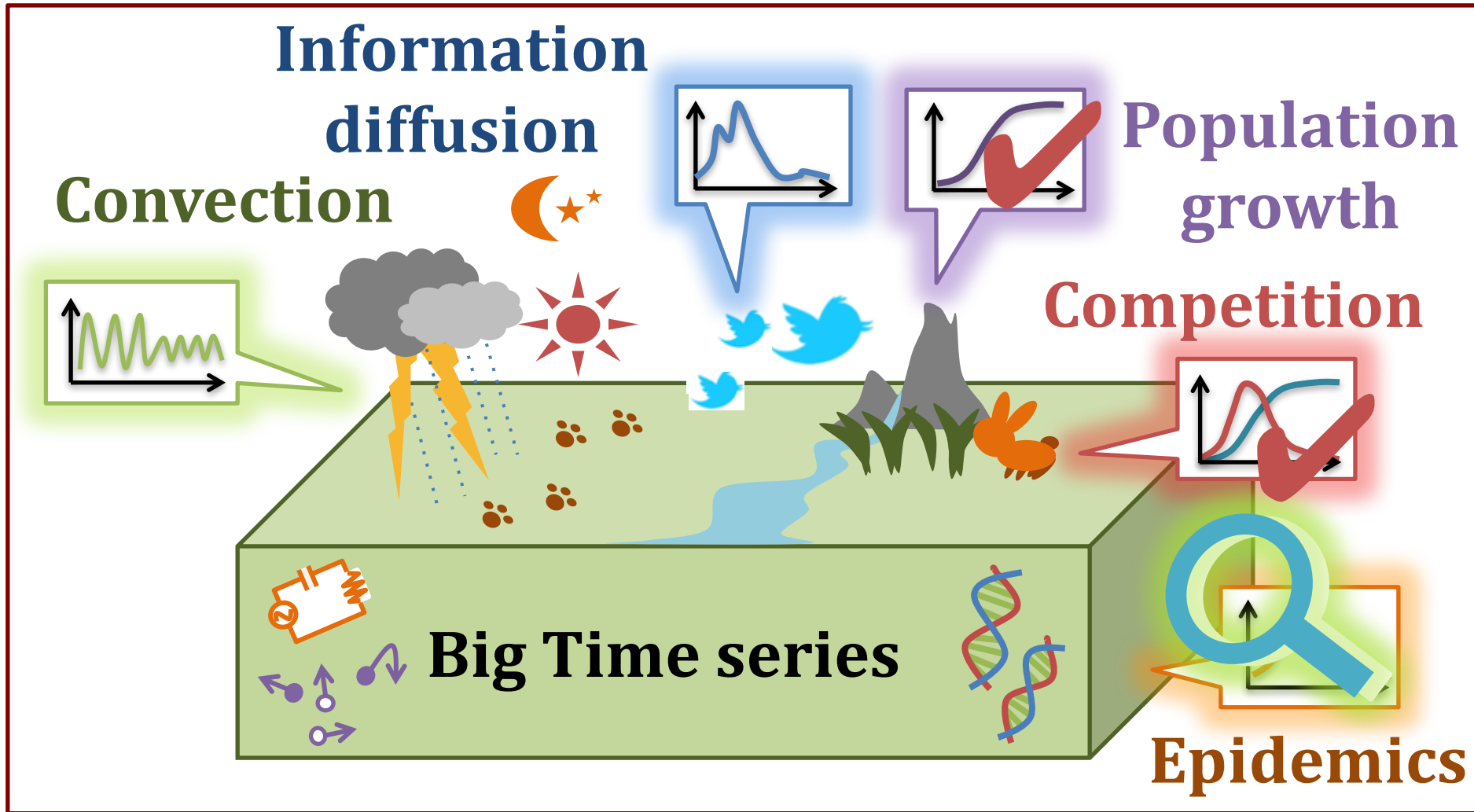
## Lotka-Volterra equations

- Biological interaction
  - Table: Type of interaction

0 : no effect  
 - : detrimental  
 + : beneficial

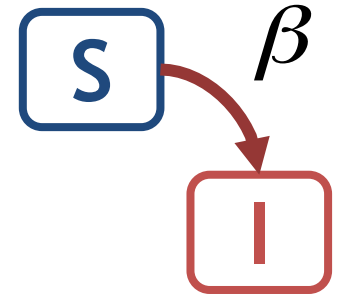
		Species B		
		+	0	-
Species A	+	Mutualism		
	0	Commensalism	Neutralism	
	-	Antagonism	Amensalism	Competition

# Grey-box mining and non-linear equations



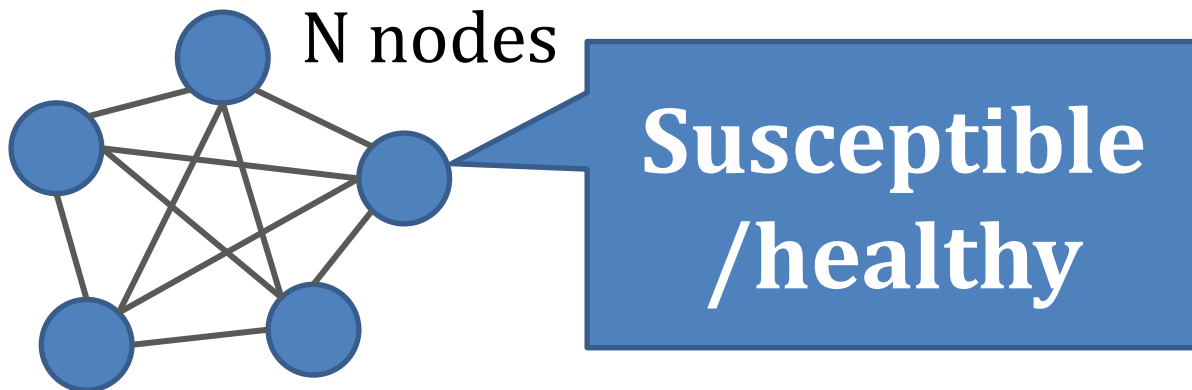
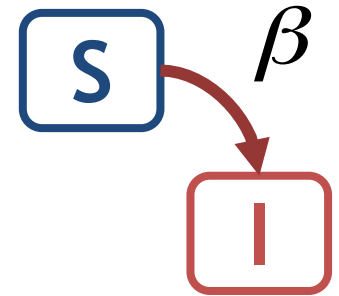
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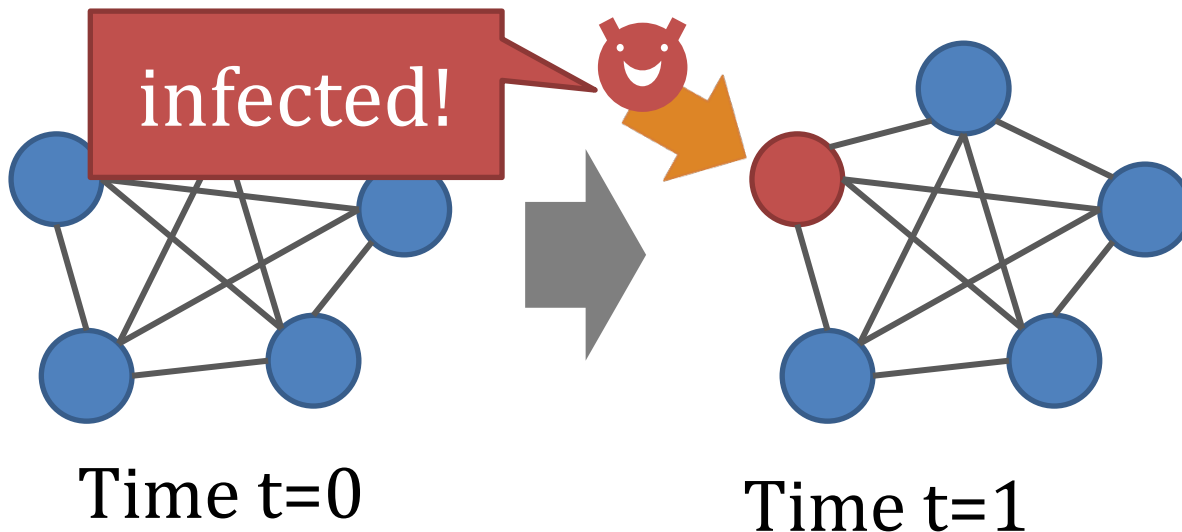
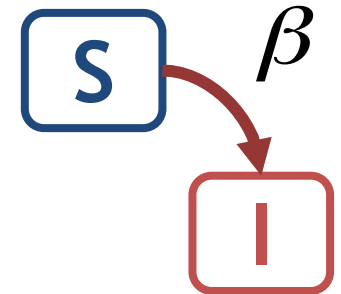
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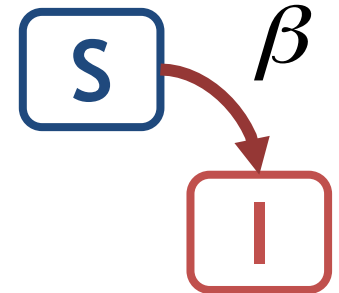
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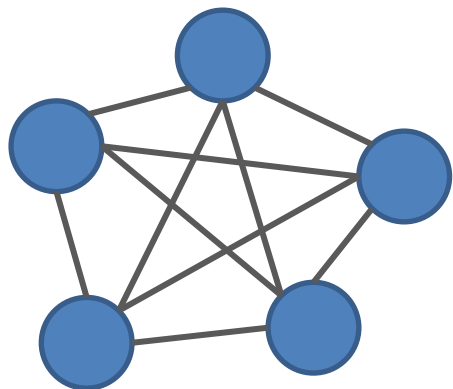
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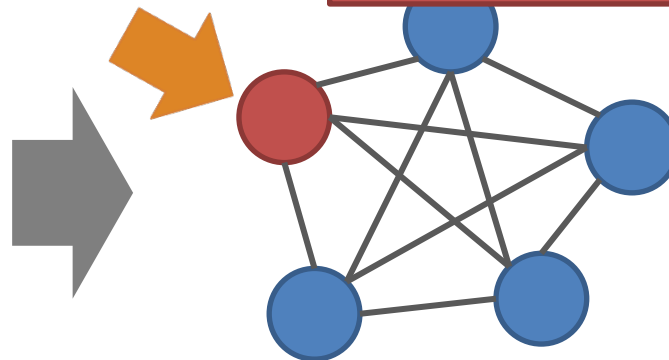
$\beta$ : infection rate



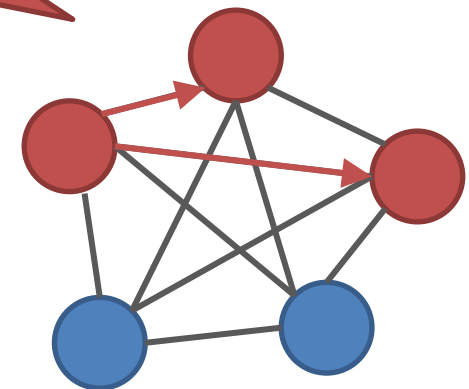
Prob.  $\beta$



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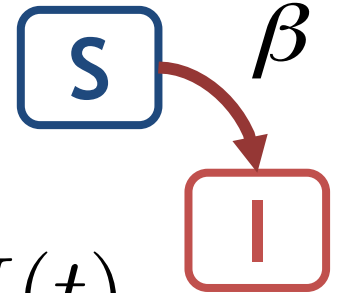
Time  $t=1$



Time  $t=2$

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$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -\beta SI$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = +\beta SI$$

$$N = S(t) + I(t)$$

$\beta$  : Infection strength  
 $N$  : Population size

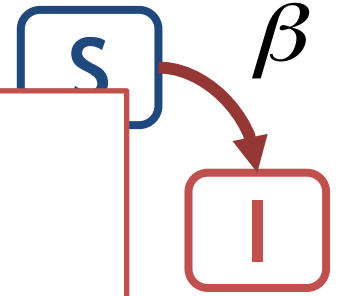
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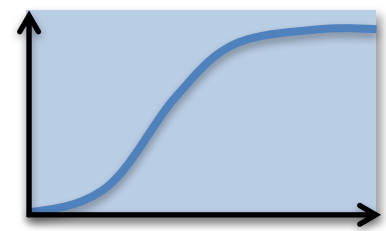
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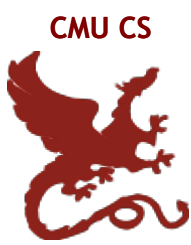
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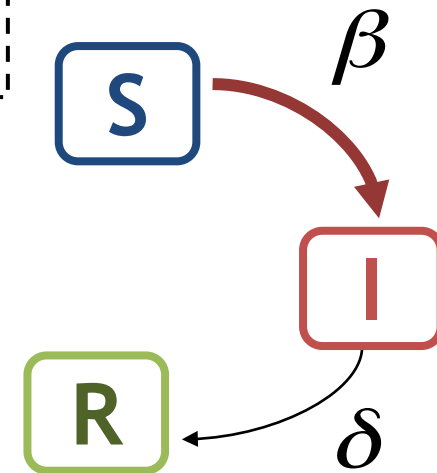
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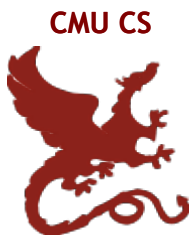
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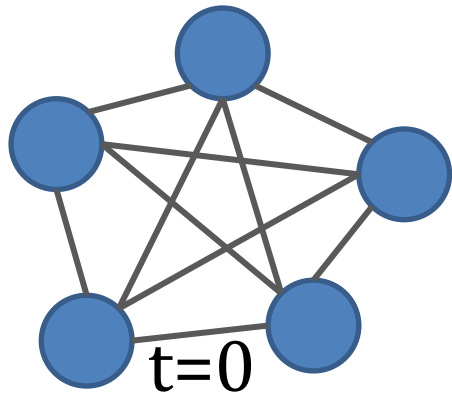
$\beta$  : Infection rate  
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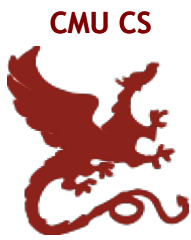


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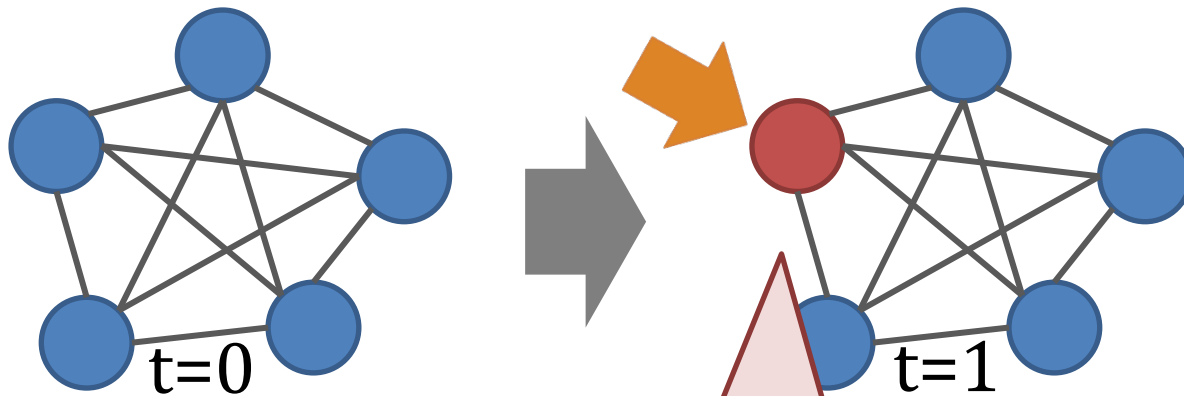



N nodes  
(healthy)

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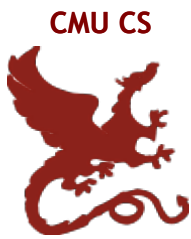


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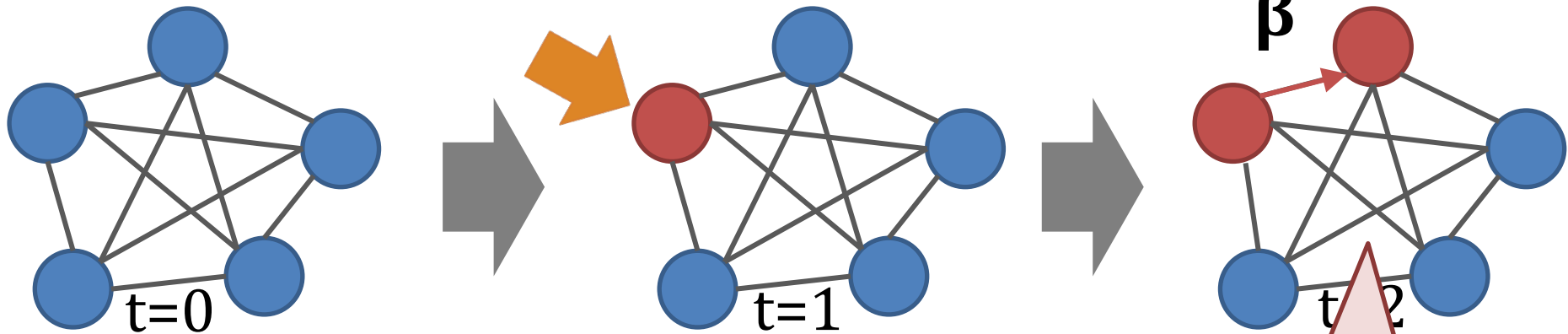



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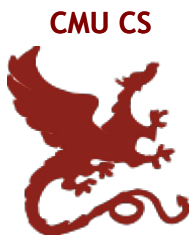


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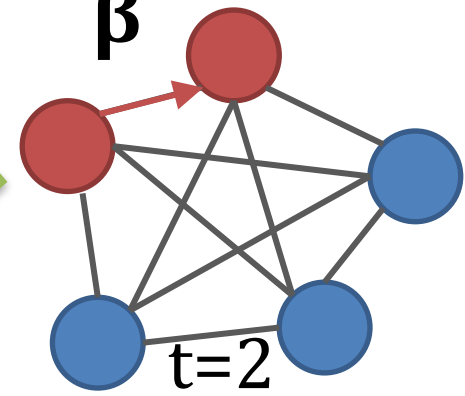
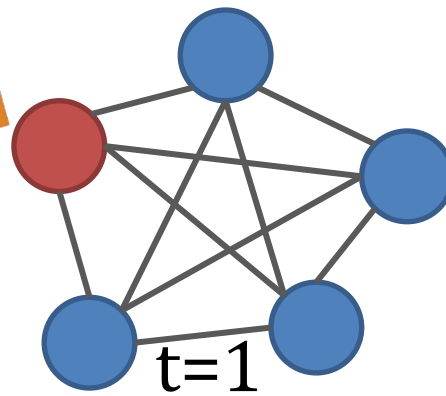
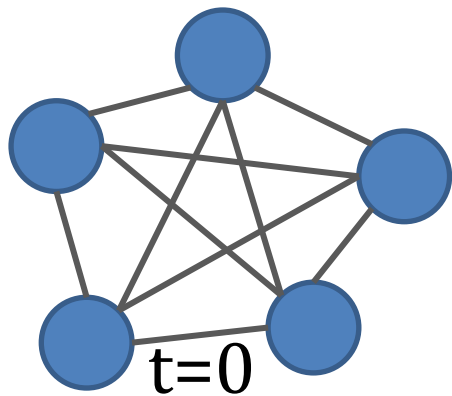


Propagation 

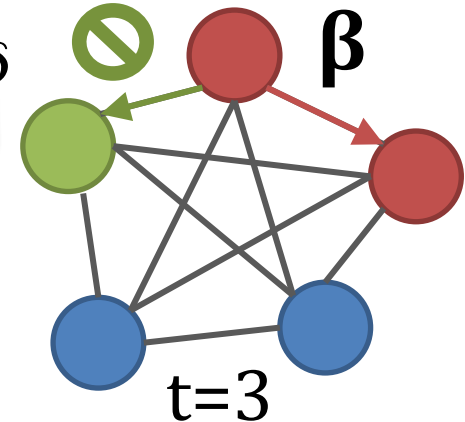
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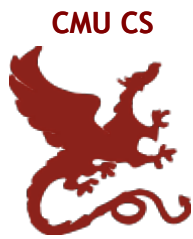
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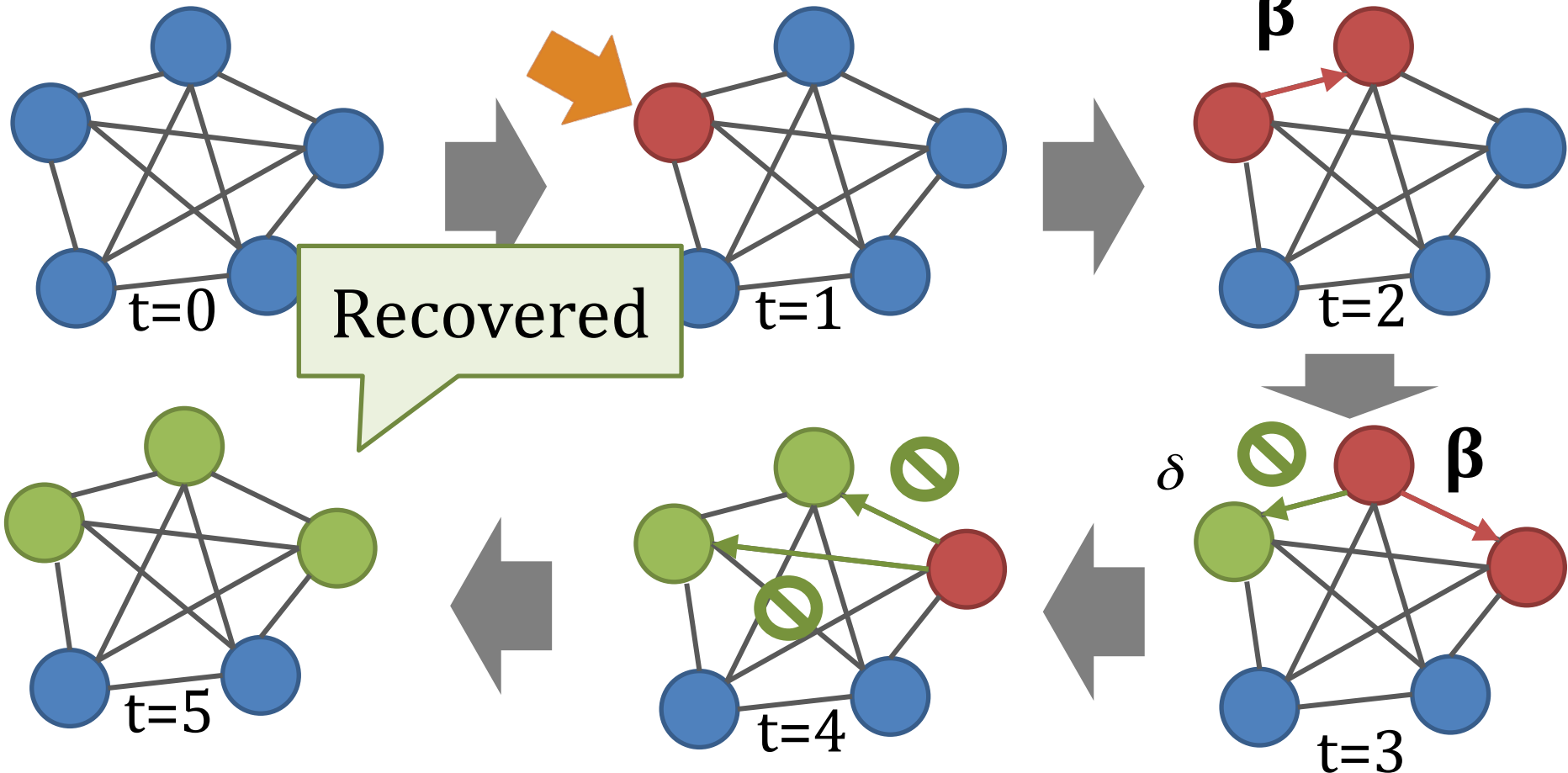
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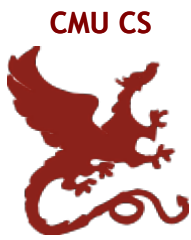
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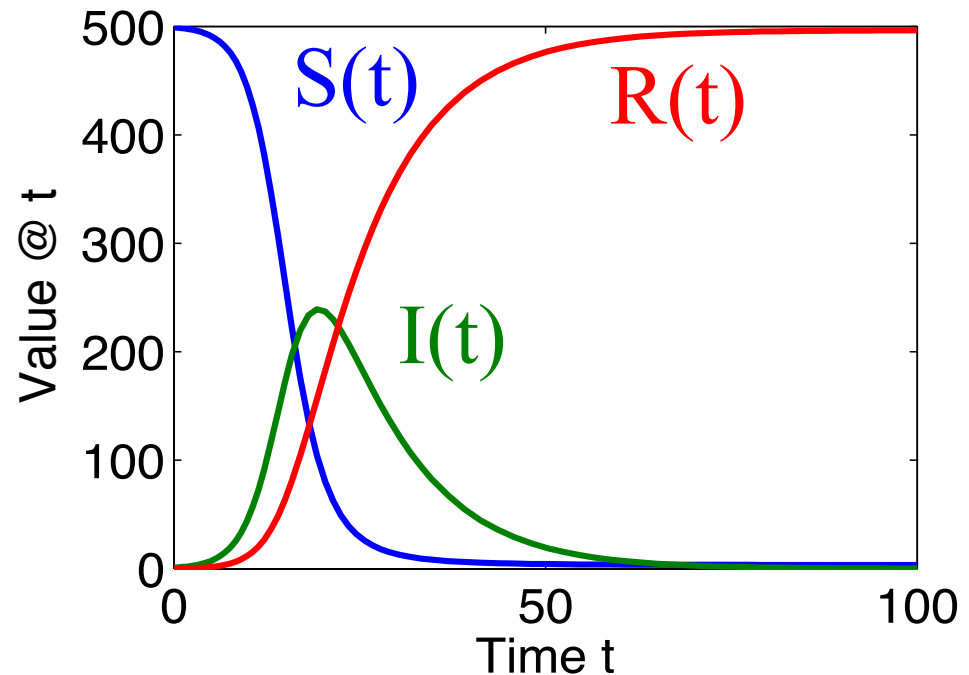
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$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \frac{\beta SI}{N} - \delta I$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \delta I$$

$$S(t) + I(t) + R(t) = N$$

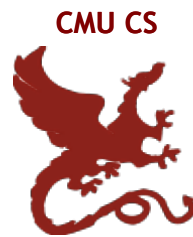


$\beta$  : Infection rate

$\delta$  : Recovery rate

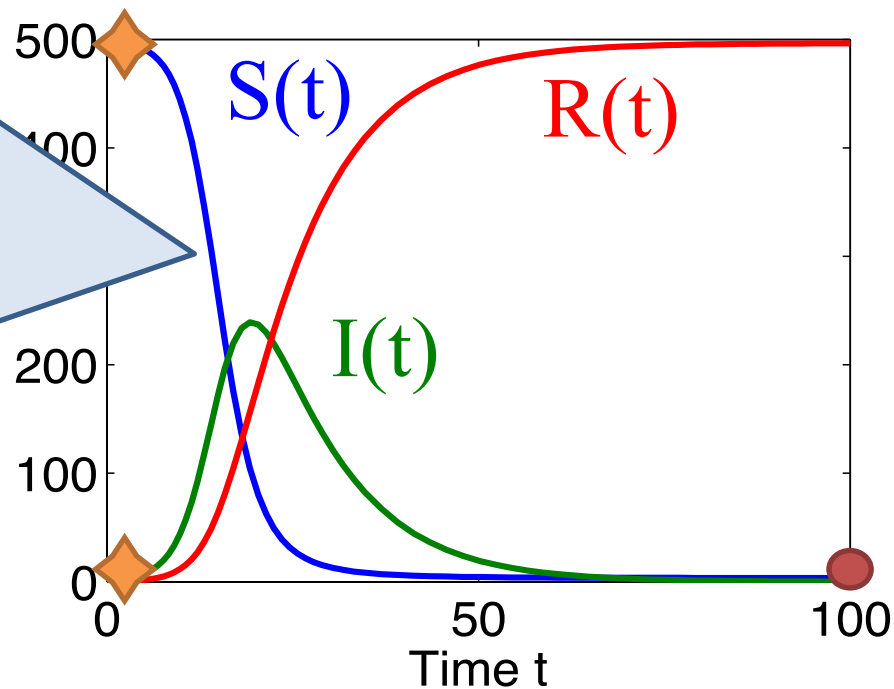
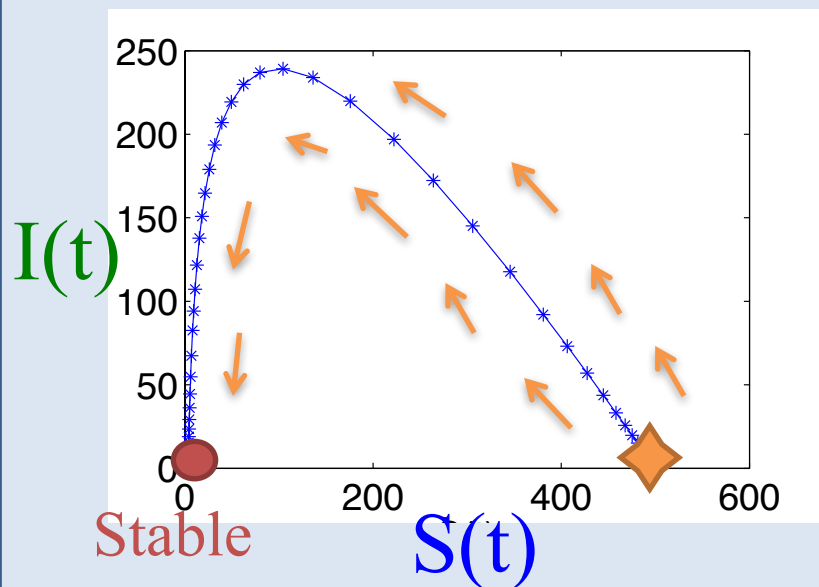


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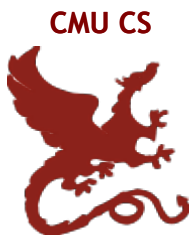
Phase plane:  $S(t)$  vs.  $I(t)$



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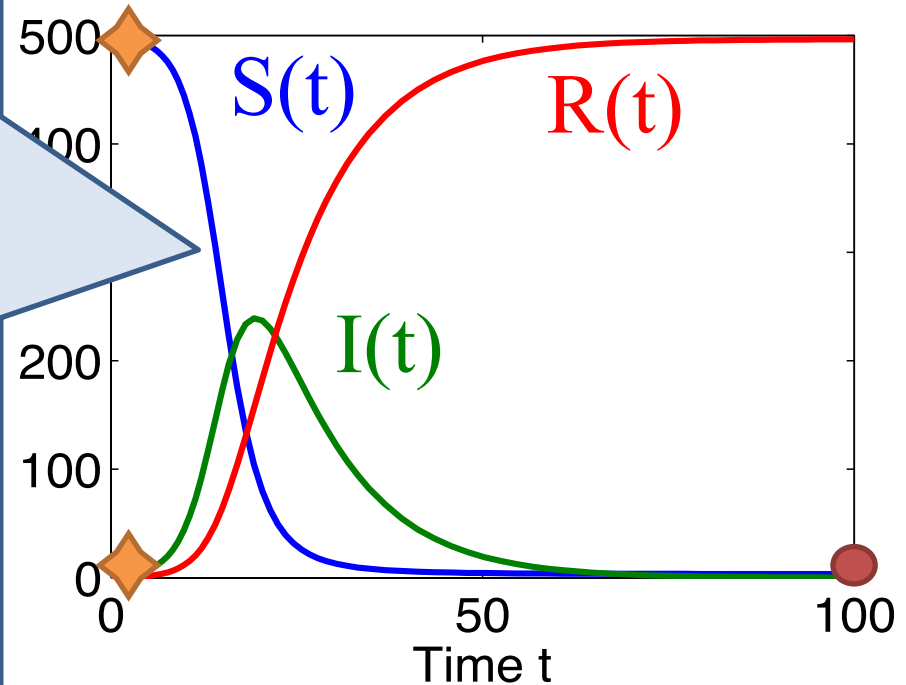
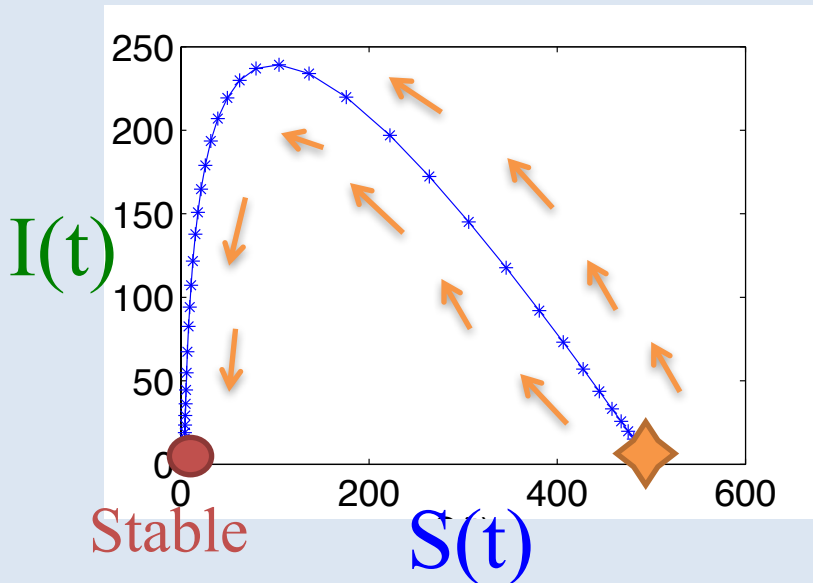
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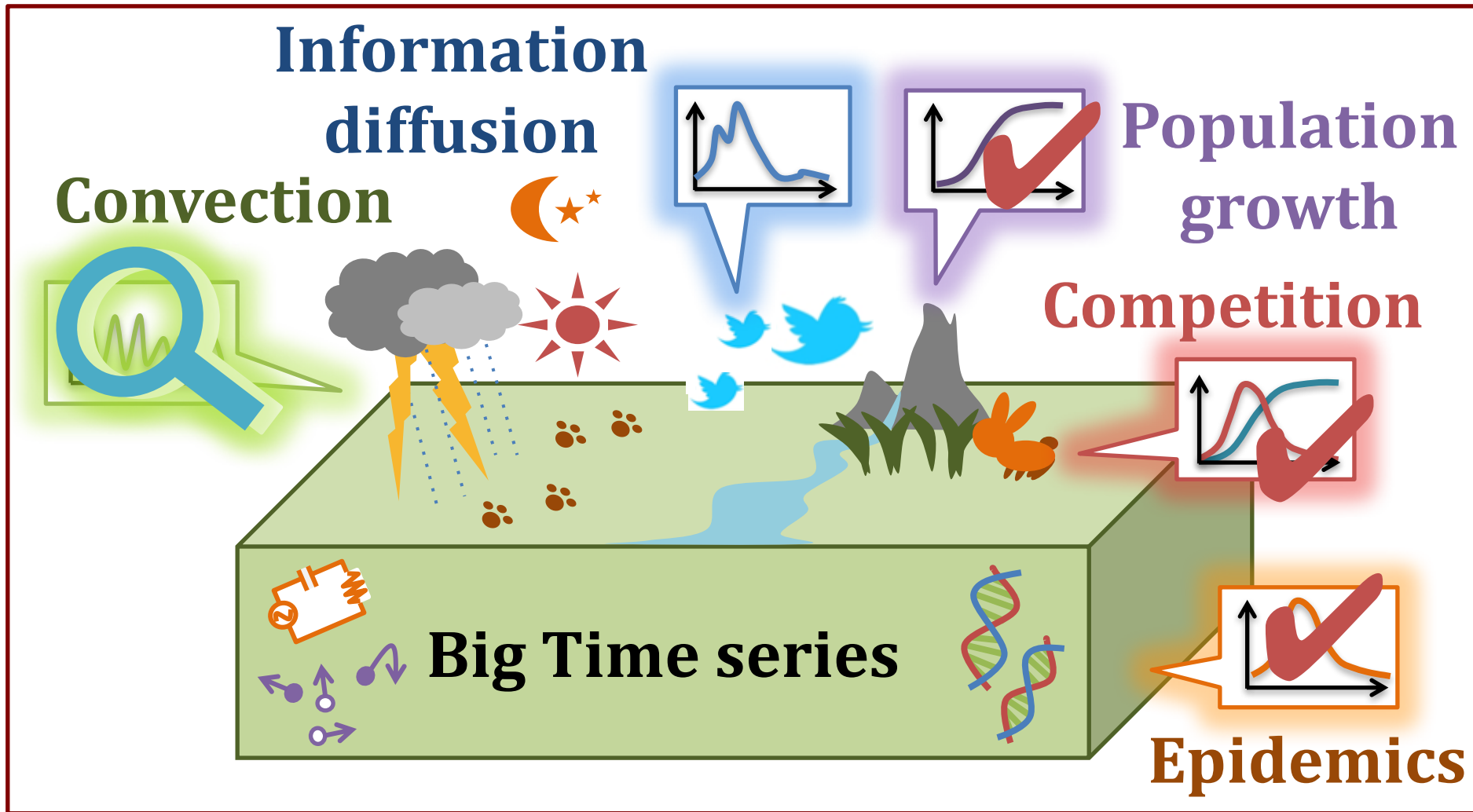
## Other virus propagation models (“VPM”)

- **SIS** : susceptible-infected-susceptible, flu-like
- **SIRS** : **temporary** immunity, like pertussis
- **SEIR** : mumps-like, with virus **incubation**  
(E = Exposed)
- **SEIR-birth/death**: with birth/death rate

## Underlying contact-network

- ‘who-can-infect-whom’

# Grey-box mining and non-linear equations





# Other non-linear models

LORENZ: eqs. for atmospheric convection

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \sigma(y - x)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = x(\rho - z) - y$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = xy - \beta z$$

- x: convective intensity
- y: temperature difference between ascending and descending currents
- z: difference in vertical temperature profile from linearity



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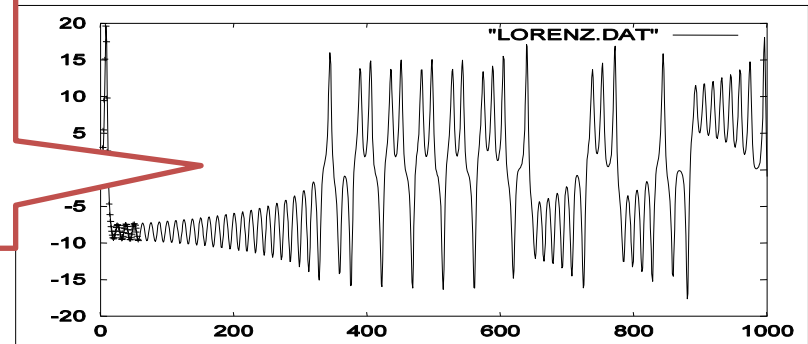
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Butterfly effect  
(chaos)

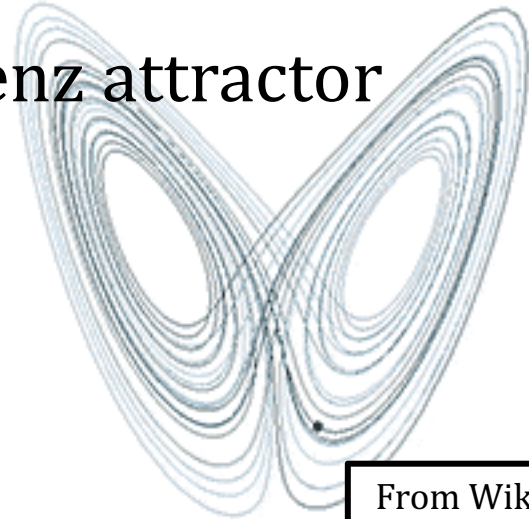
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Lorenz attractor



From Wikipedia

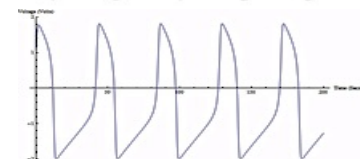
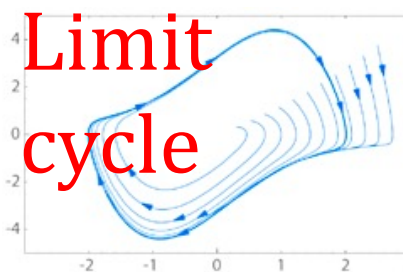
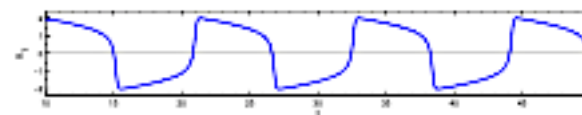


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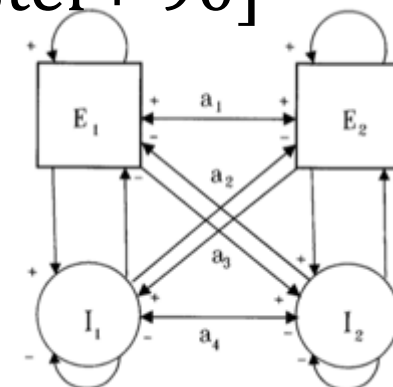


From Wikipedia

- Van del Pol oscillator
  - Electric circuits, heart-beats, neurons
- FitzHugh-Nagumo model
  - An excitable system (e.g., a neuron)
- Excitatory-inhibitory (EI) model
  - Neuronal oscillations in the visual cortex
  - Epilepsy



[Schuster+ 90]



- ...
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# Part 2 Roadmap



## Problem

- ✓ Why: “non-linear” modeling

## Fundamentals

- ✓ Non-linear (“gray-box”) models

## Applications

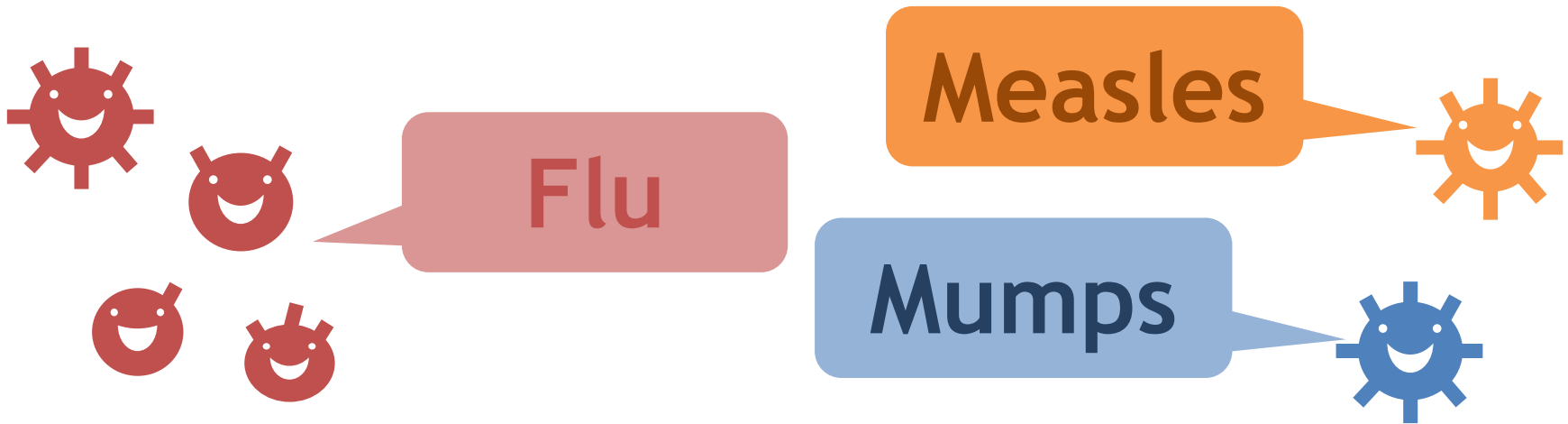


- Epidemics (skips, competition, “shocks”)
- Information diffusion
- Online competition

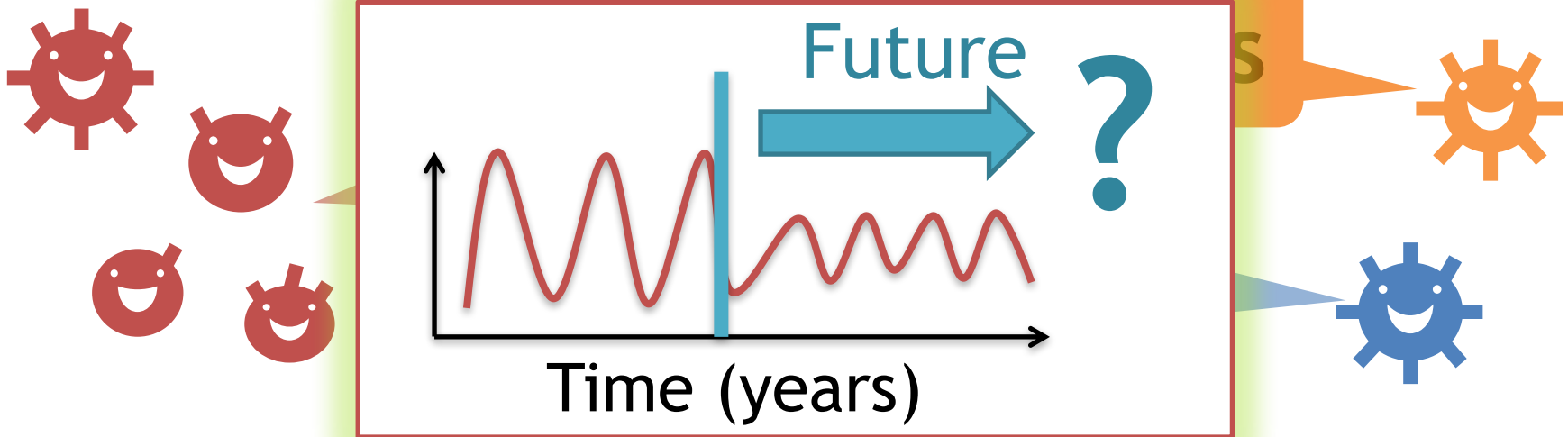




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Q. Can we forecast future epidemics? 🐼

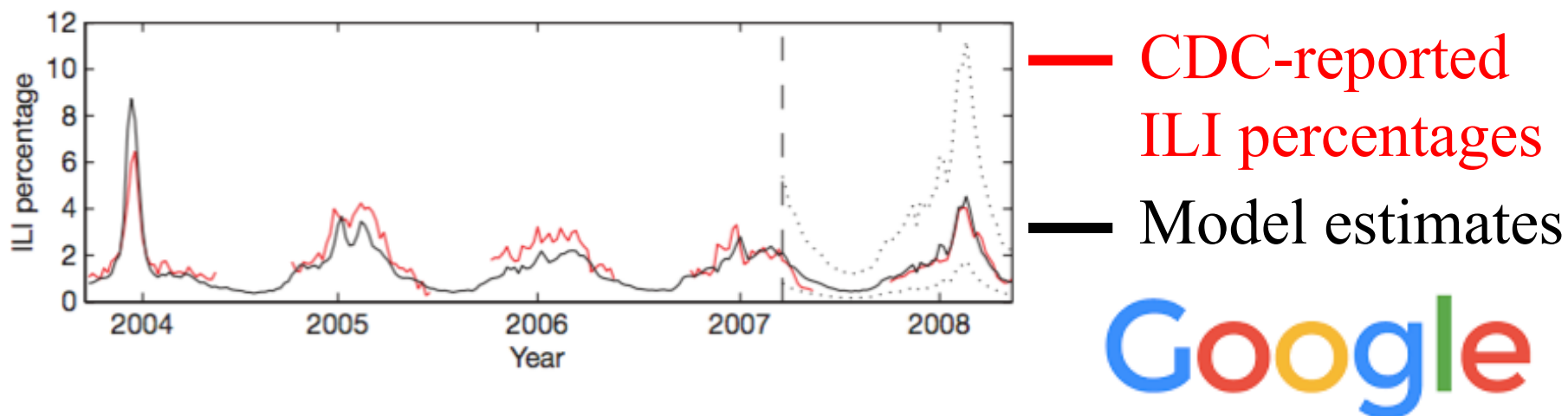




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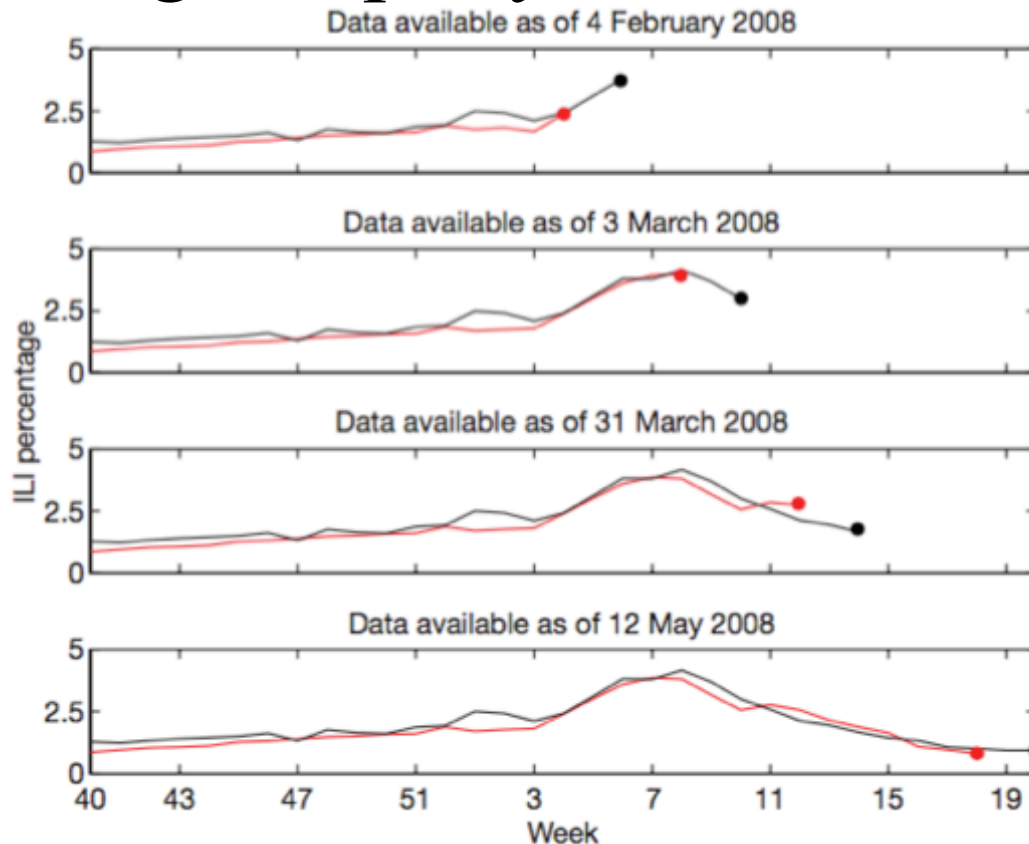
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CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
 ILI: influenza-like illness

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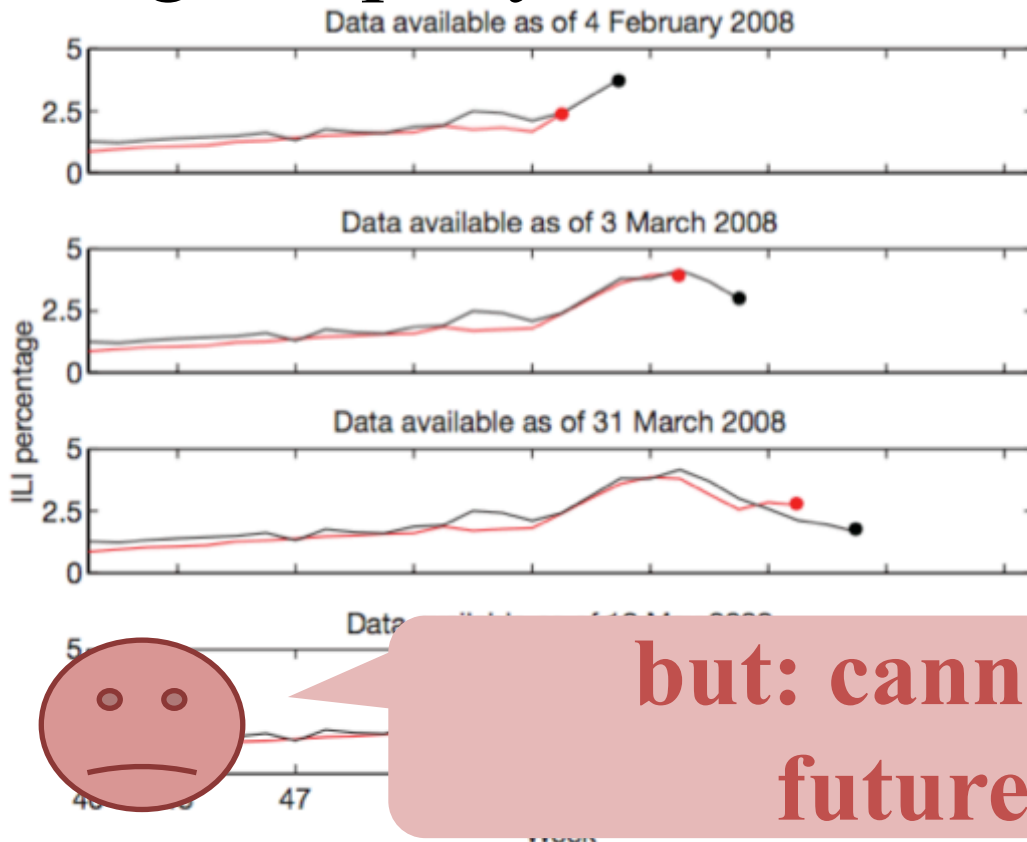


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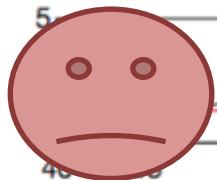
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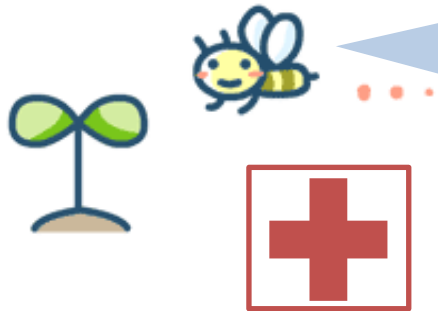
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but: cannot forecast future events

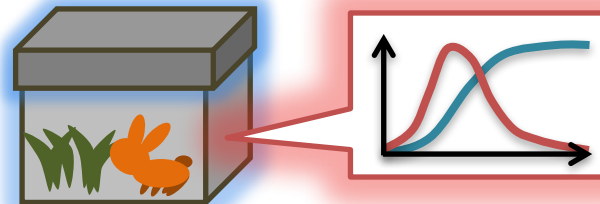


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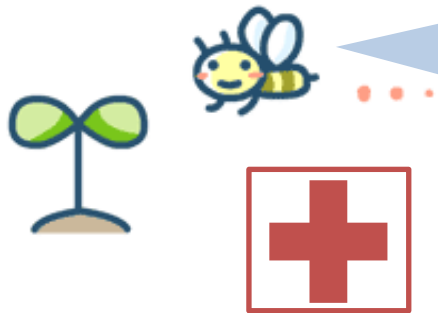
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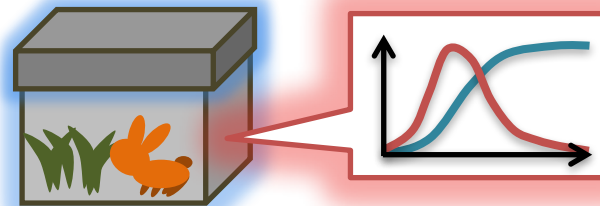


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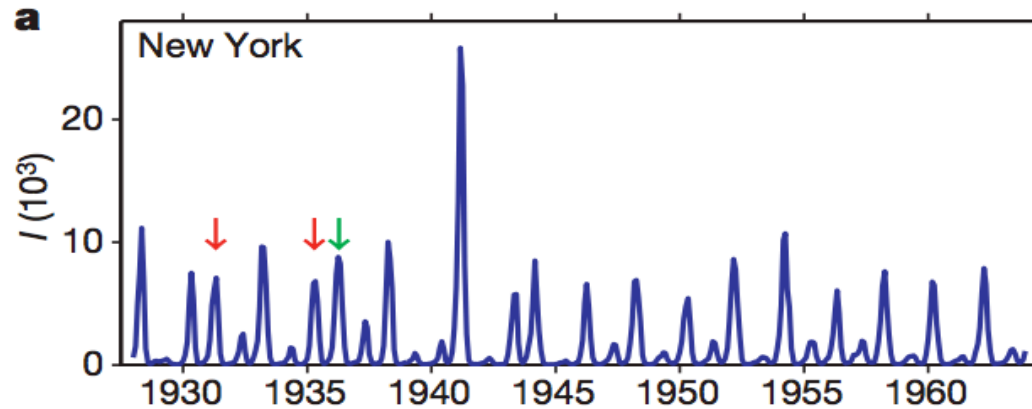
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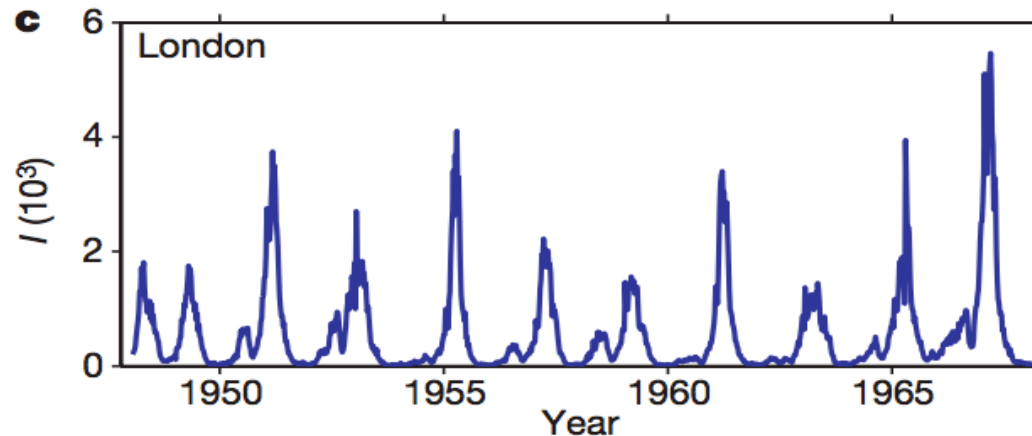
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New York



London



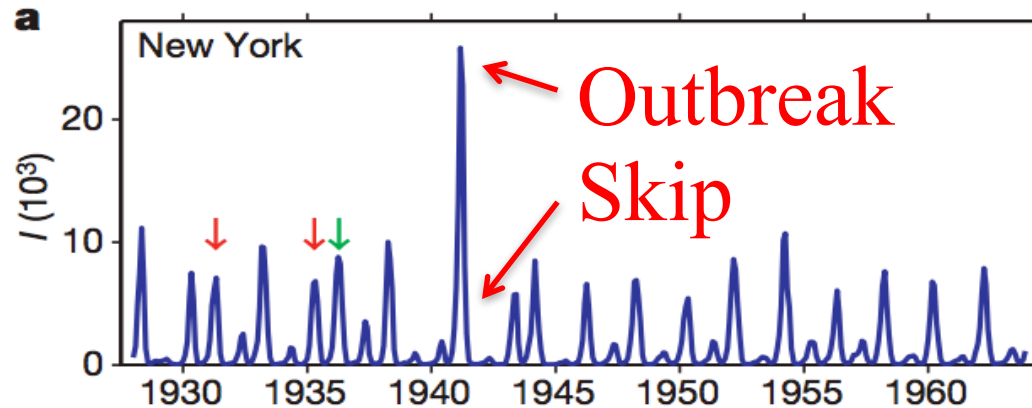


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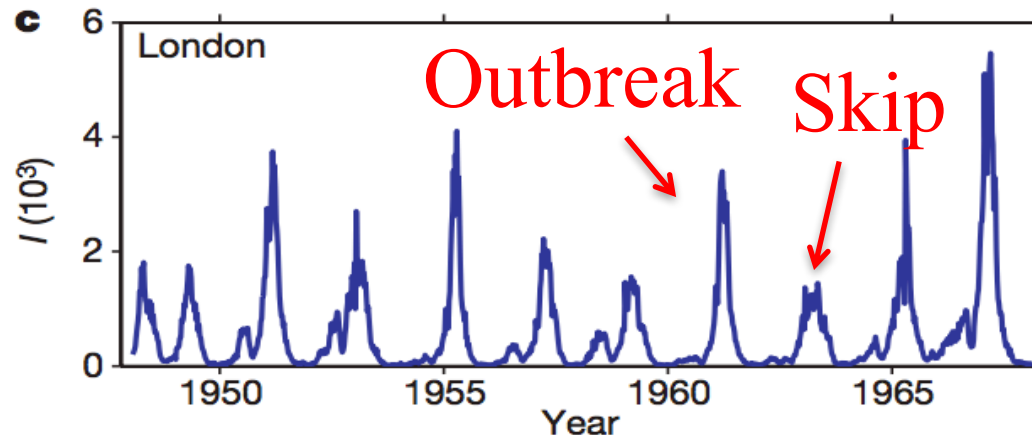
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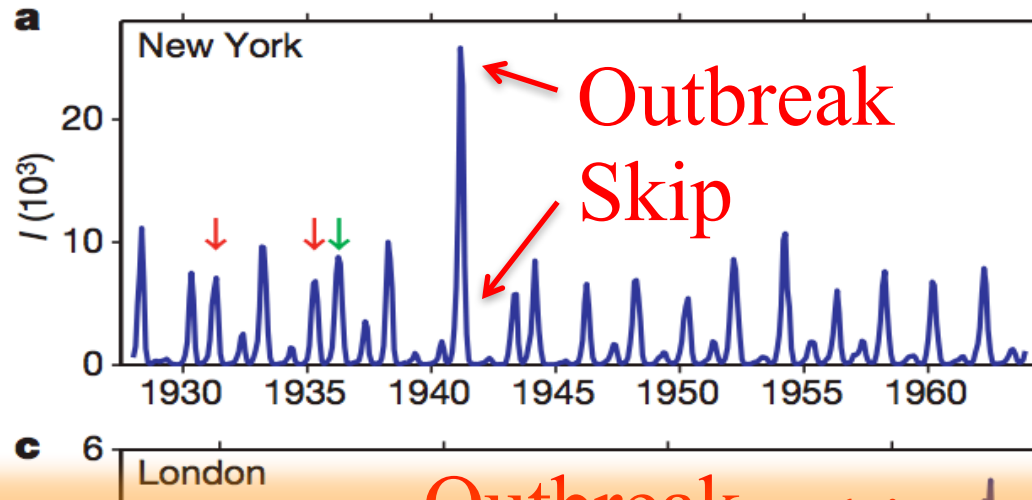


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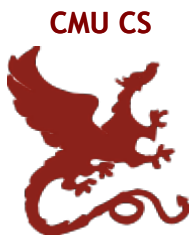
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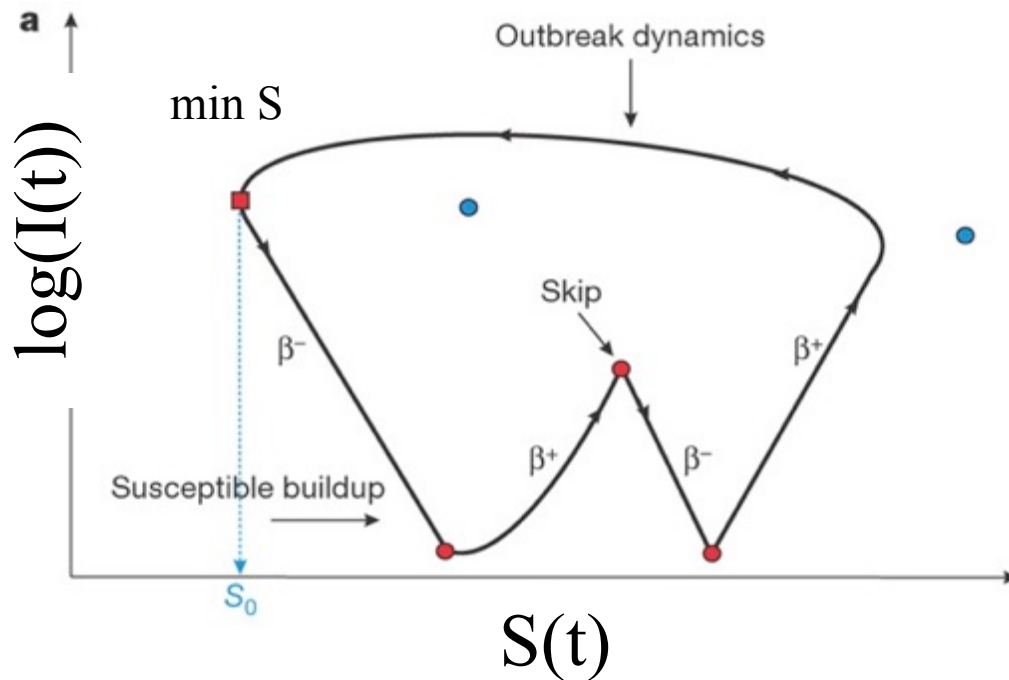
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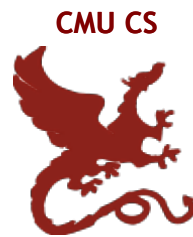
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Contact rate  
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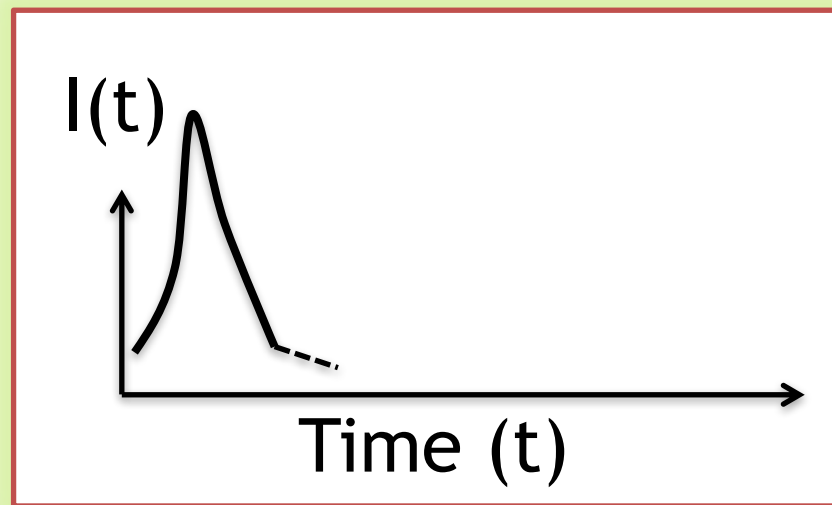
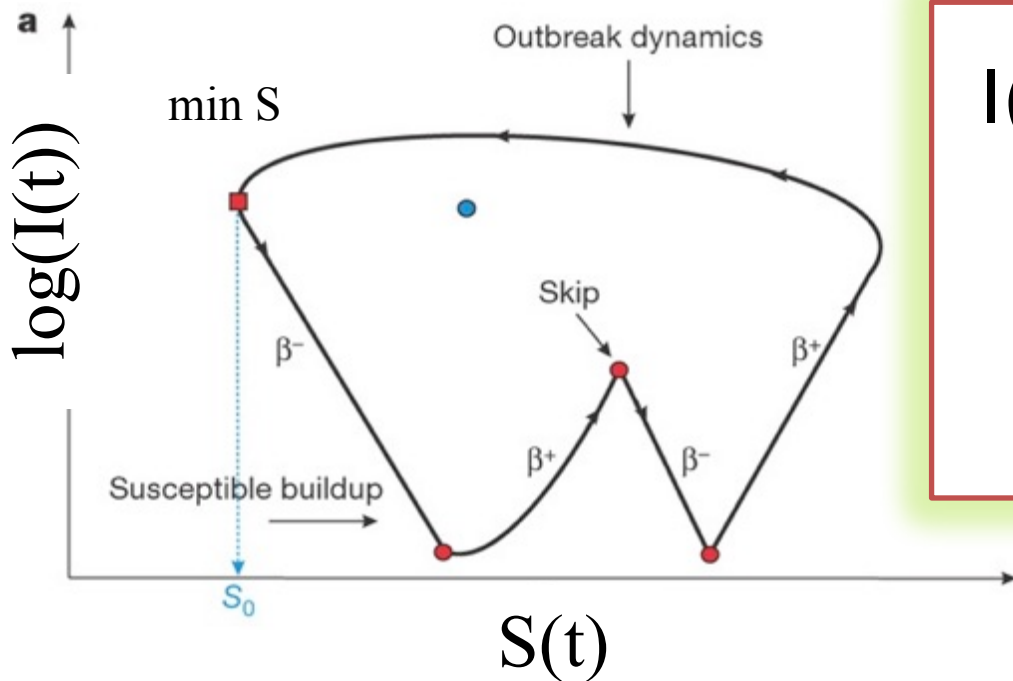
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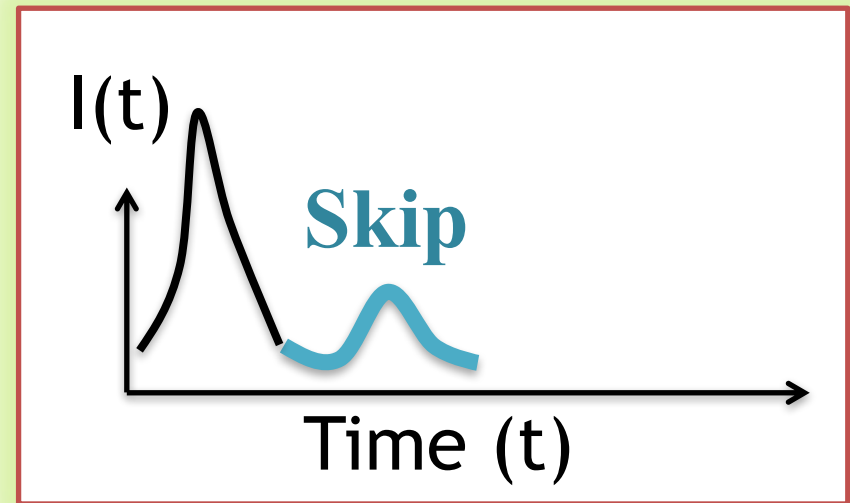
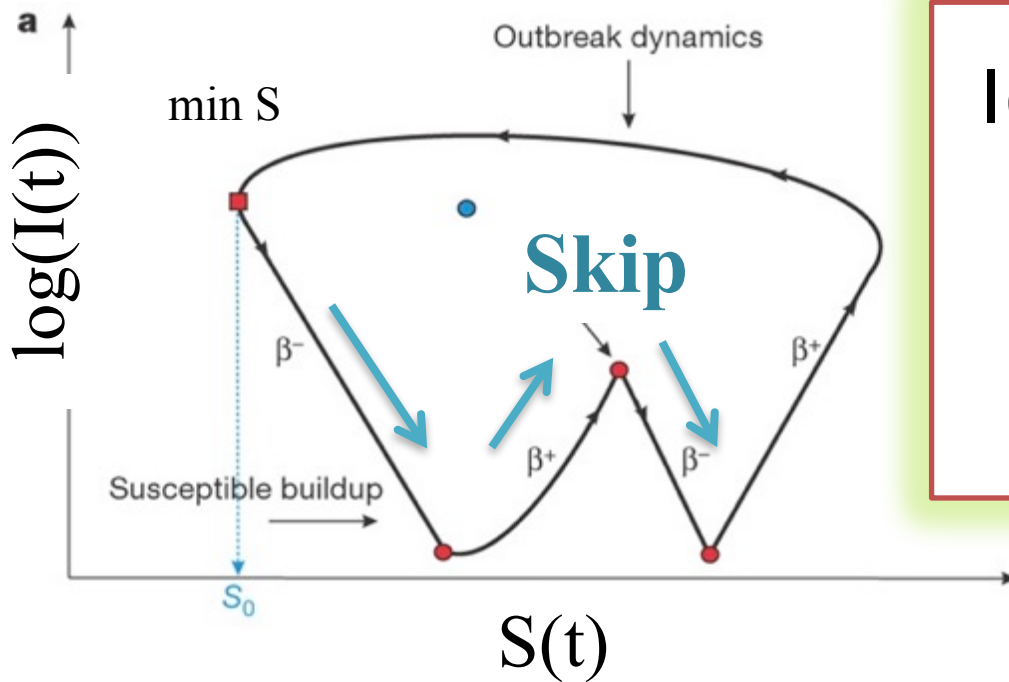
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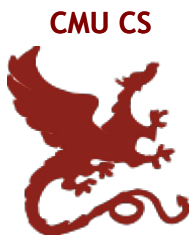
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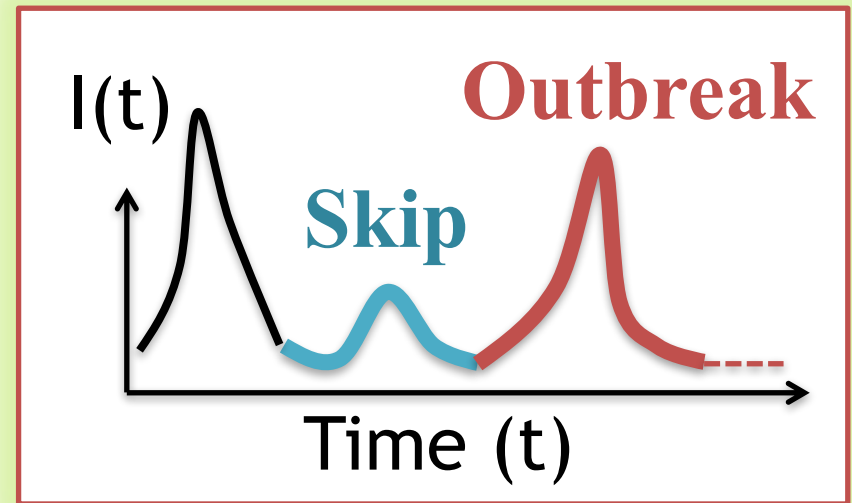
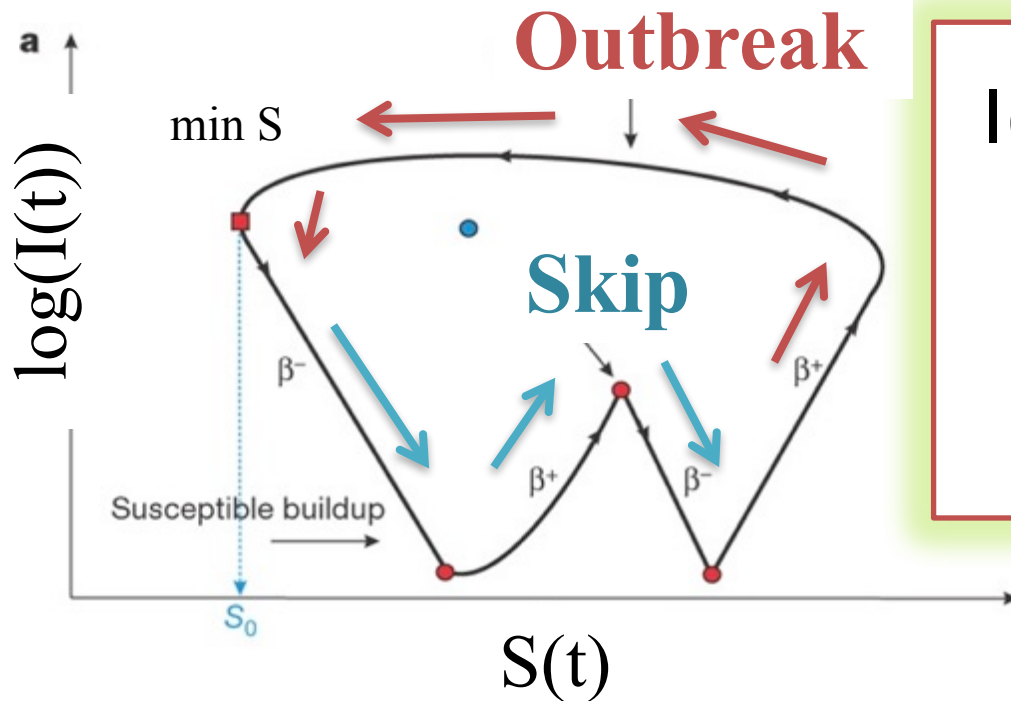
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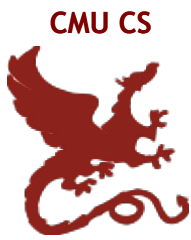
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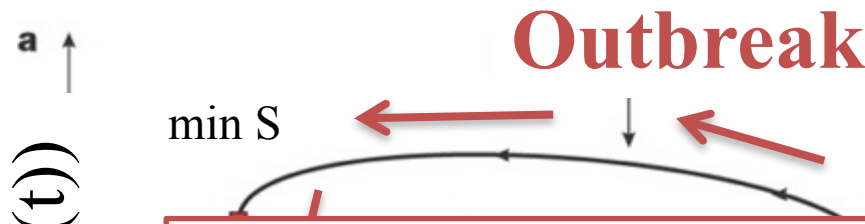


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$\gamma$ : recover rate  
 $\mu$ : birth/death rate  
 $\beta_0$ :infection rate  
 $\chi$ : time period



**Threshold  $S_c$ : “Outbreak vs. Skip”**

$$S_0 > S_c = \frac{\gamma + \mu}{\beta_0} - \frac{\mu\chi}{2} \Rightarrow \text{epidemic}$$

if  $S_0 < S_c$  there is a skip in the following year.

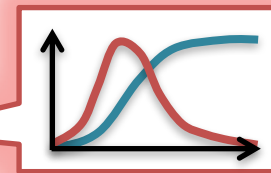
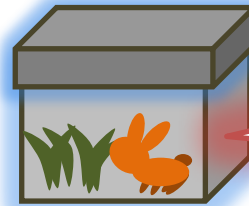


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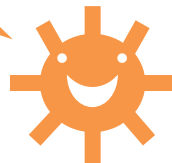


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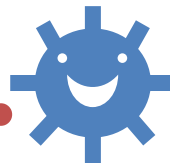
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Measles



VS.



Whooping  
cough

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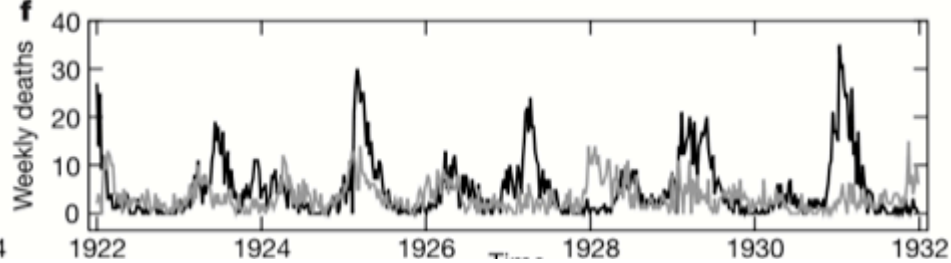
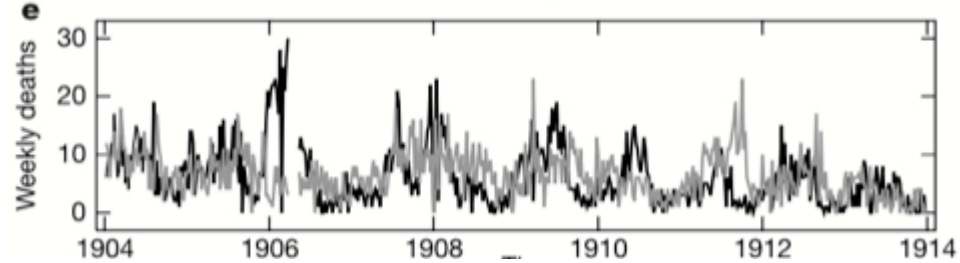
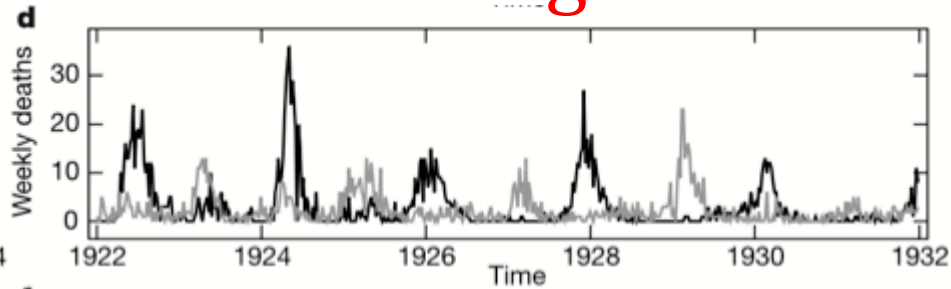
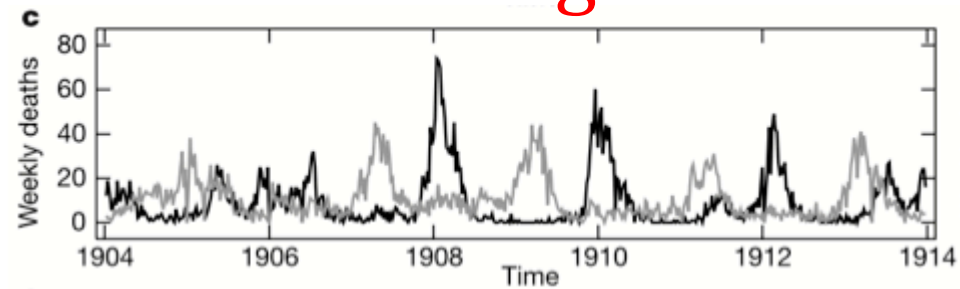
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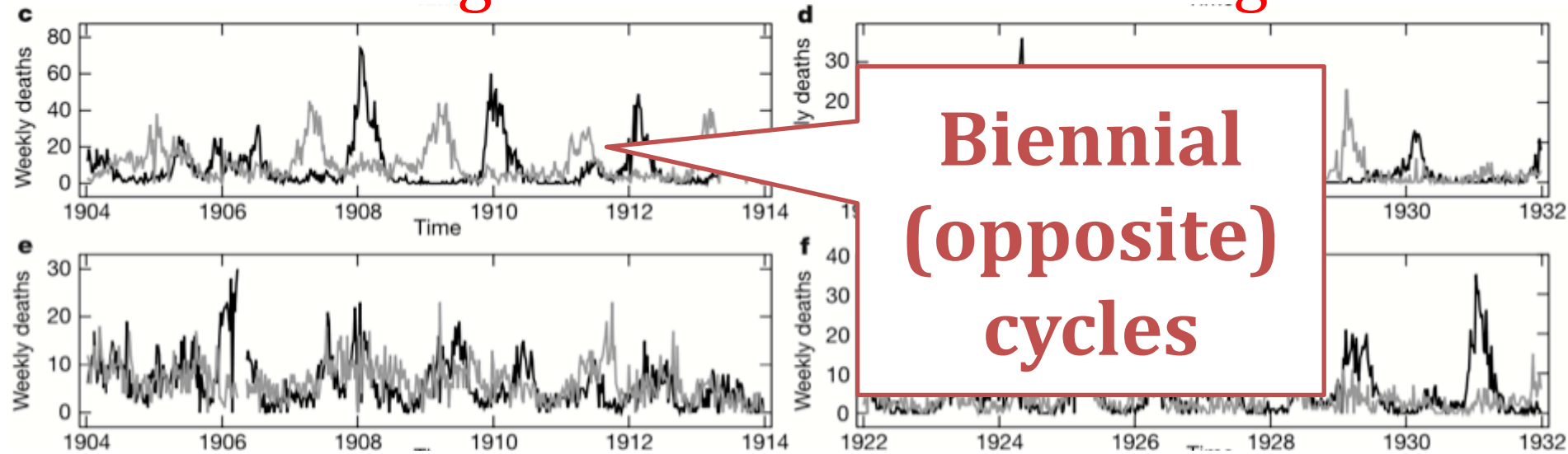
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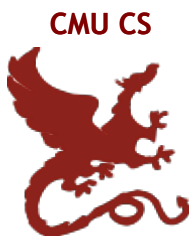
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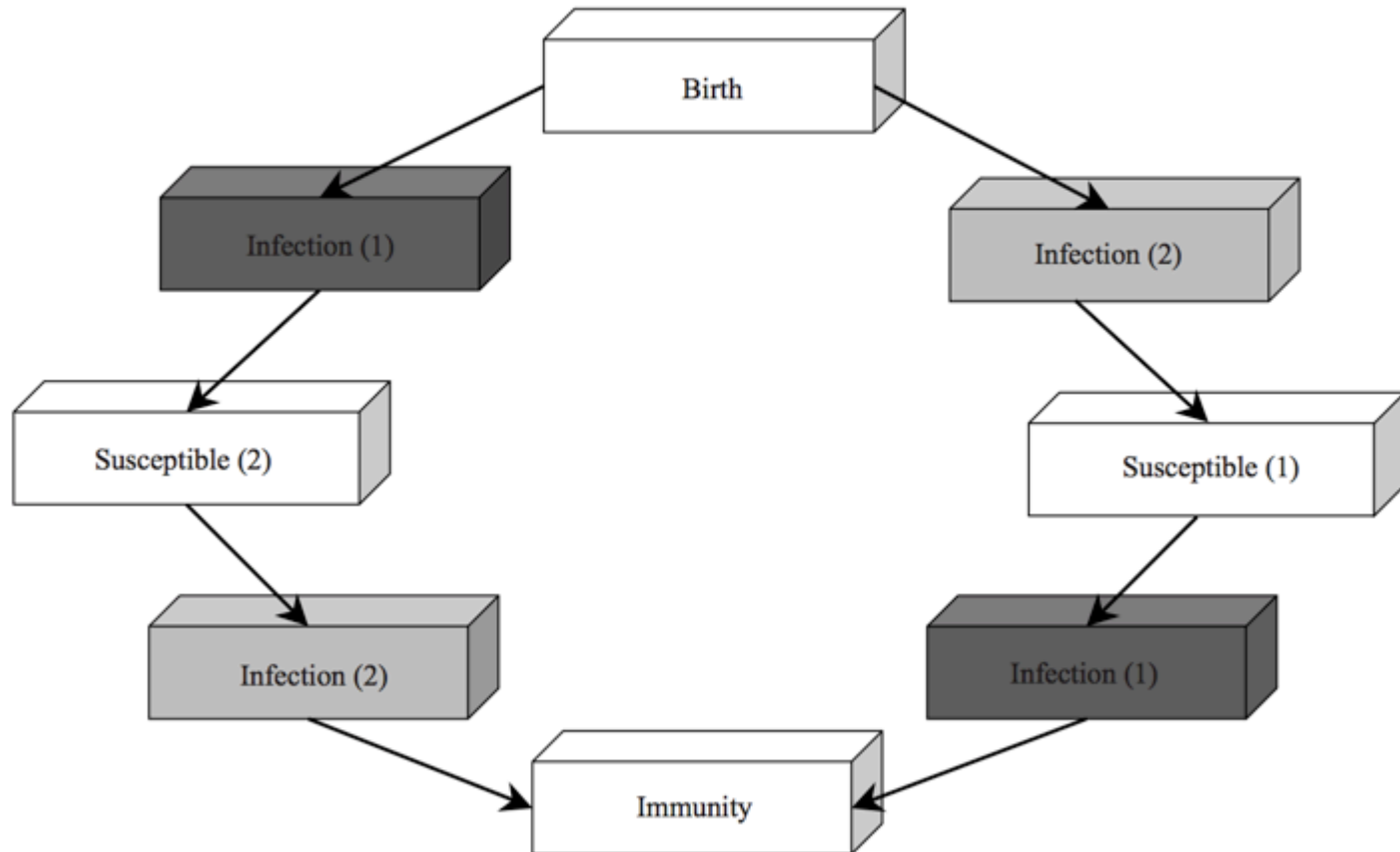
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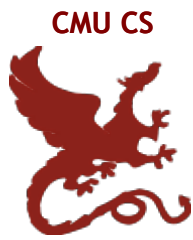
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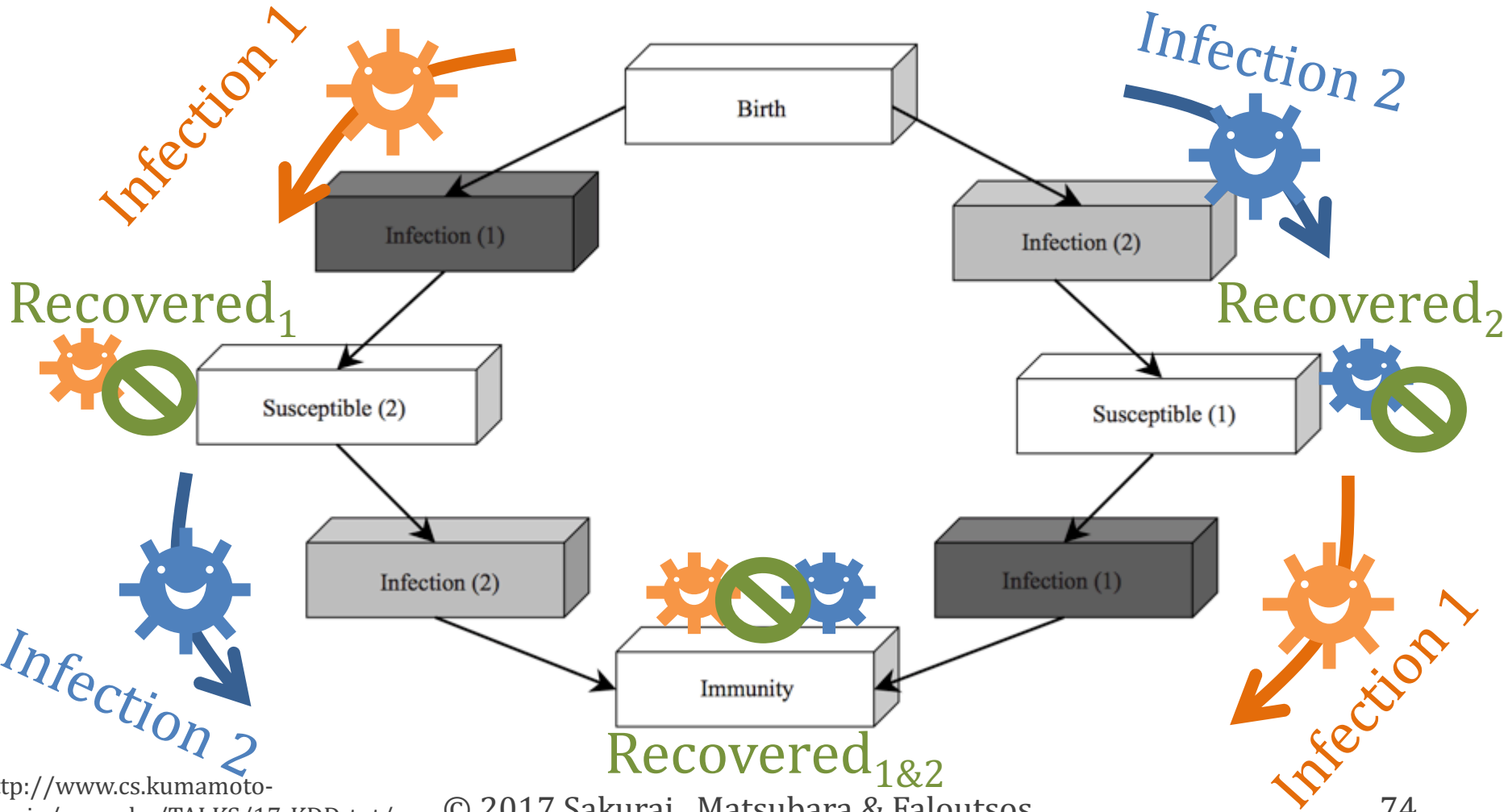
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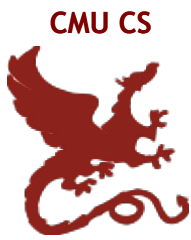
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## Equations for 3 disease model

$$\frac{dS_{SSS}}{dt} = \nu N(1-p) - \mu S_{SSS} \quad [\text{Rohani+ Nature'03}]$$

$$- \frac{\beta_1(t) S_{SSS}}{N} (I_{IRR} + I_{IRT} + I_{ITR} + I_{ITT})$$

$$- \frac{\beta_2(t) S_{SSS}}{N} (I_{RIR} + I_{RIT} + I_{TIR} + I_{TIT})$$

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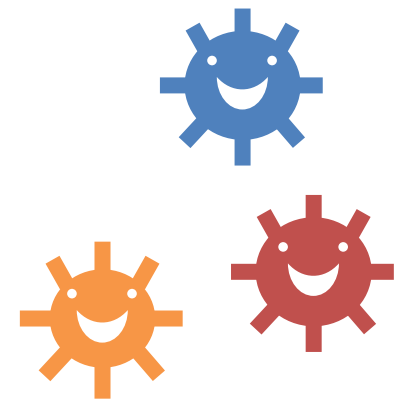
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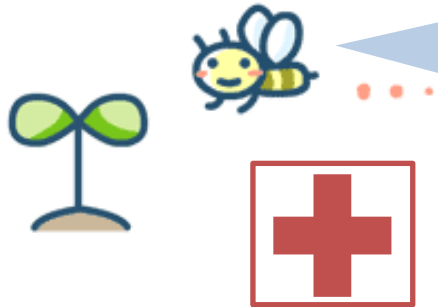
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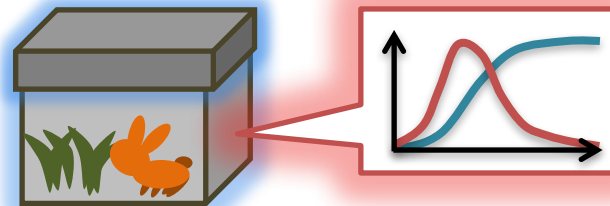


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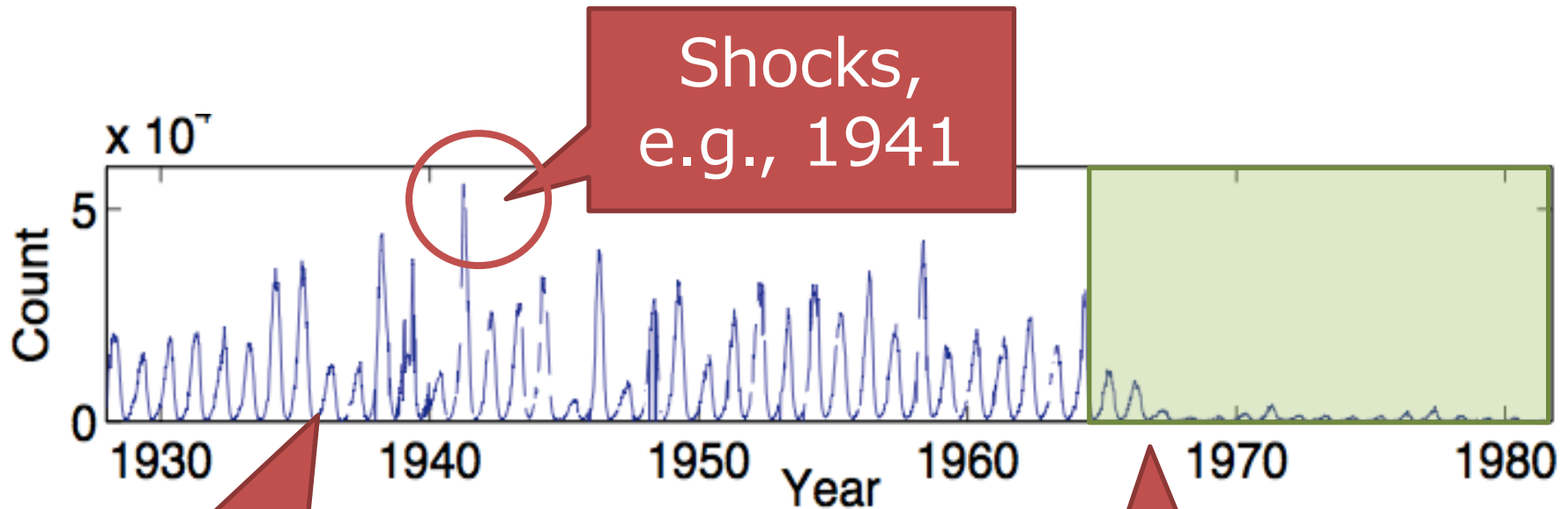
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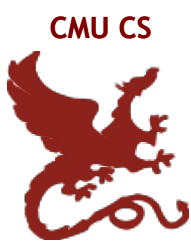


Shocks,  
e.g., 1941

Yearly  
periodicity

(Weekly)

Vaccine  
effect

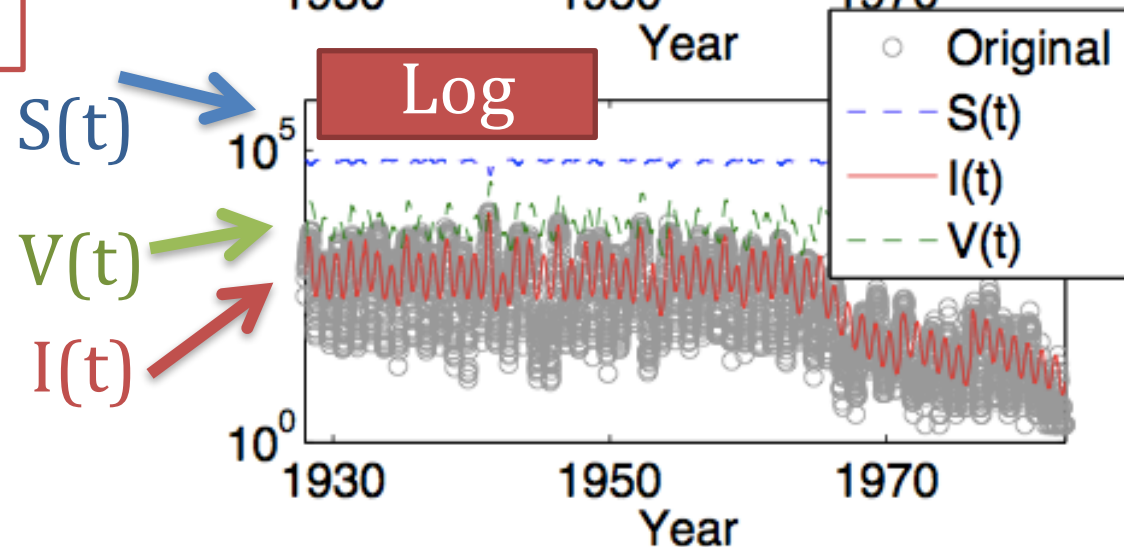
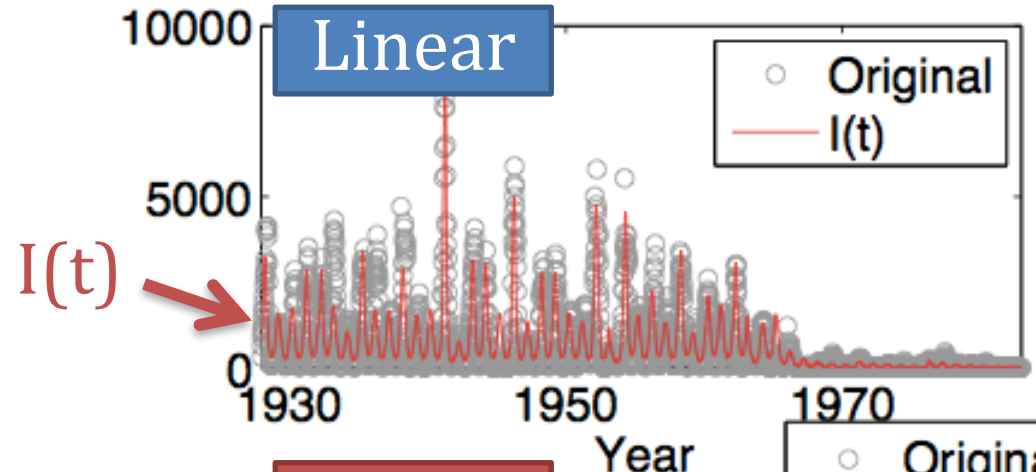
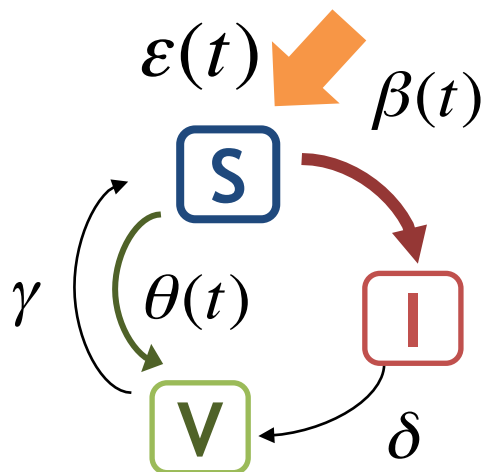


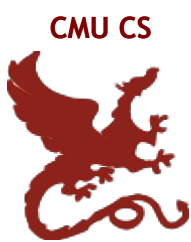
## with a single epidemic

### With a single epidemic: Funnel-RE

People of 3 classes

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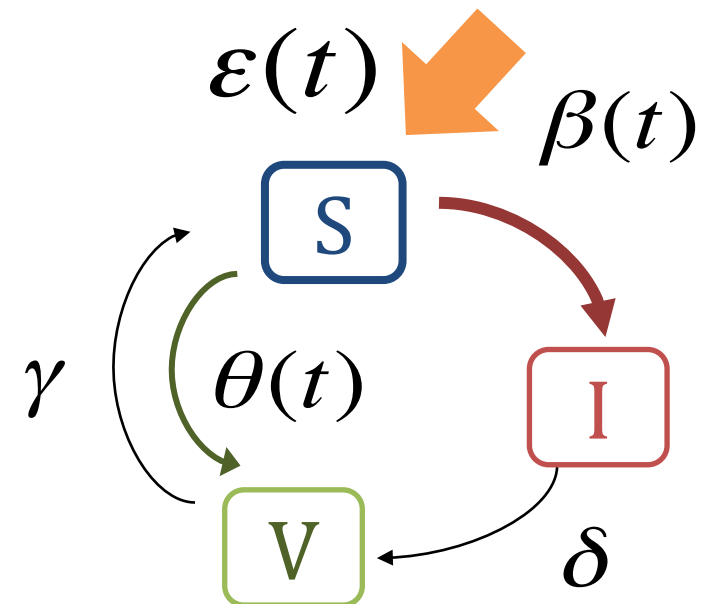
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$$\begin{aligned}
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 I(t+1) &= I(t) + \beta(t)\epsilon(t)S(t)I(t) - \delta I(t) \\
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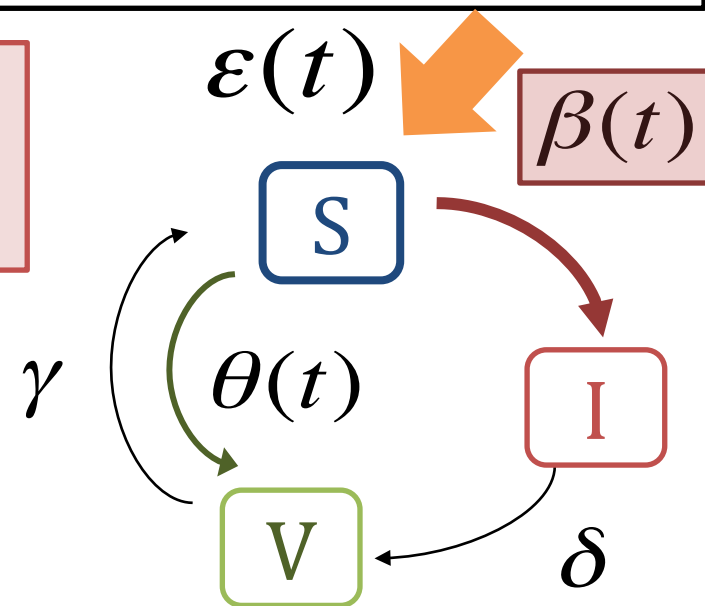
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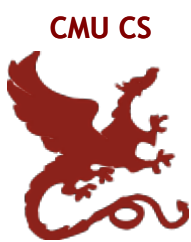
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 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

$\beta(t)$  : strength of infection  
(yearly periodic func)

$$\beta(t) = \beta_0 \cdot \left( 1 + P_a \cdot \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{P_p}(t + P_s)\right) \right)$$

$P_p = 52$





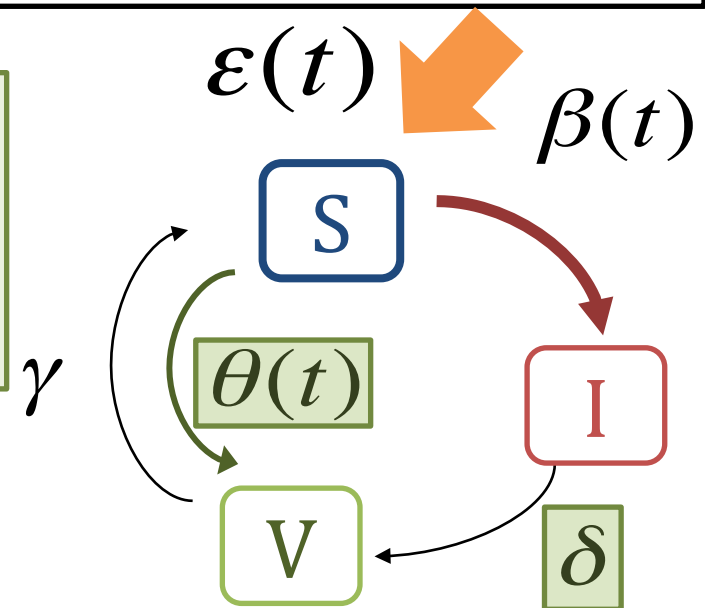
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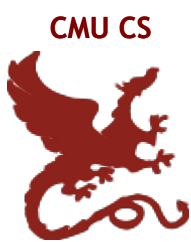
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$\delta$  : healing rate  
 $\theta(t)$  : disease reduction effect

$$\theta(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & (t < t_\theta) \\ \theta_0 & (t \geq t_\theta) \end{cases}$$



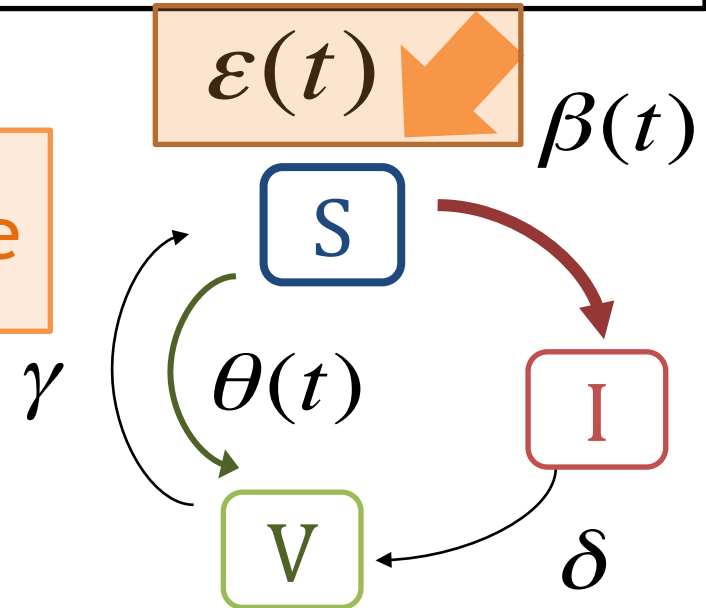


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$\epsilon(t)$  : temporal susceptible rate





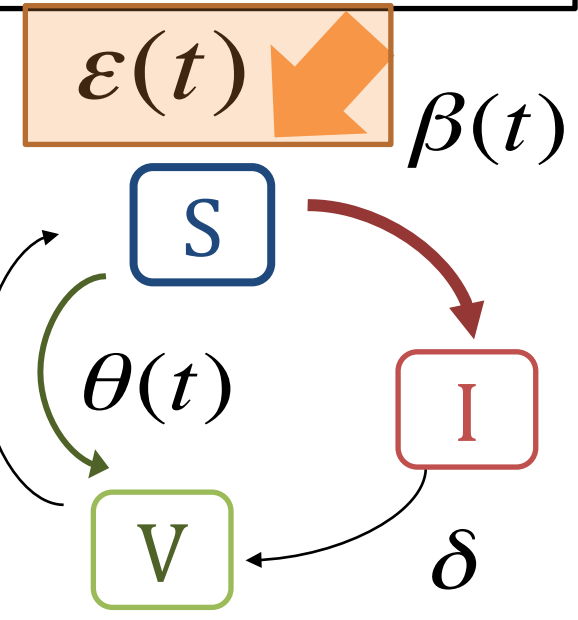
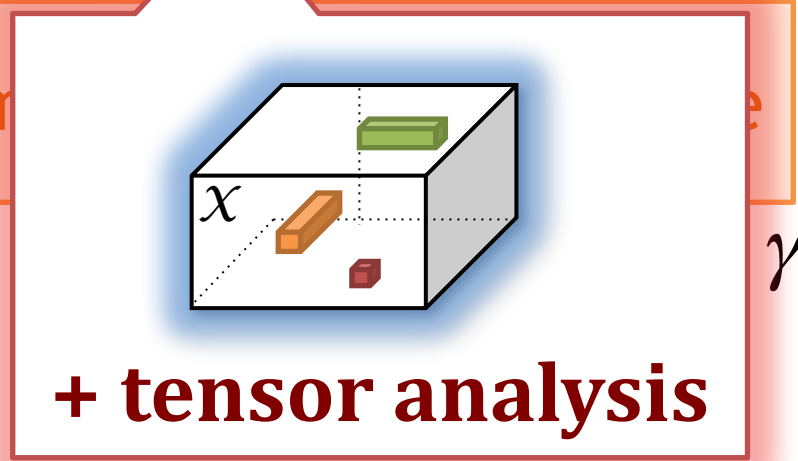
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**FUNNEL: Details @ part3**

$\epsilon(t)$  : tem





# Part 2 Roadmap



## Problem

- ✓ Why: “non-linear” modeling

## Fundamentals

- ✓ Non-linear (grey-box) models

## Applications

- ✓ Epidemics
  - Information diffusion
  - Online competition





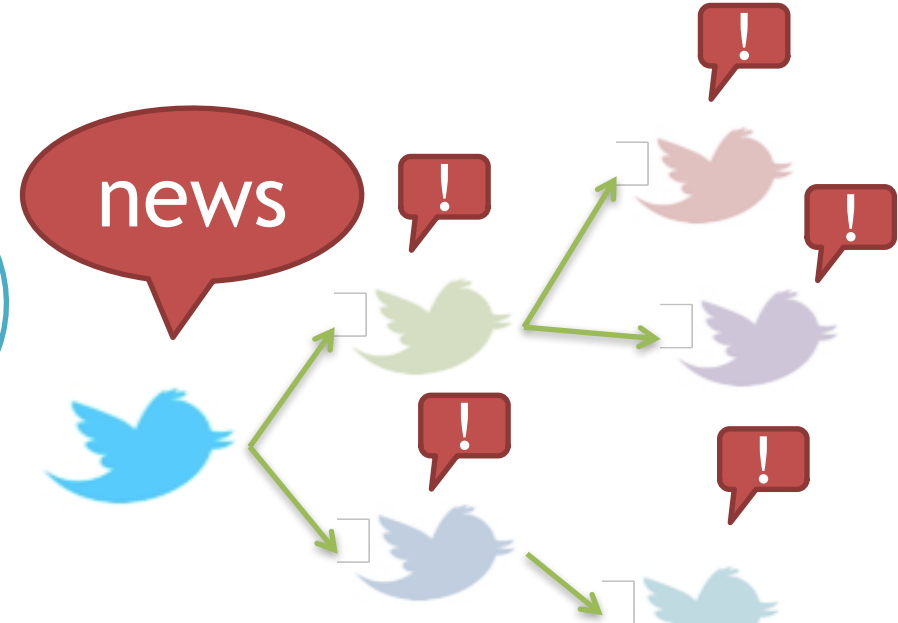


# Information diffusion in social networks





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Q. How news/rumors spread in social media?



# News spread in social media



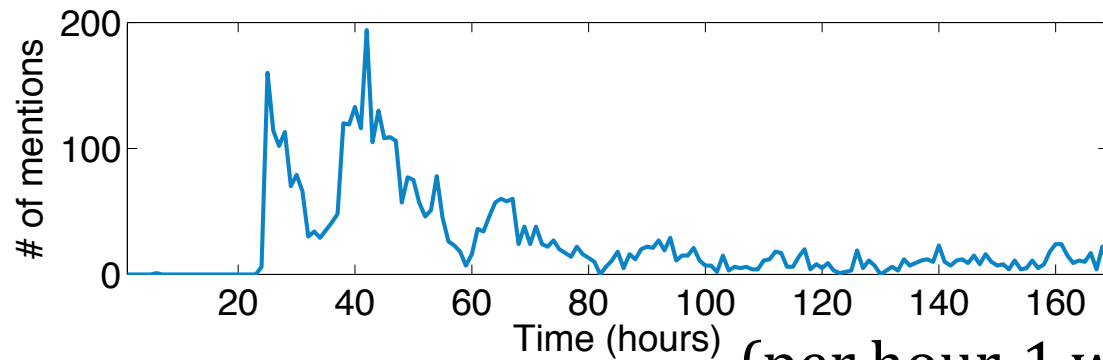
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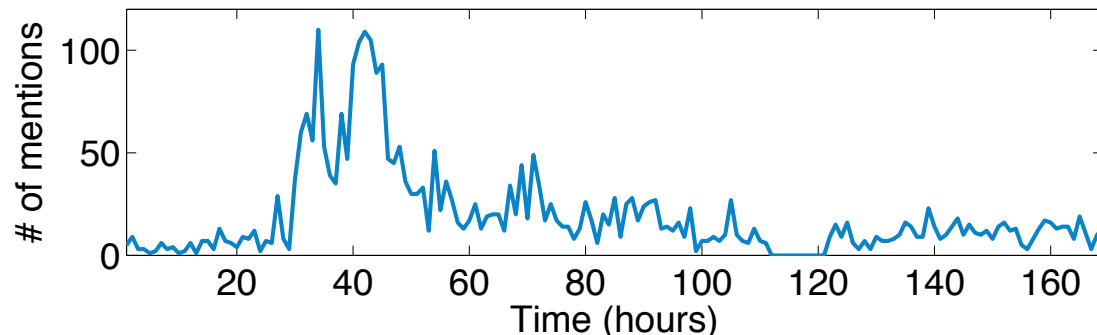
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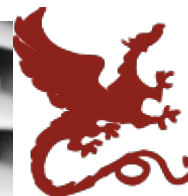
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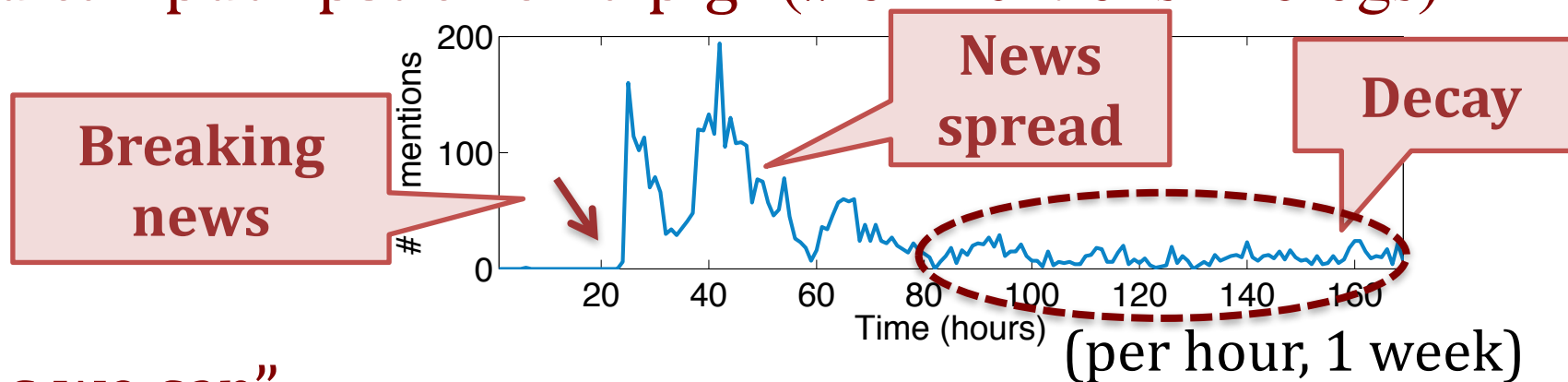
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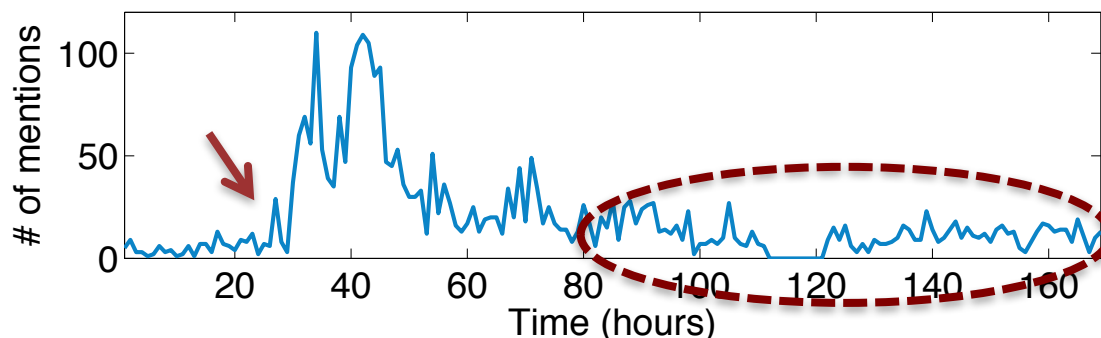
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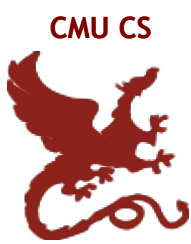


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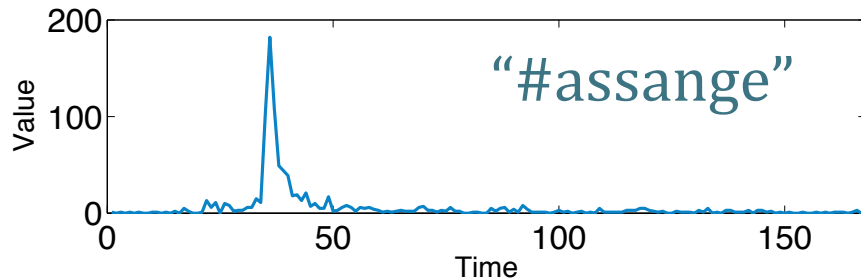




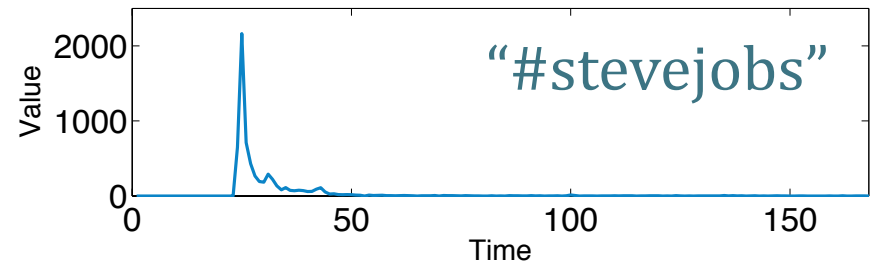
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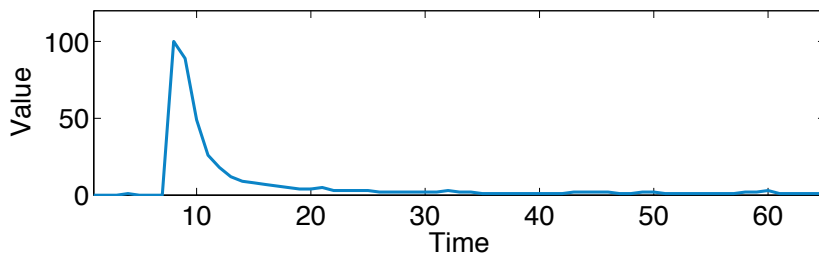
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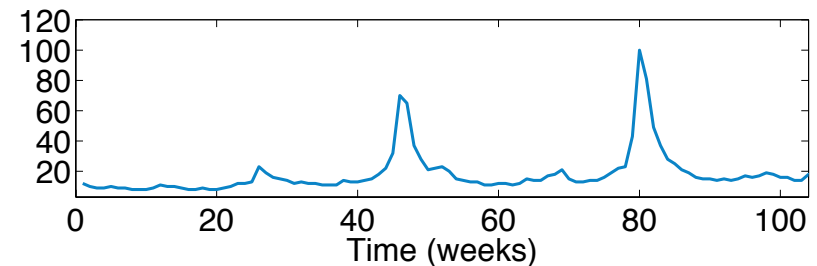
- Google trend (# of queries per week)

“tsunami” (in 2005)



(per week, 1 year)

“harry potter” (2010 - 2011)



(per week, 2 years)



# News spread in social media



Q. How many patterns are there?

– Four classes on YouTube, etc.

[Crane et al. PNAS'08]

– Six classes on Social media

[Yang et al. WSDM'11]



# News spread in social media

[Crane et al. PNAS'08]

- The volume of Google searches



“Tsunami”



“Harry potter movie”

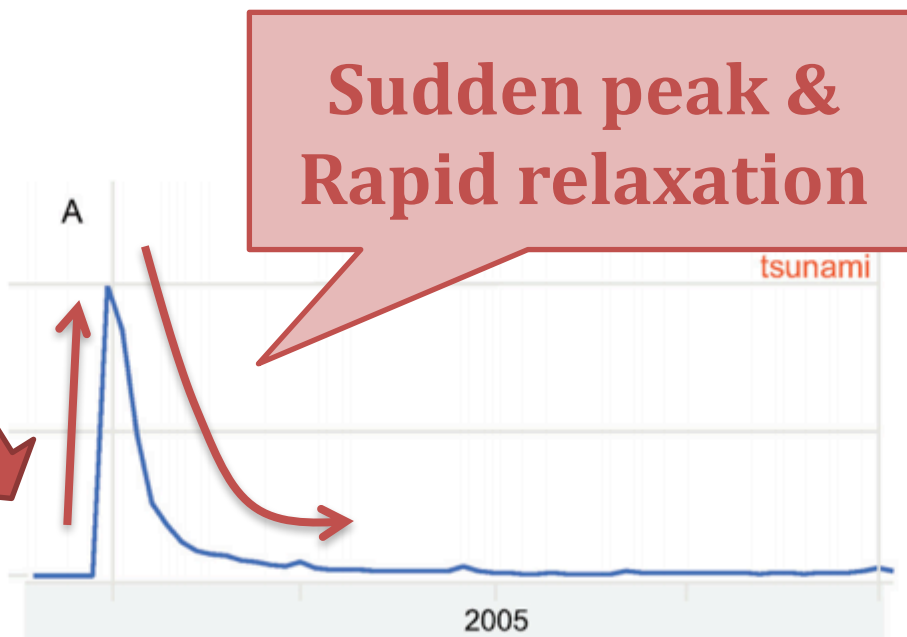


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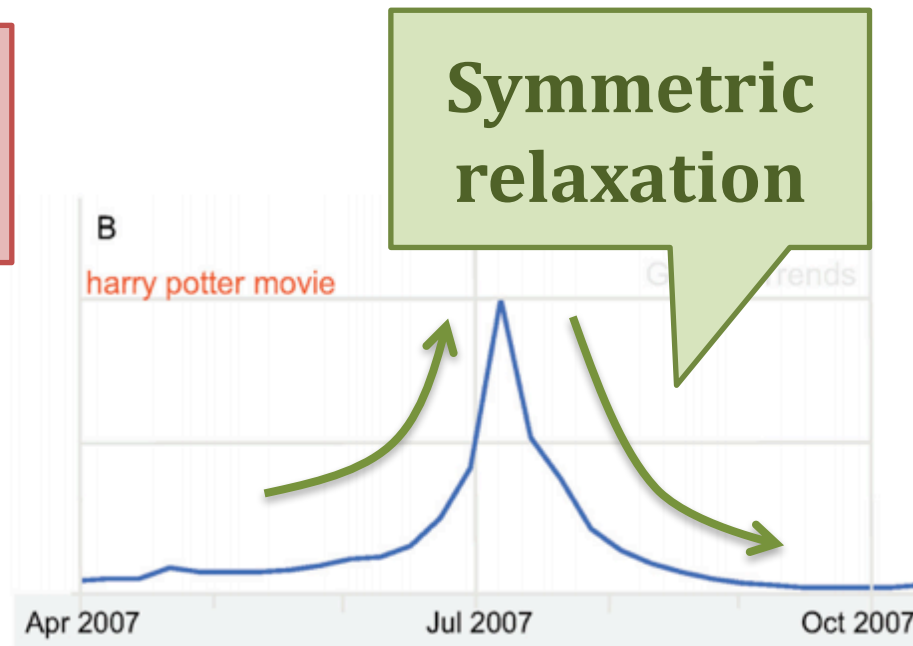


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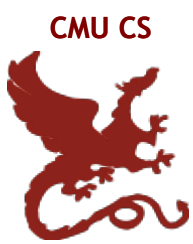


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[Crane et al. PNAS'08]

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Rate of  
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(Power law)

$$\phi(t) \sim \frac{1}{t^{1+\theta}} \quad (0 < \theta < 1)$$

propagation

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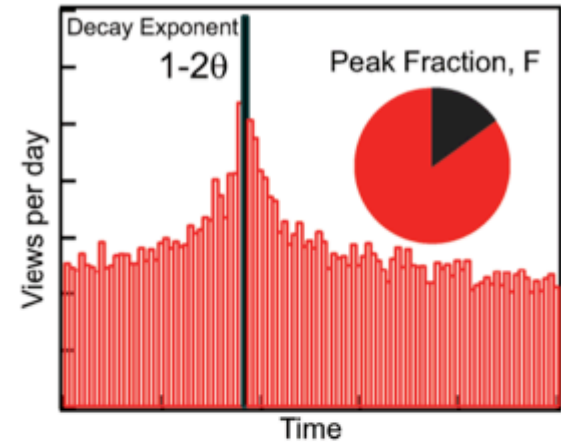
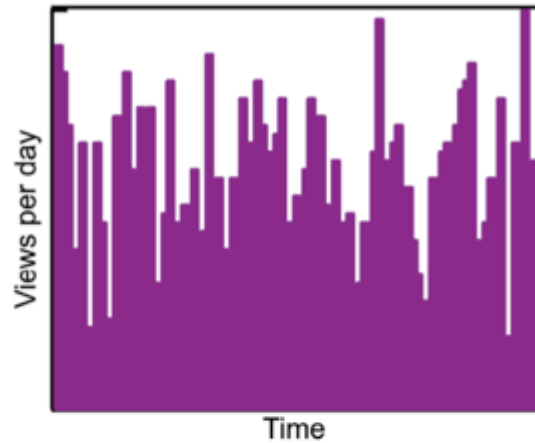
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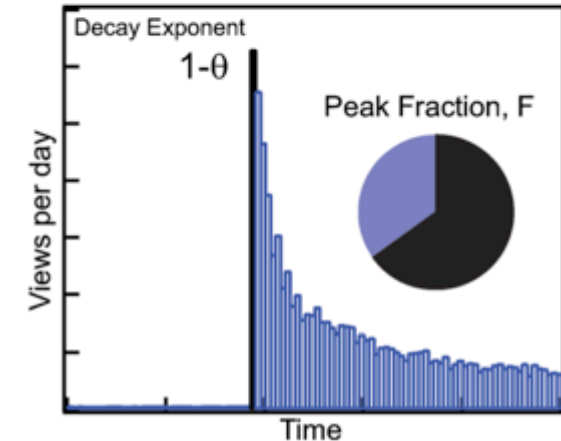
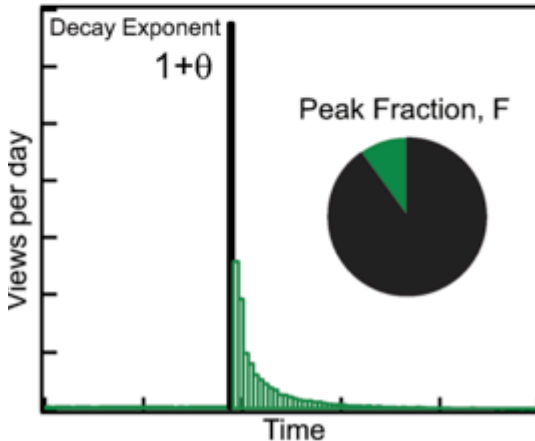
Sub-Critical

Critical

Endogenous



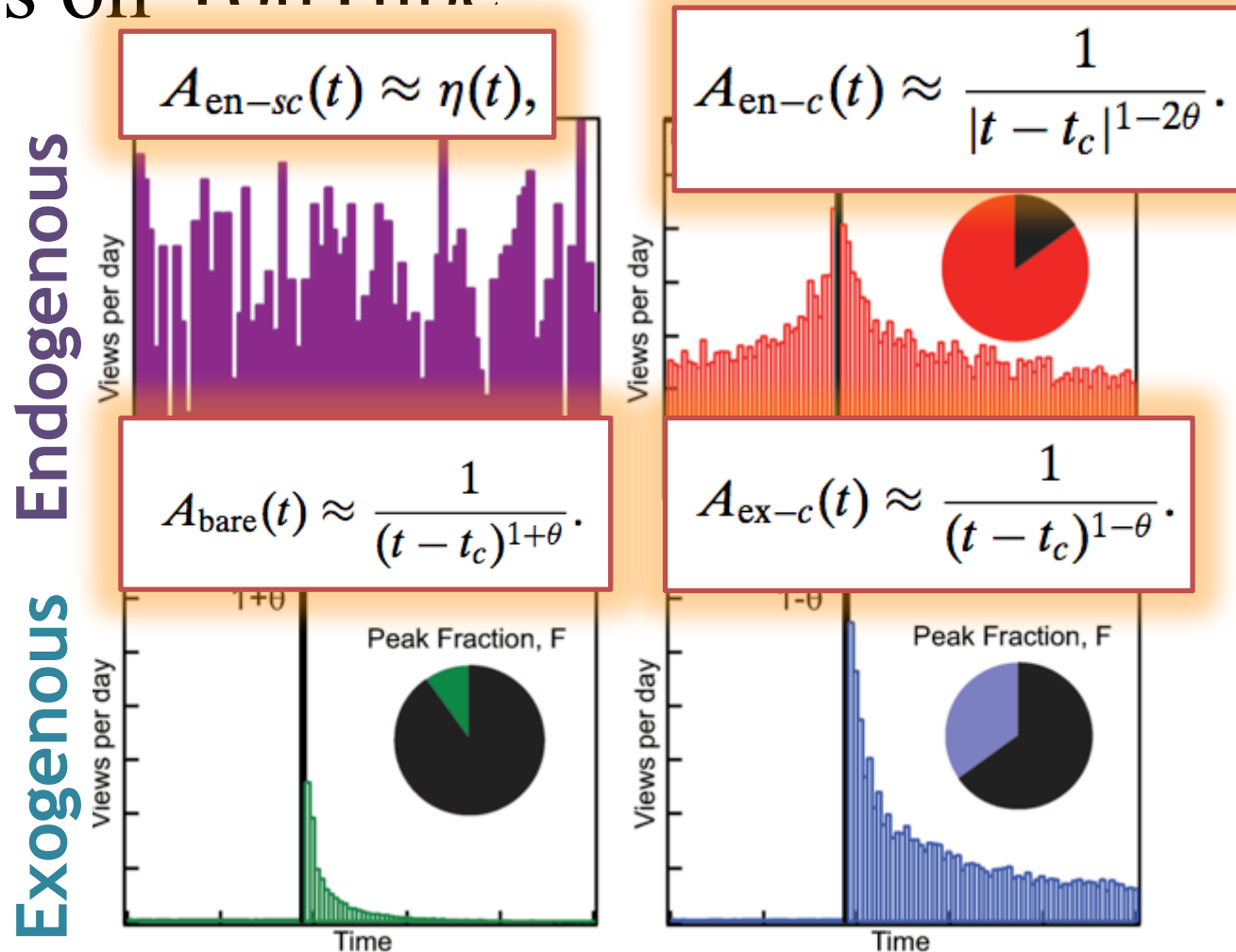
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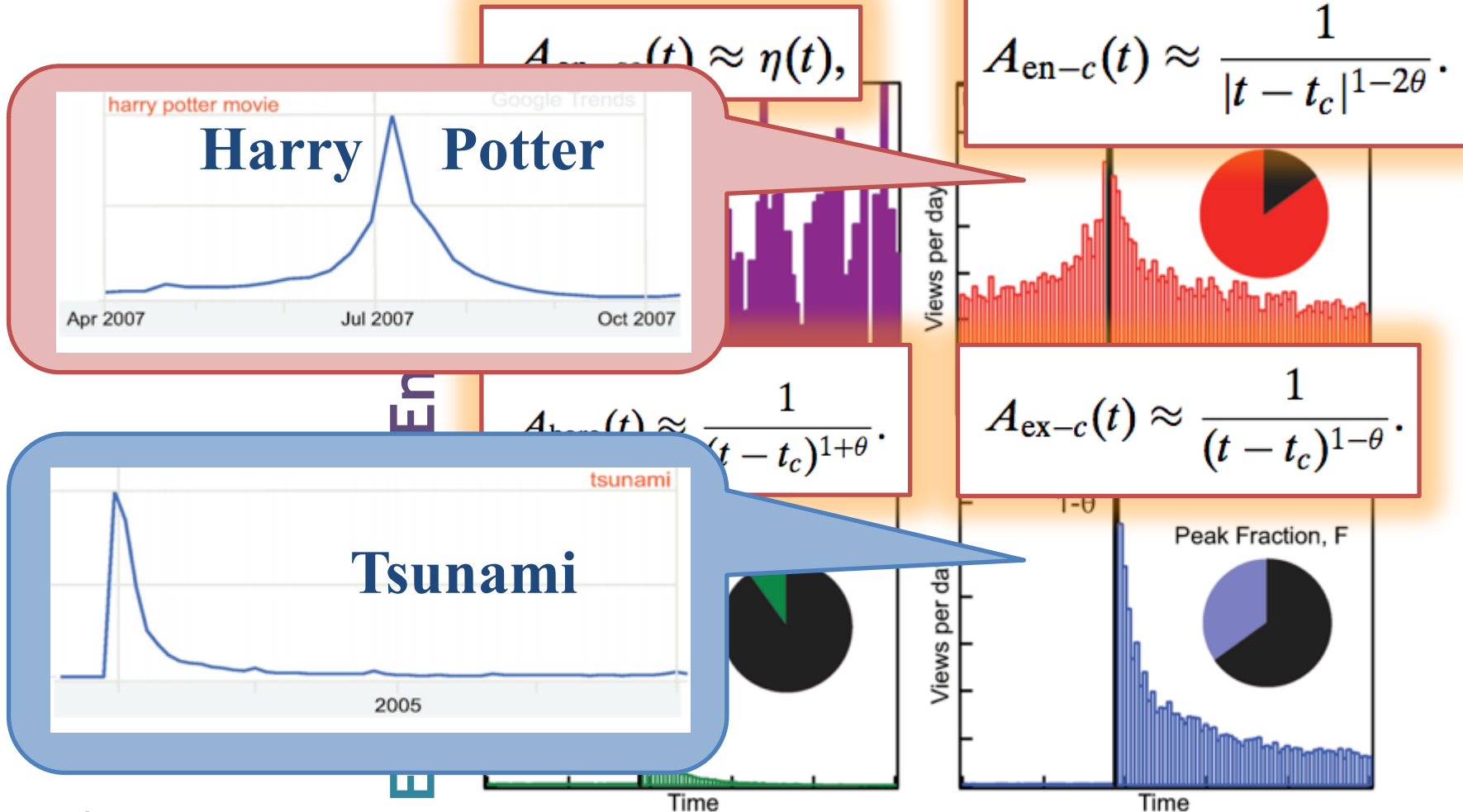
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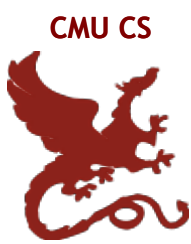
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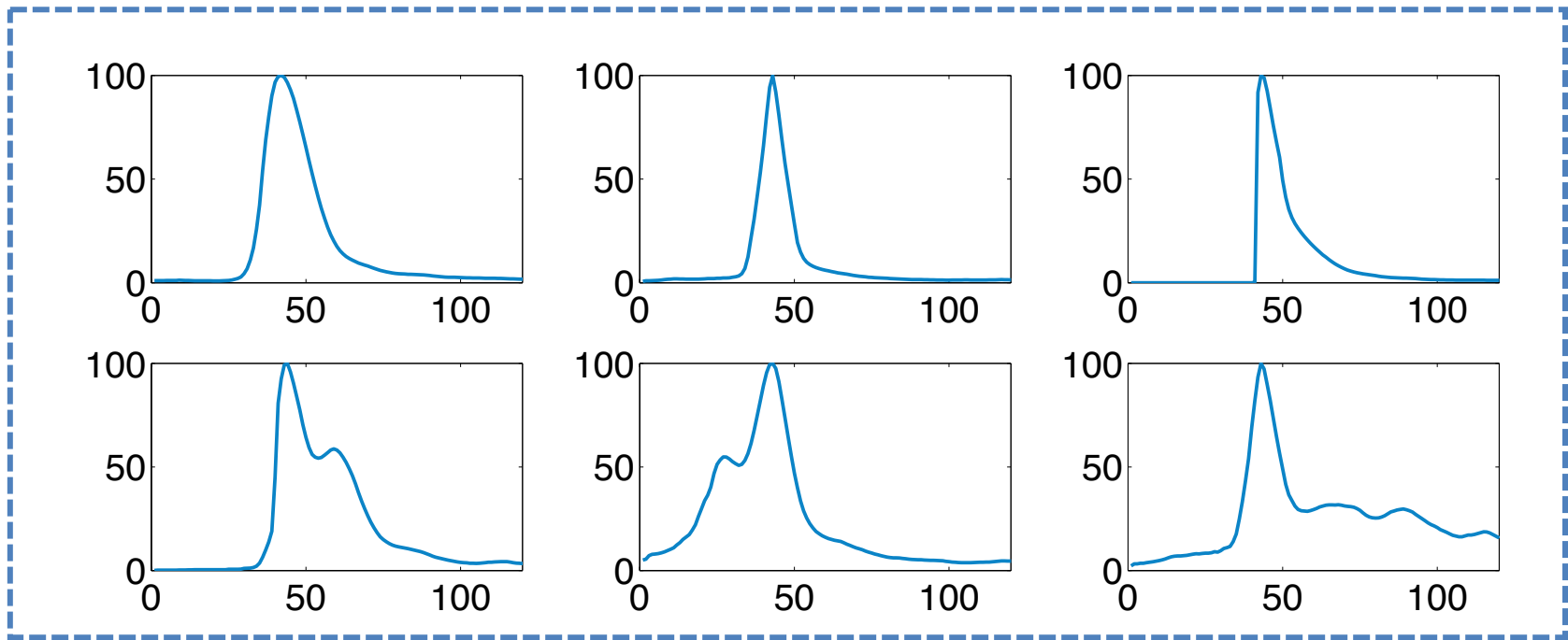




# News spread in social media



- Six classes of information diffusion patterns on social media [Yang et al. WSDM'11]

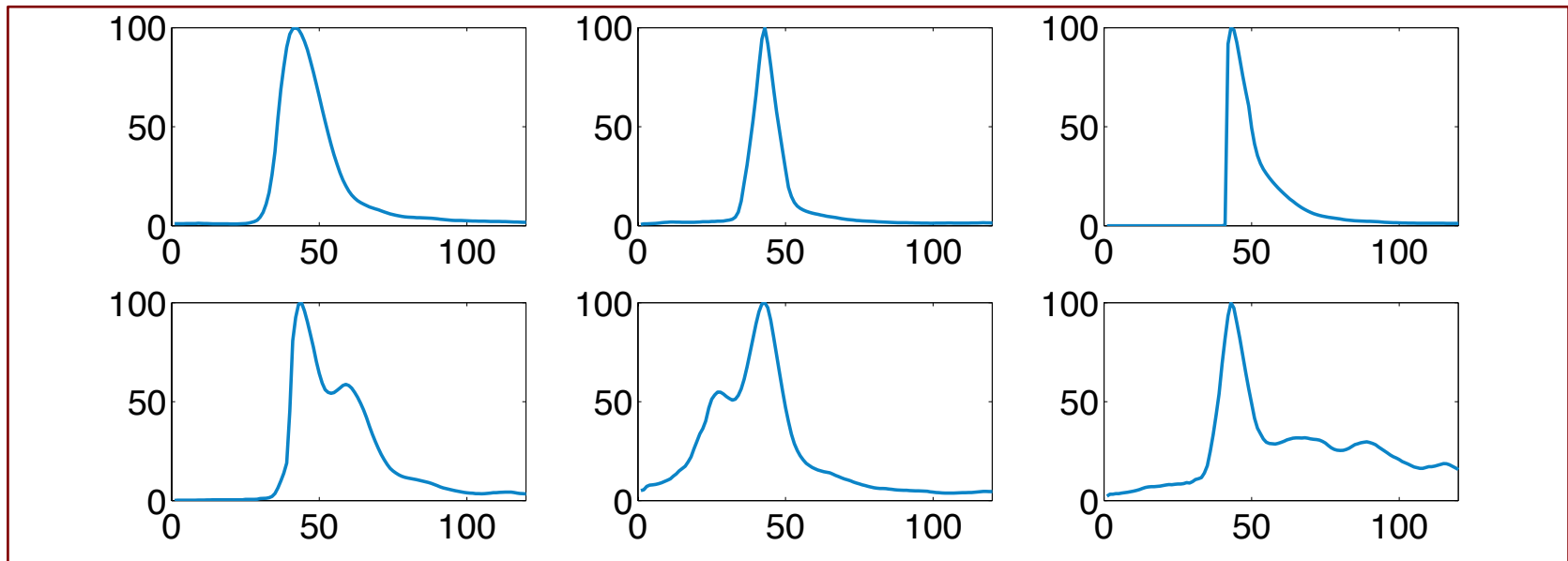
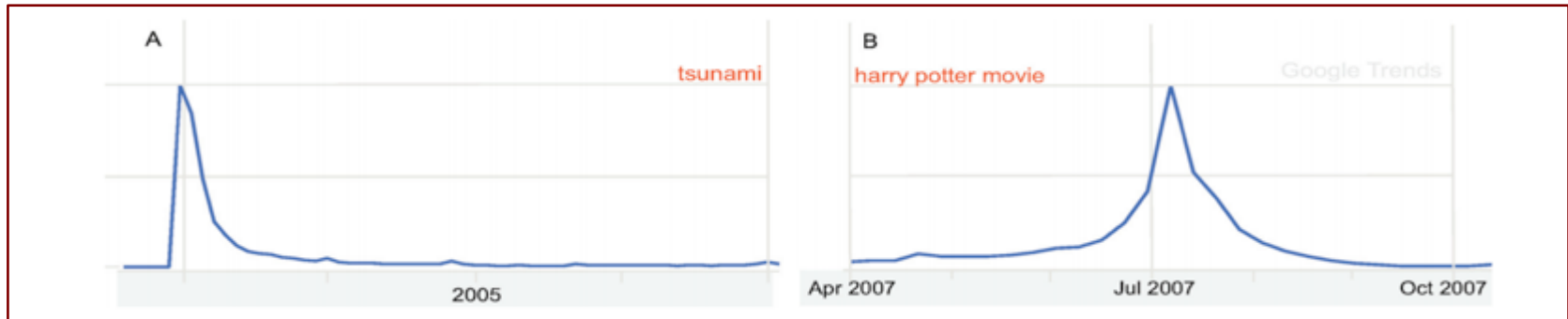




# News spread in social media



Q. How many patterns are there, after all?





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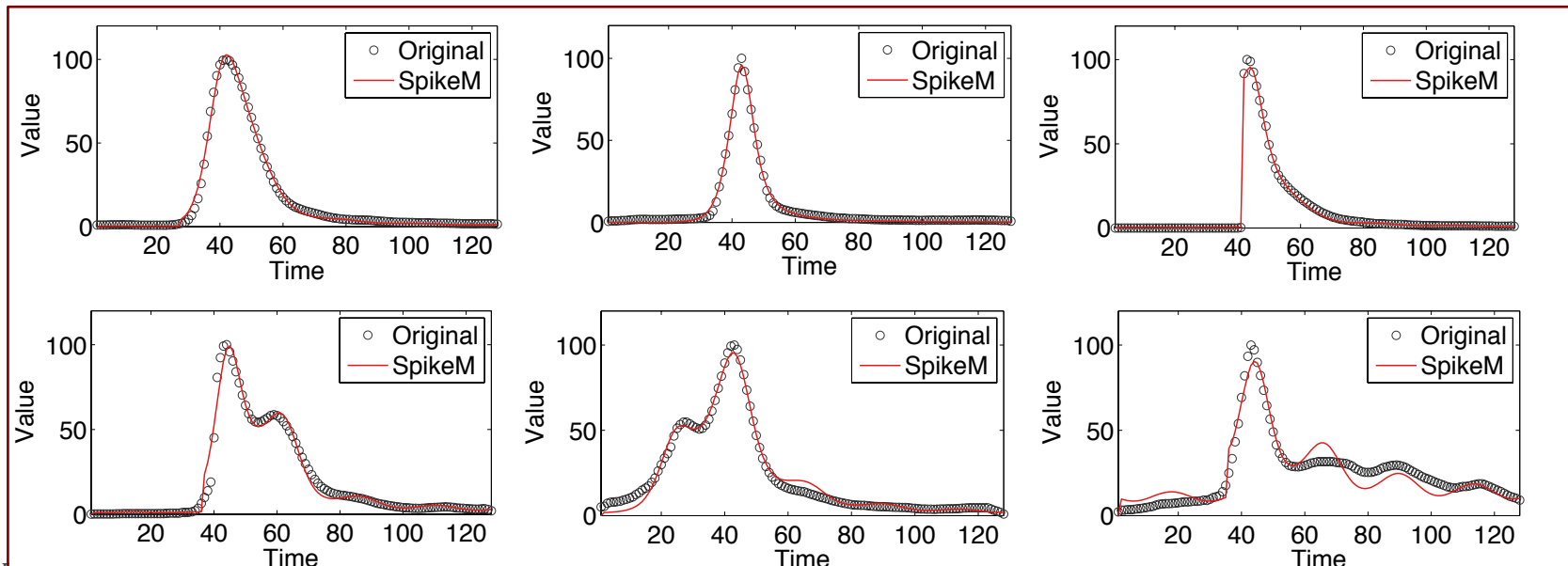
A. Our answer is “ONE”!



A single non-linear model !



“SpikeM”





[Matsubara+ KDD'12]

# Rise and Fall Patterns of Information Diffusion: Model and Implications

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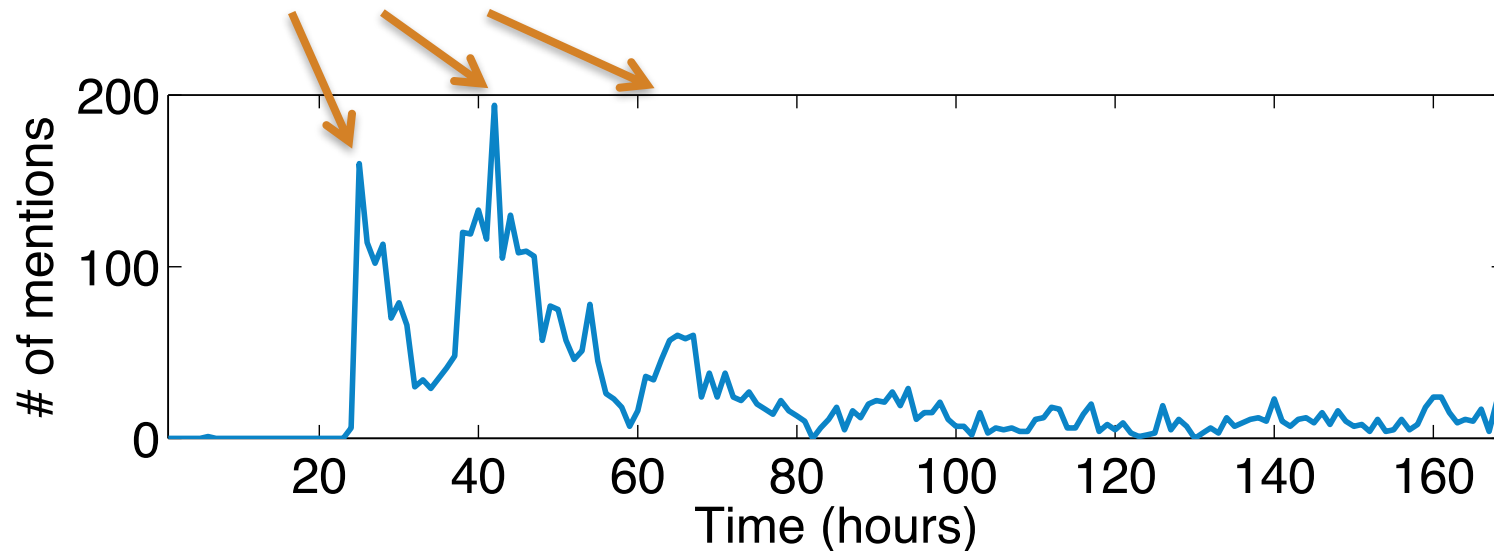
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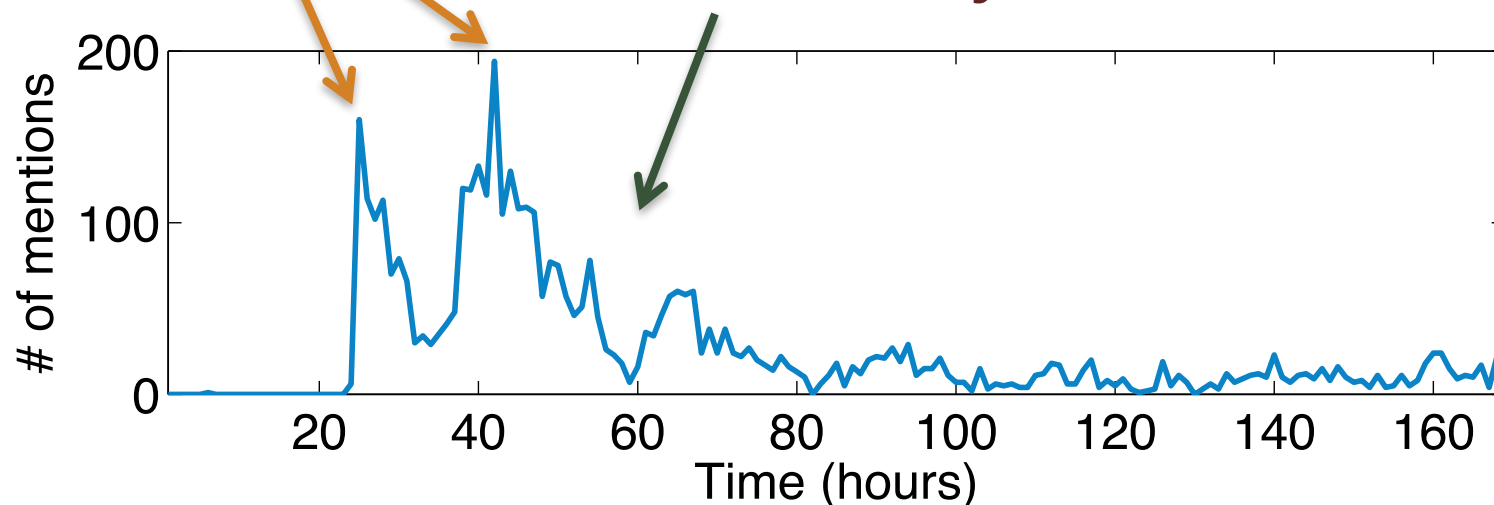


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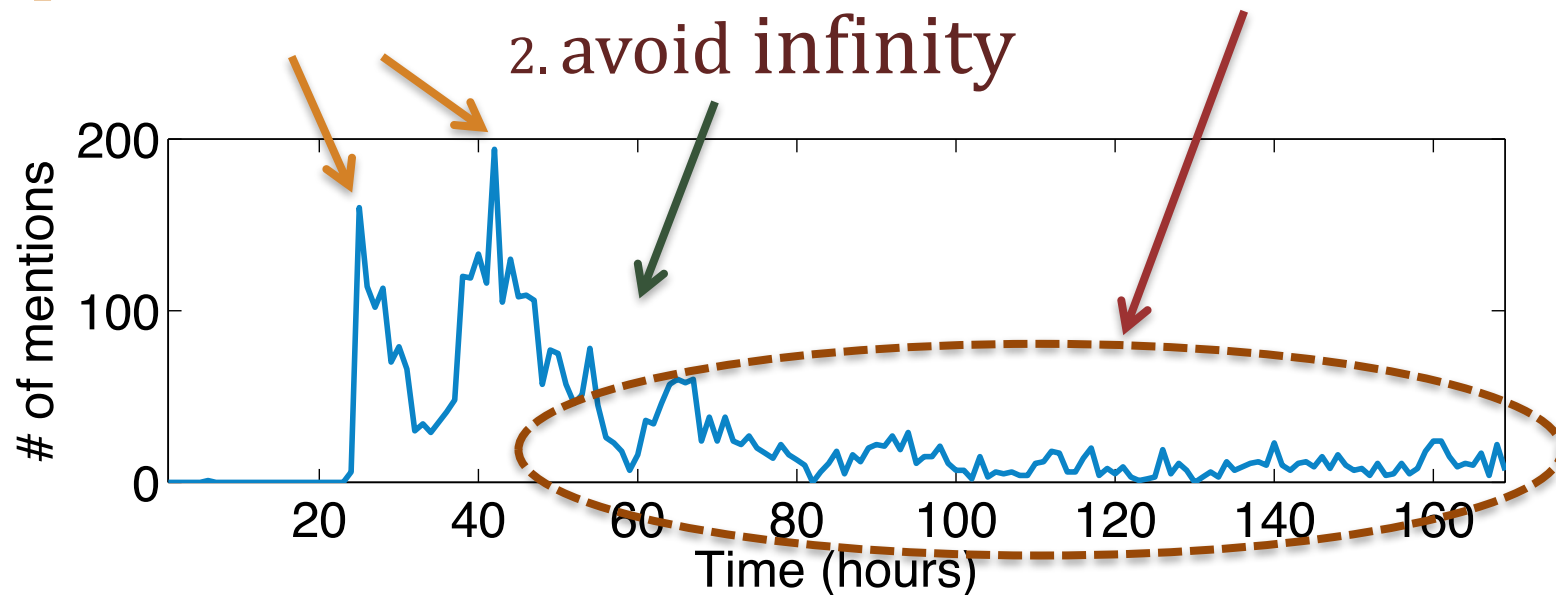
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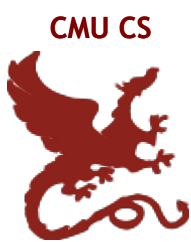
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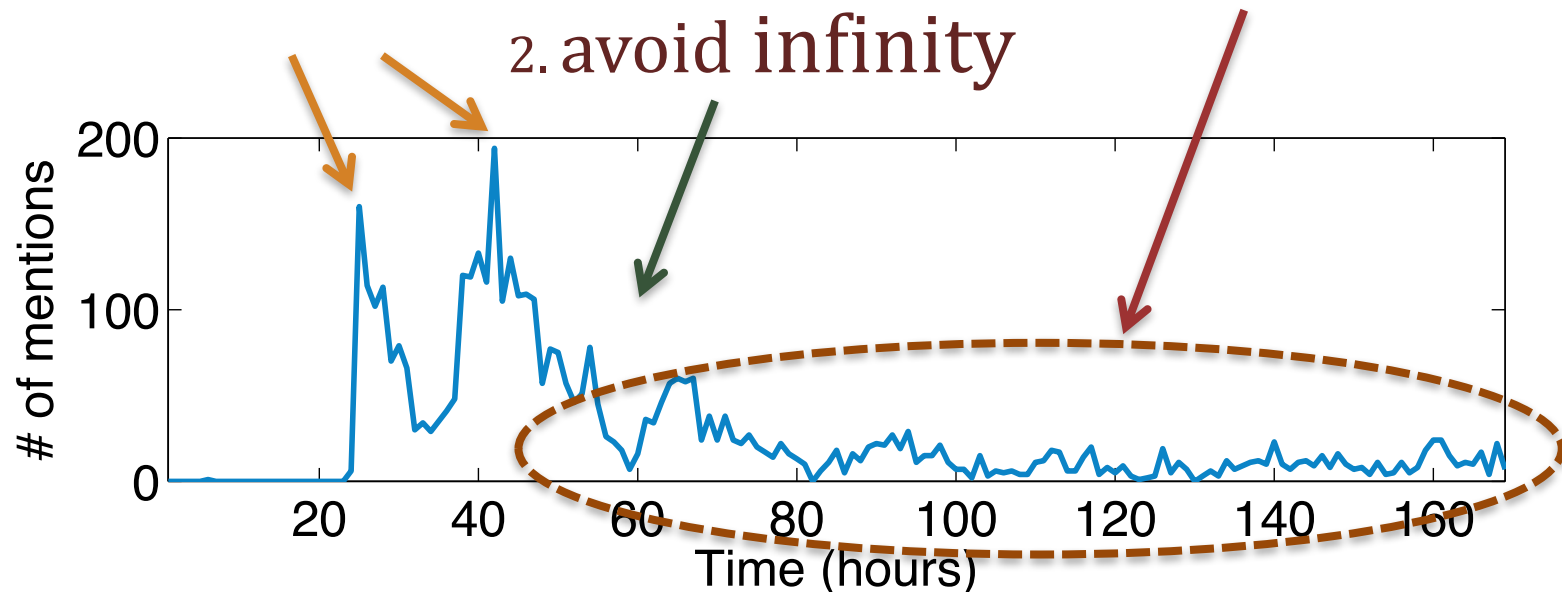
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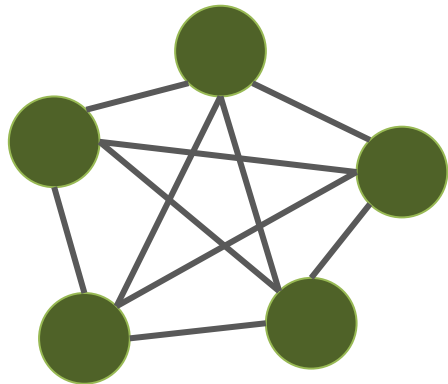


**SpikeM** can capture behavior of real spikes  
using few parameters



# Main idea (details)

- 1. **Un-informed bloggers** (clique of N bloggers/nodes)



Time n=0

Nodes (bloggers) consist of two states



– **U**n-informed of rumor

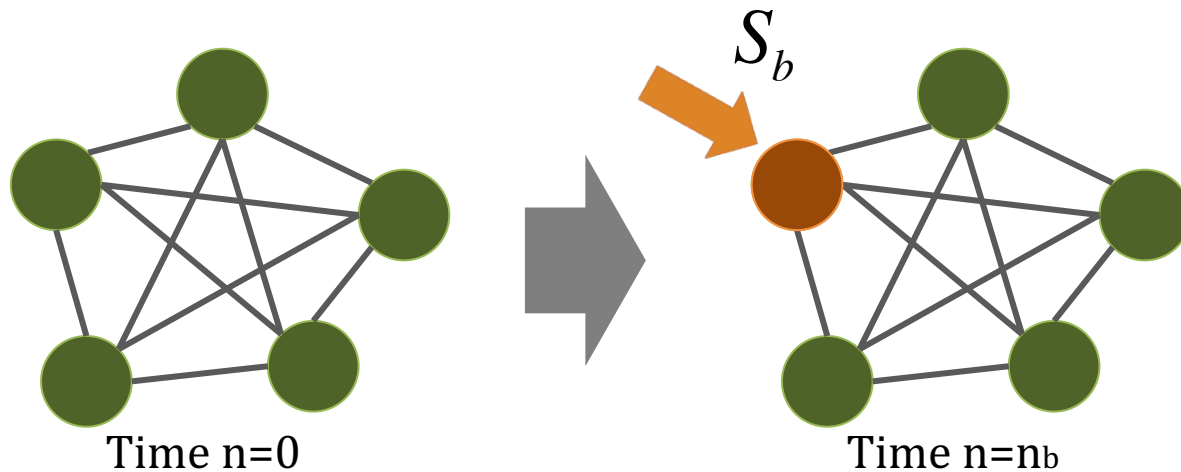


– informed, and **B**logged about rumor



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## External shock

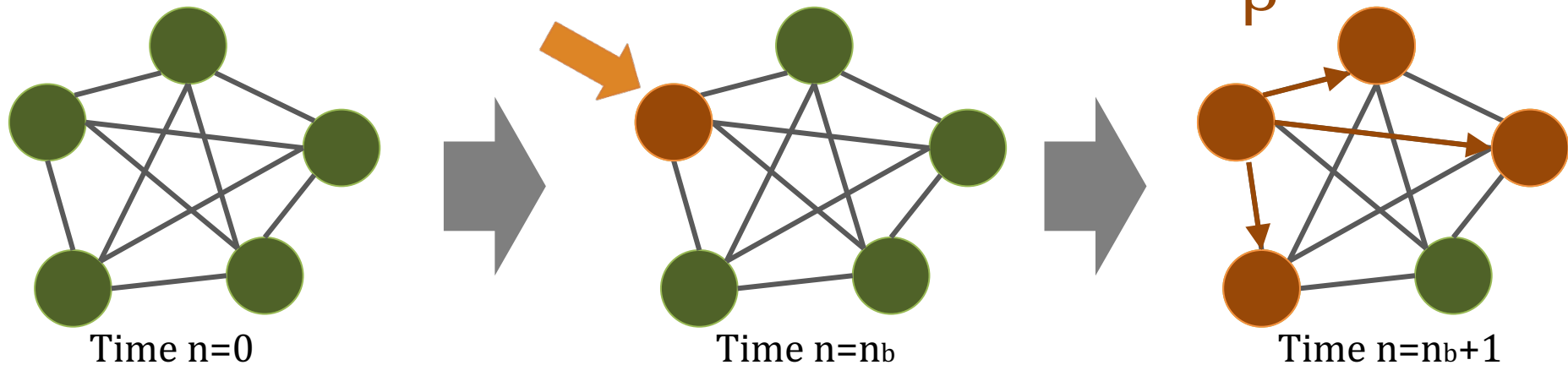
- Event happened at time  $n_b$
- $S_b$  bloggers are informed, blog about news





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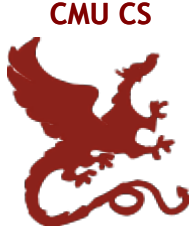
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## Infectiveness of a blog-post

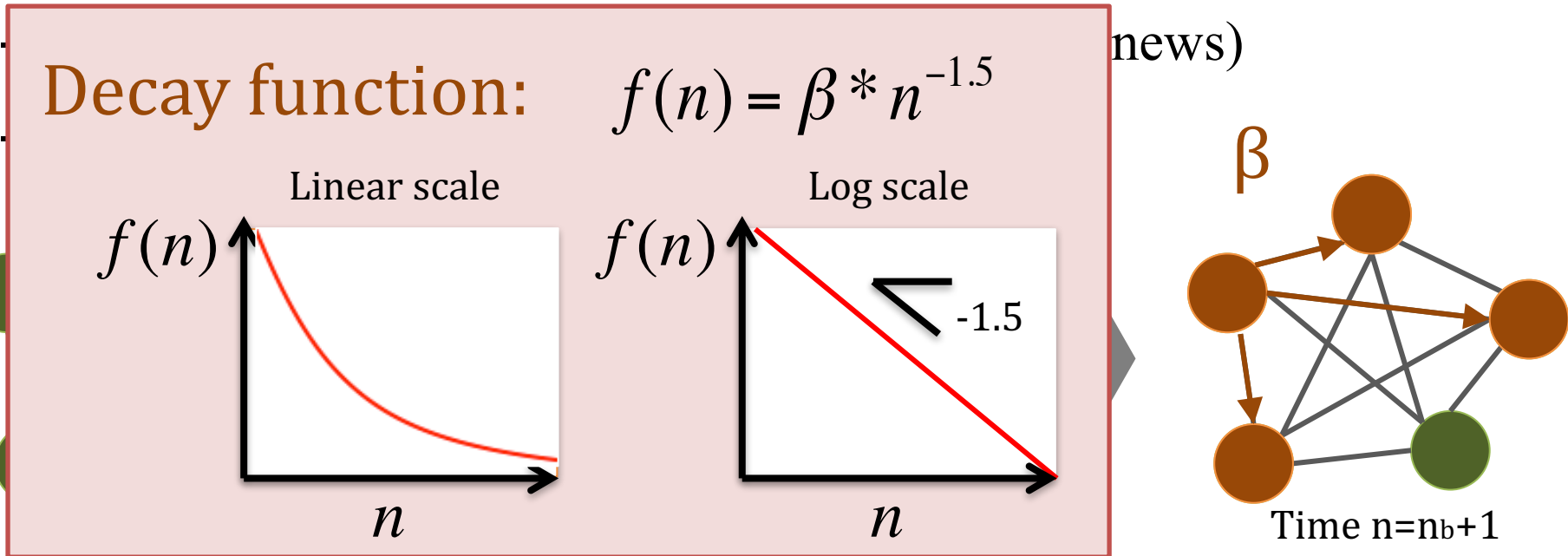
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# SpikeM-base (details)

## Equations of SpikeM (base)

$$\underline{\Delta B(n+1)} = U(n) \cdot \sum_{t=n_b}^n (\Delta B(t) + S(t)) \cdot f(n+1-t) + \varepsilon$$

**Blogged**

$$\underline{U(n+1)} = U(n) - \Delta B(n+1)$$

**Un-informed**

- $N$  – Total population of available bloggers
- $\beta$  – Strength of infection/news
- $n_b, S_b$  – External shock  $S_b$  at birth (time  $n_b$ )
- $\varepsilon$  – Background noise



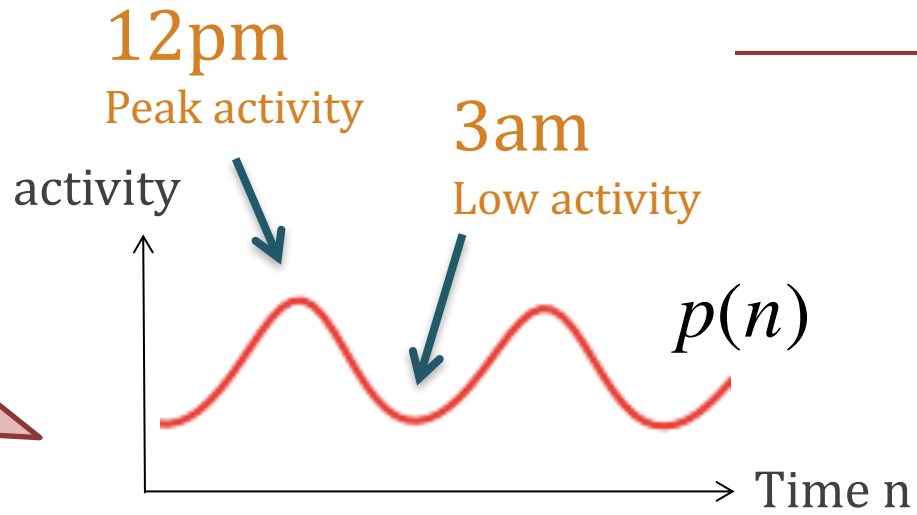
# SpikeM - periodicity

Full equation of SpikeM

$$\frac{\Delta B(n+1)}{\text{Blogged}} = \frac{p(n+1)}{\text{Periodicity}} \cdot \left[ U(n) \cdot \sum_{t=n_b}^n (\Delta B(t) + S(t)) \cdot f(n+1-t) + \varepsilon \right]$$

$$\frac{U(n+1)}{\text{Un-informed}} = U(n) - \Delta B(n+1)$$

Bloggers change their activity over time (e.g., daily, weekly, yearly)





# Model fitting (Details)

- SpikeM consists of 7 parameters

$$\theta = \{N, \beta, n_b, S_b, \varepsilon, P_a, P_s\}$$

## Learning parameters

- Given a real time sequence

$$X = \{X(1), \dots, X(n), \dots, X(n_d)\}$$

- Minimize the error

(Levenberg-Marquardt (LM) fitting)

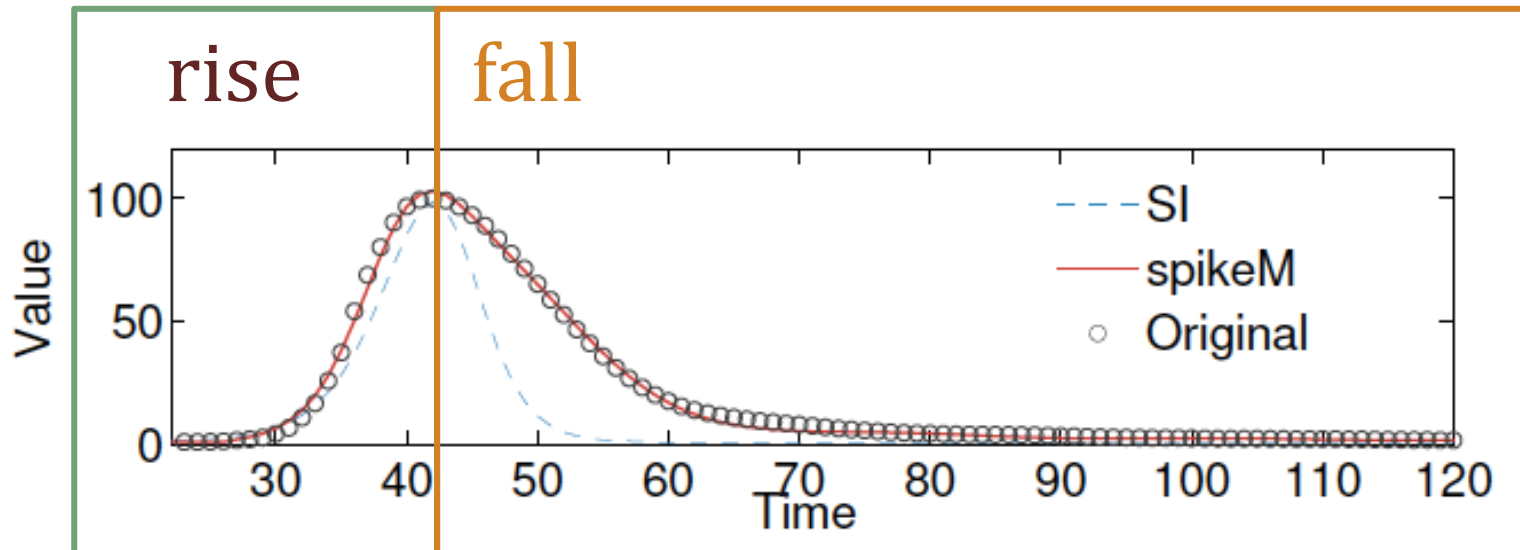
$$D(X, \theta) = \sum_{n=1}^{n_d} (X(n) - \Delta B(n))^2$$



# Analysis

SpikeM matches reality

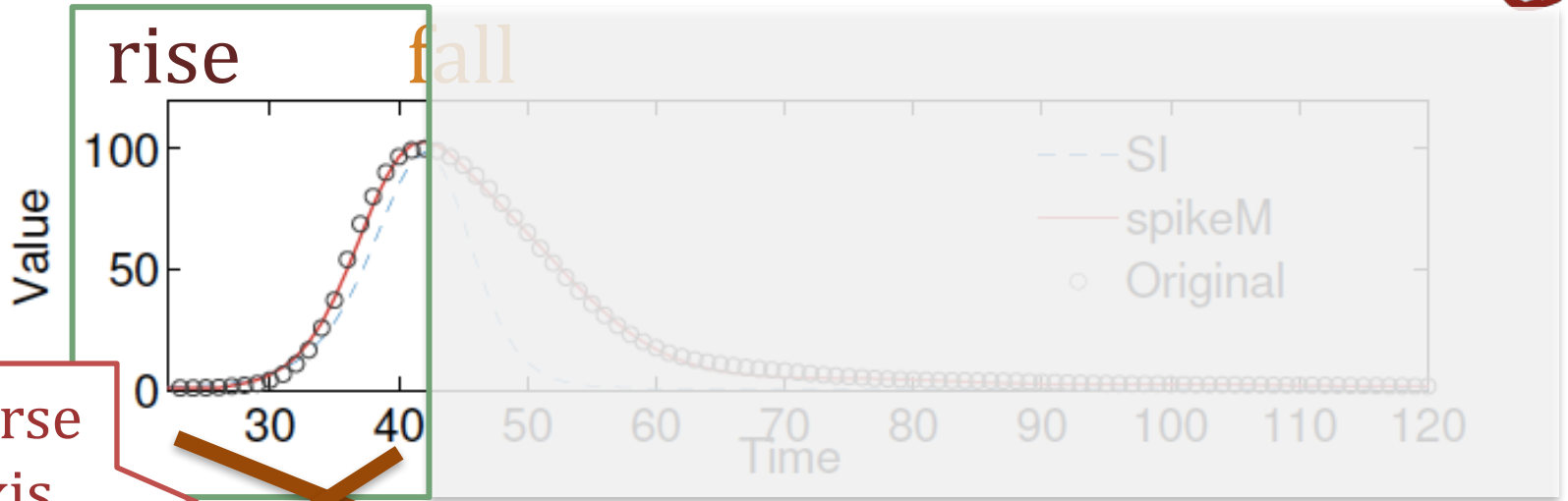
exponential rise and power-law fall



**SpikeM** vs. **SI** model (susceptible infected model)

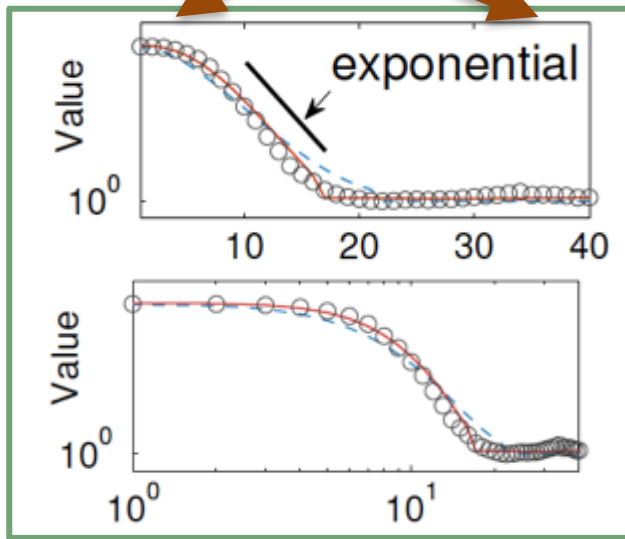


# Analysis



Reverse x-axis

Linear-log



Log-log

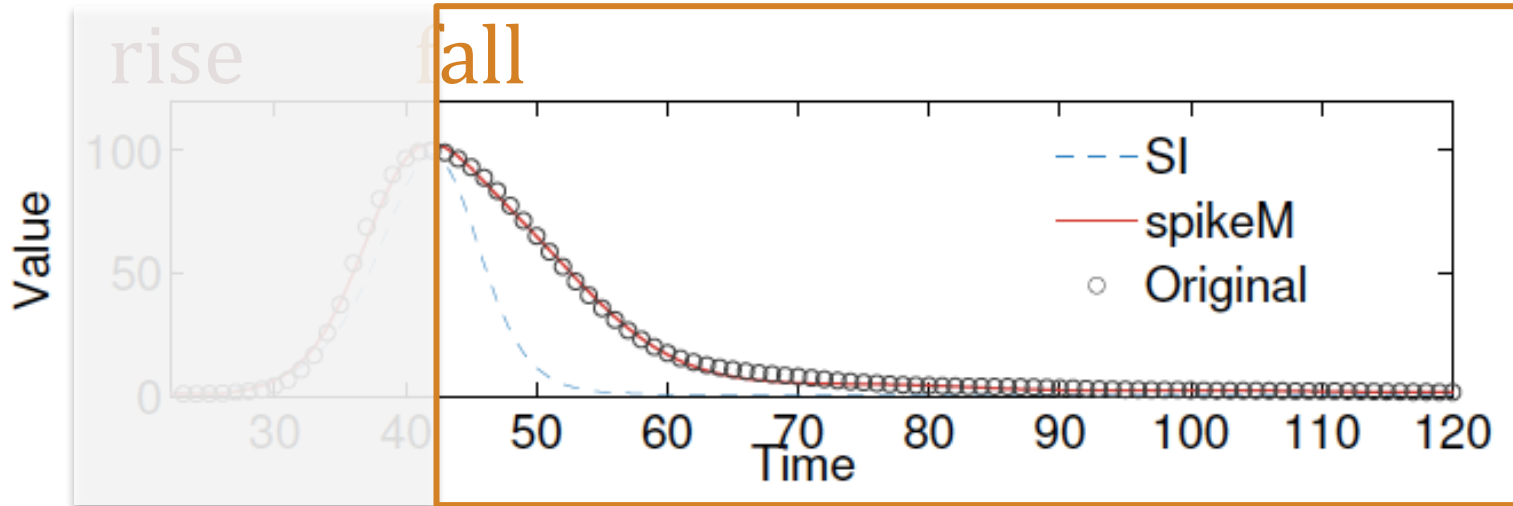
Rise-part

**SpikeM:** exponential

**SI model:** exponential



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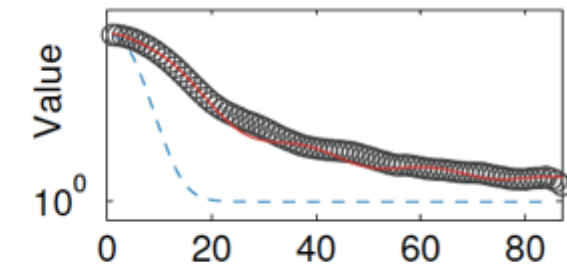


Fall-part

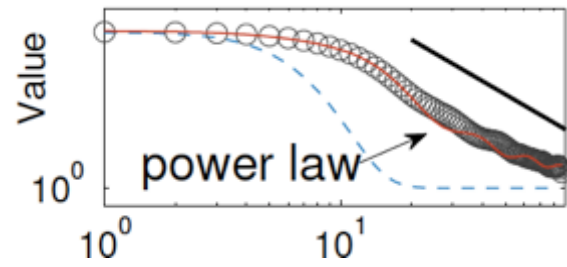
SpikeM: power law

SI model: exponential

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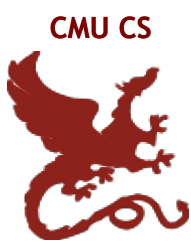


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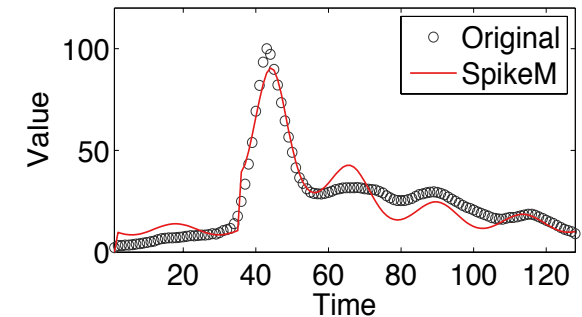
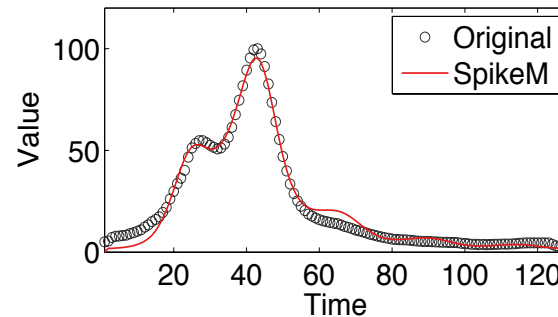
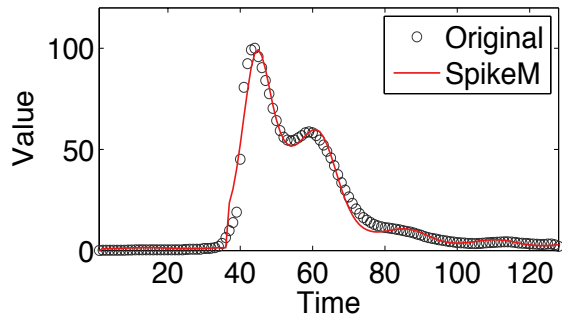
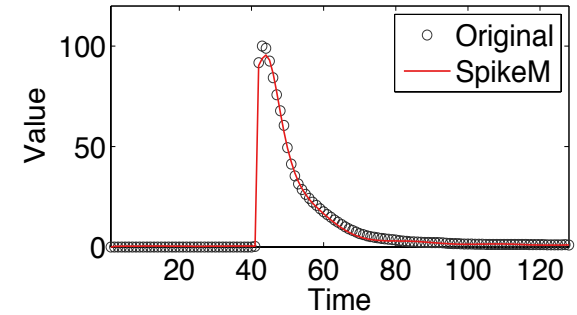
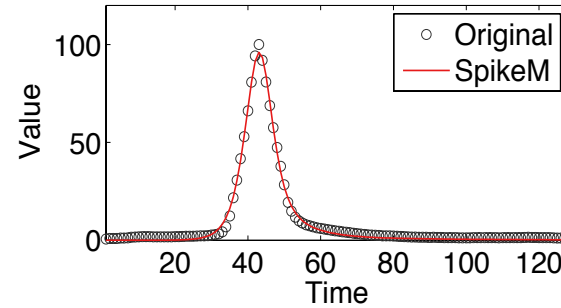
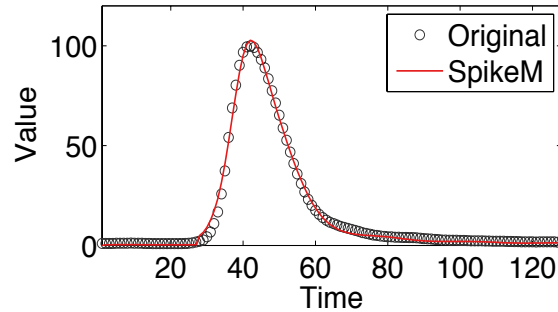




# Q1-1 Explaining K-SC clusters



–Six patterns of K-SC [Yang et al. WSDM'11]

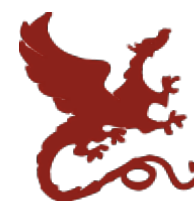


- **SpikeM** can generate all patterns in K-SC



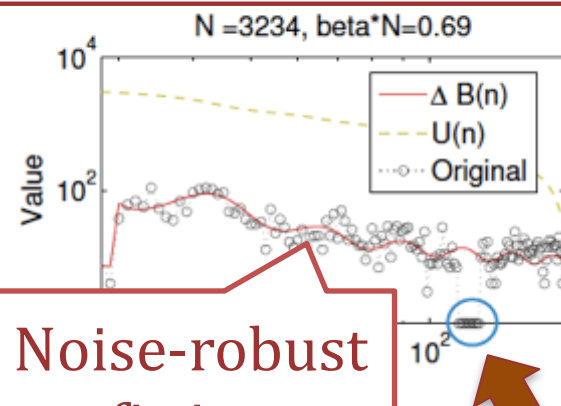
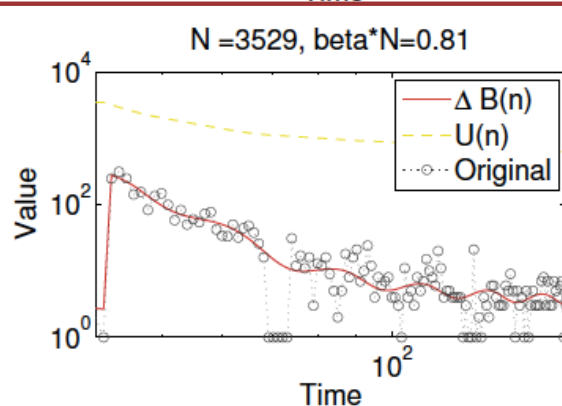
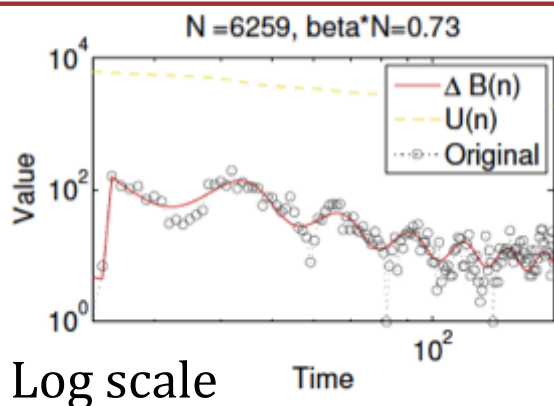
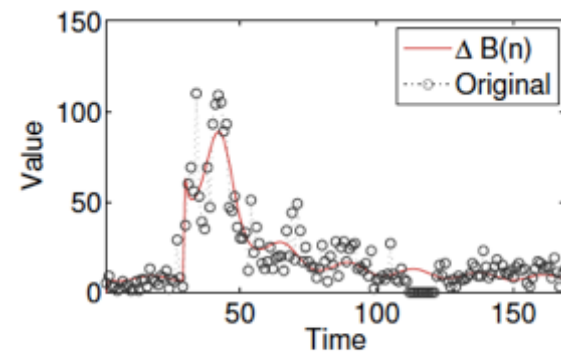
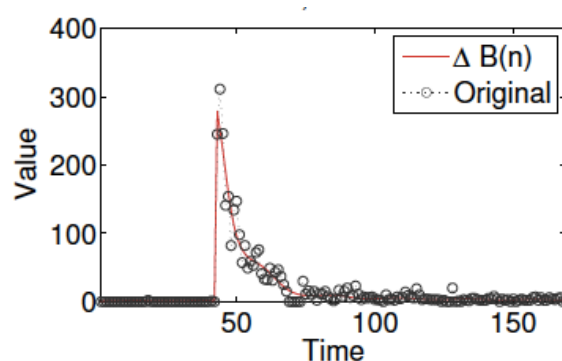
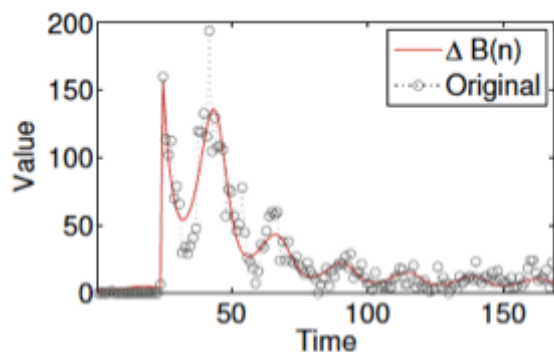
# Q1-2 Matching

## MemeTracker patterns



MemeTracker (memes in blogs) [Leskovec et al. KDD'09]

Linear scale



Log scale

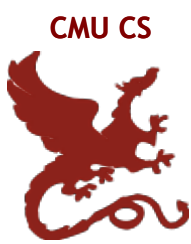
Noise-robust fitting

Outliers

**SpikeM** can fit various patterns in blog

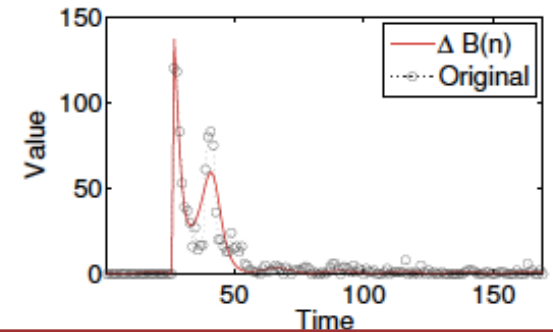
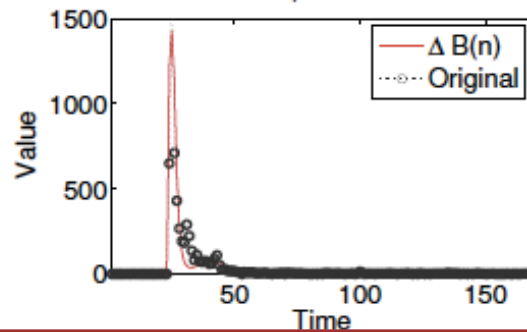
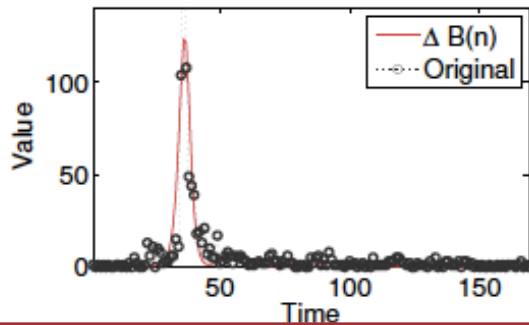


# Q1-3 Matching Twitter data

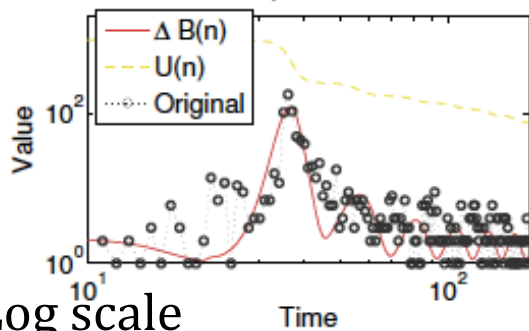


## Twitter data (hashtags)

### Linear scale

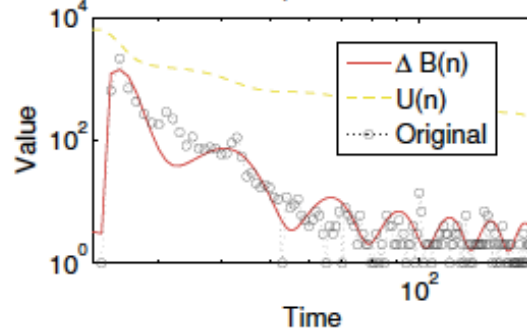


$N = 992$ ,  $\beta \cdot N = 1.41$



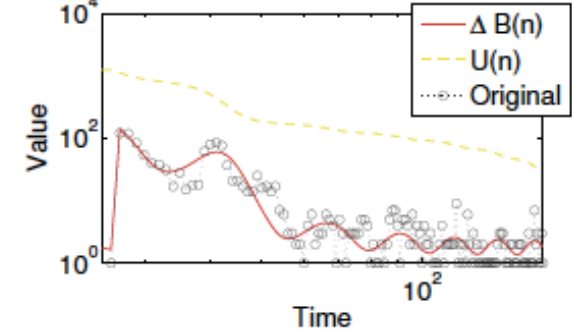
(a) #assange

$N = 6475$ ,  $\beta \cdot N = 2.00$



(b) #stevejobs

$N = 1266$ ,  $\beta \cdot N = 1.41$



(c) #arresteddevelopment

It can generate various patterns in social media

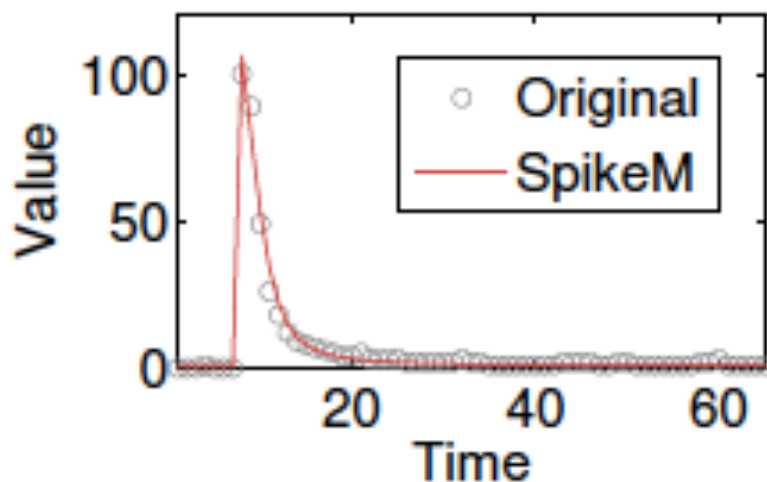


# Q1-4 Matching

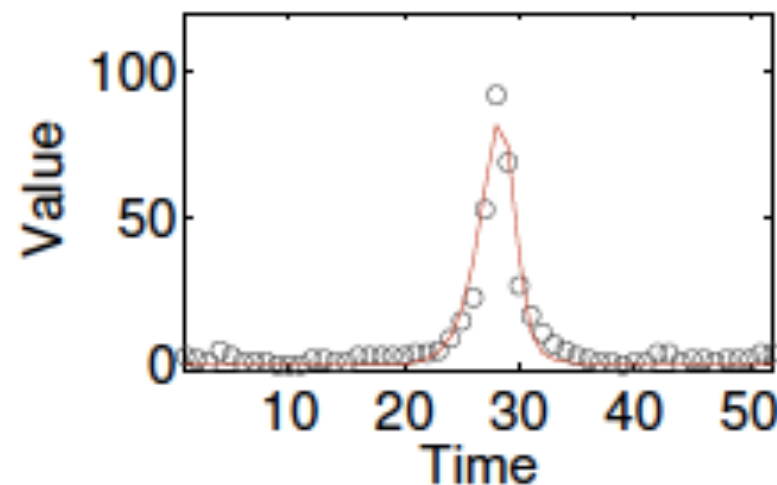
## Google trend data



Volume of searches for queries on Google



(a) “tsunami” (2005)



(b) “Harry Potter” (2007)

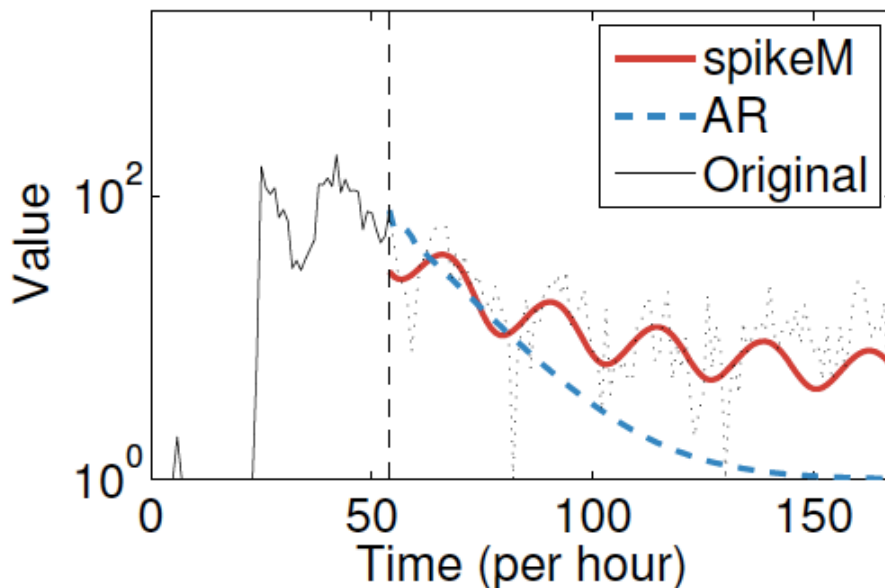
**SpikeM** can capture various patterns



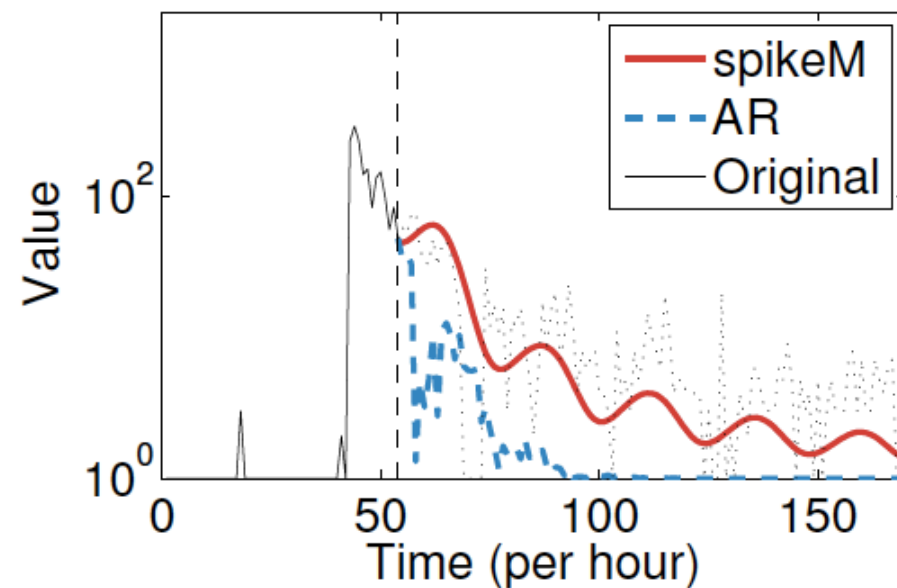
# Q2 Tail-part forecasts

- Given a first part of the spike
- forecast the tail part

$N = 5960$ ,  $\beta * N = 0.7$



$N = 3481$ ,  $\beta * N = 1.2$

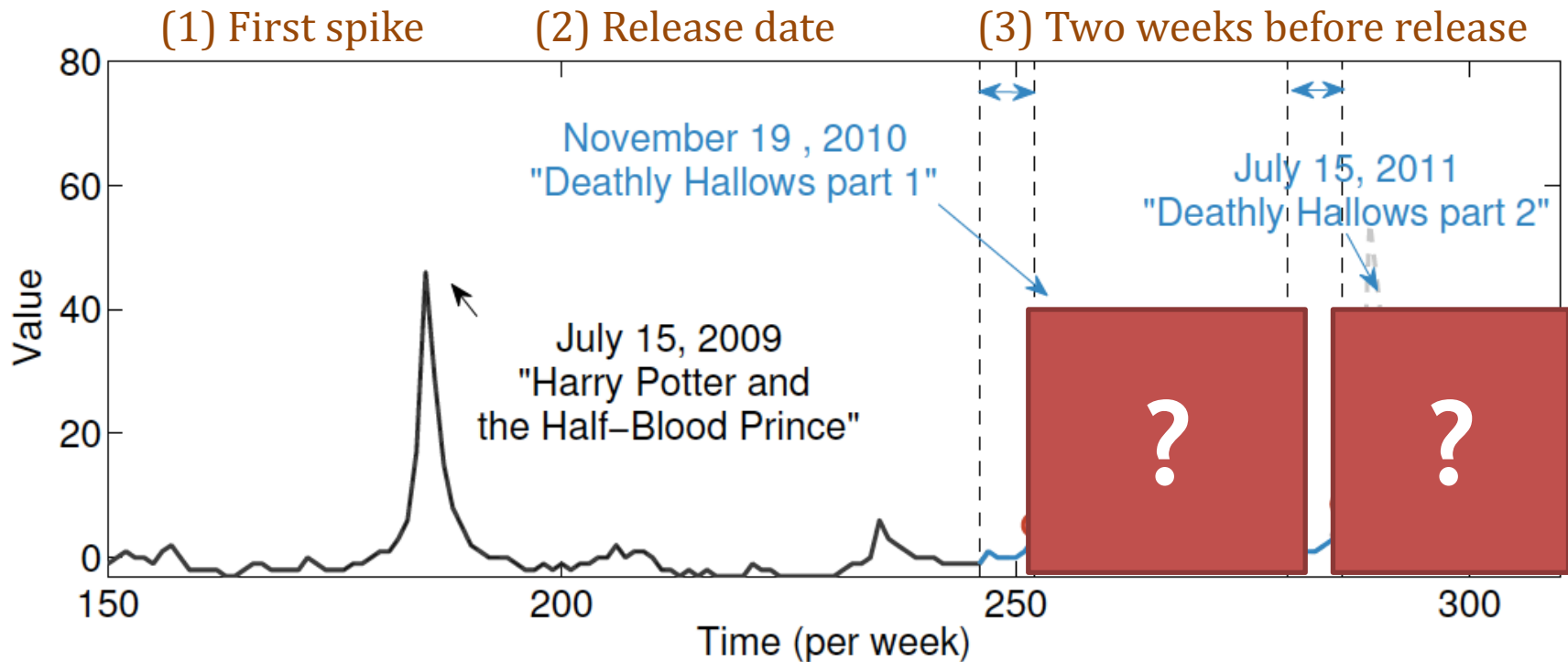


**SpikeM** can capture tail part (AR: fail)



# A1. “What-if” forecasting

Forecast not only tail-part, but also **rise-part!**



e.g., given (1) first spike,

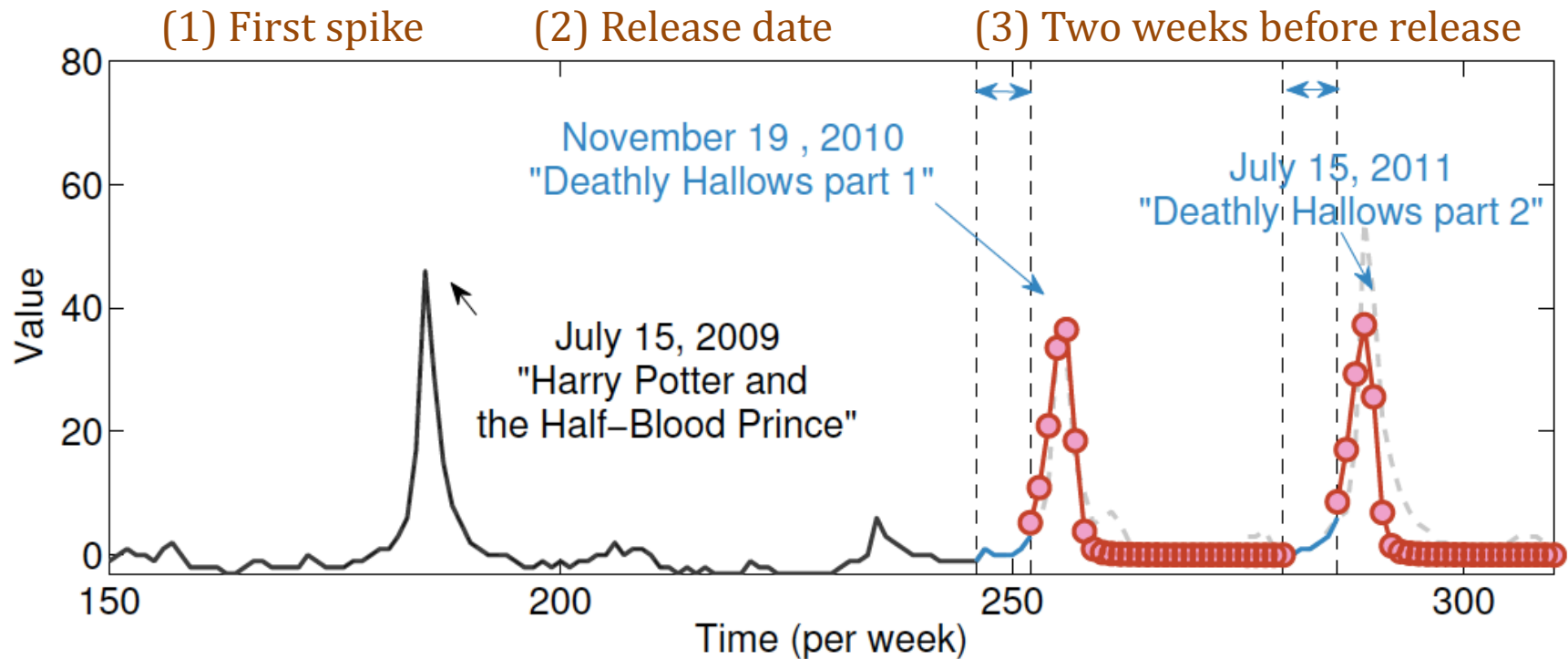
(2) release date of two sequel movies

(3) access volume before the release date



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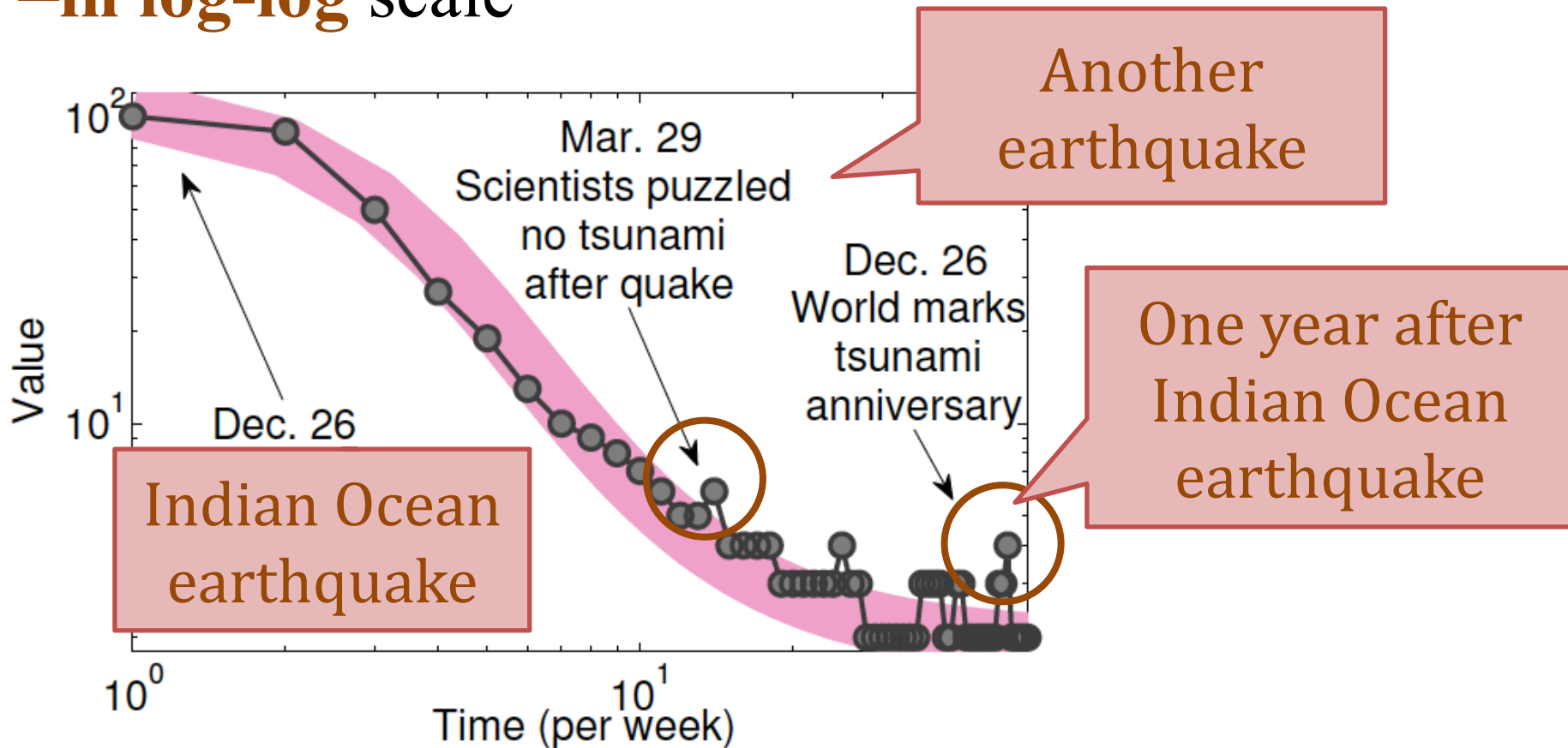


**SpikeM** can forecast **upcoming spikes!**



## A2. Outlier detection

- Fitting result of “tsunami (Google trend)”
- in log-log scale



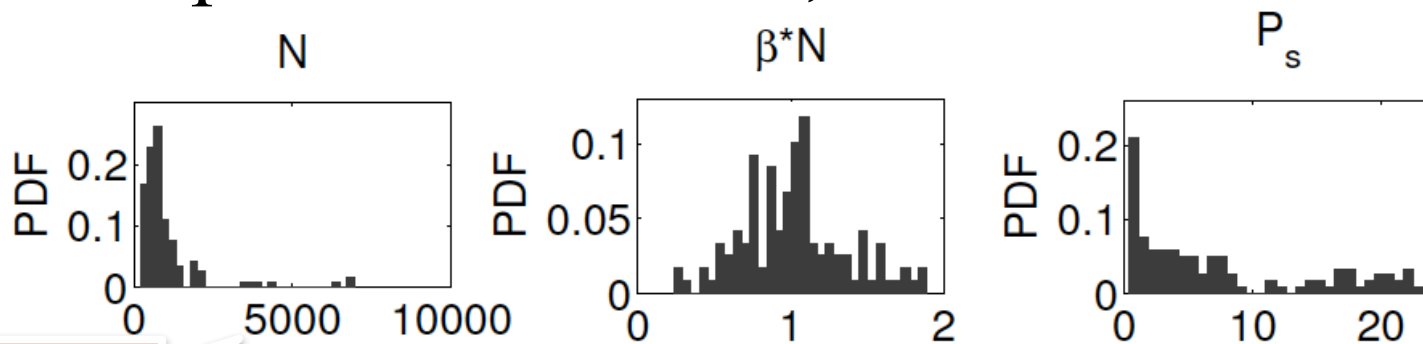




# A3. Reverse engineering

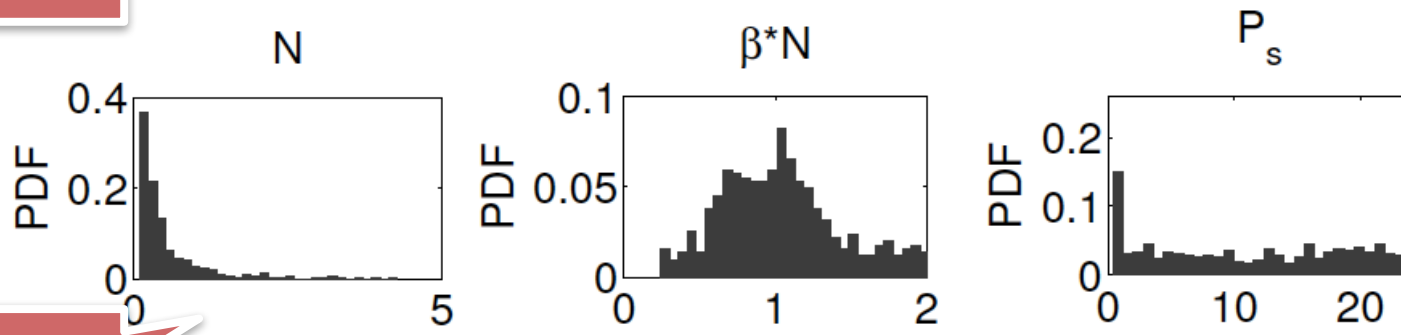
**SpikeM** provide an intuitive explanation

PDF of parameters over 1,000 memes/hashtags



Meme

(a) *MemeTracker*



Twitter

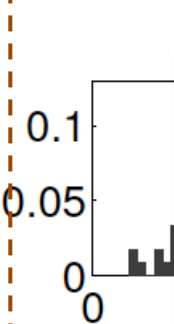
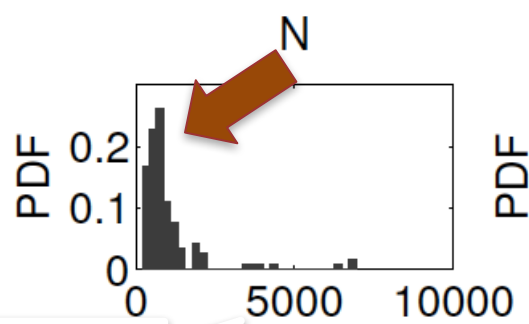
(b) *Twitter*



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$\beta \cdot N$

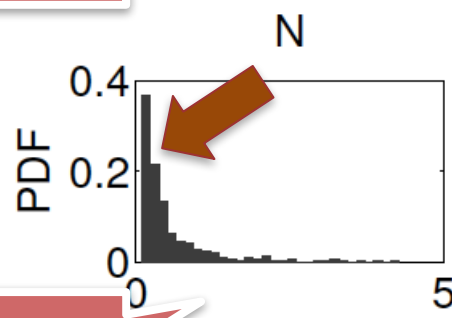
$P_s$

Observation 1

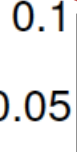
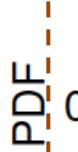
**Total population N is almost same**

$$N = 1,000 \sim 2,000$$

Meme



$N$



Twitter

$\times 10^4$

(b) Twitter

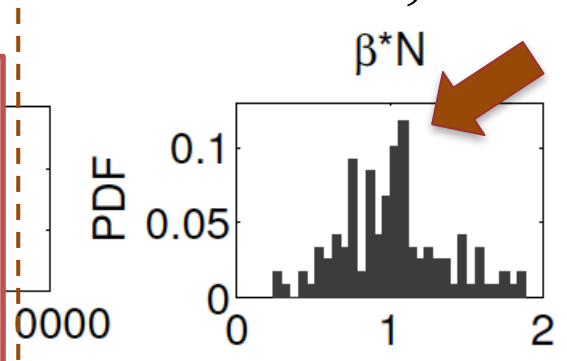


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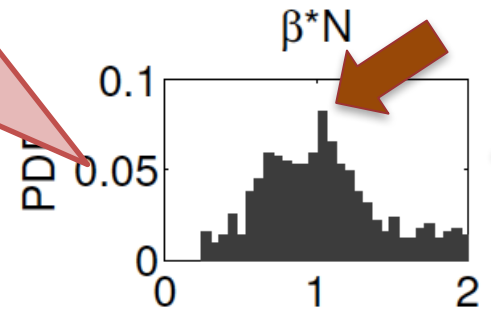
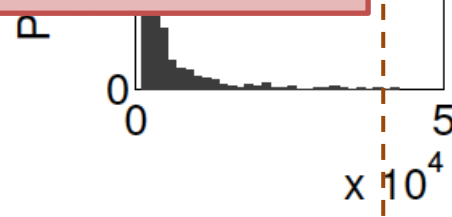
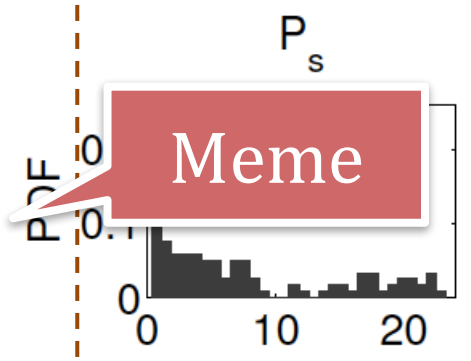
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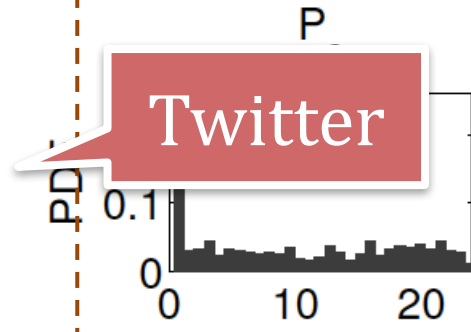
Observation 2  
**Strength of first burst (news) is  $\beta * N = 1.0$**



(a) *MemeTracker*



(b) *Twitter*





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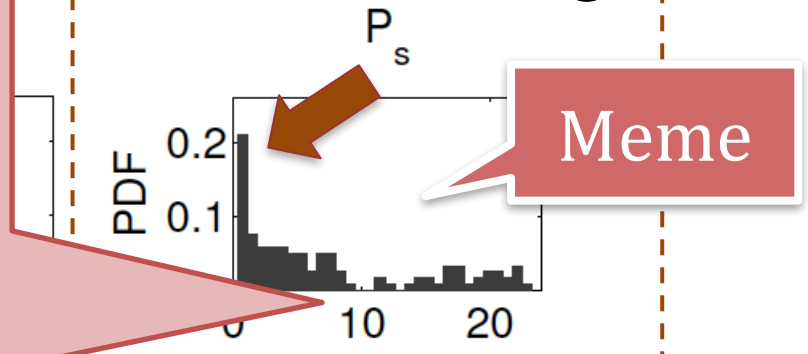
Observation 3

**Daily periodicity**

with phase shift  $P_s = 0$

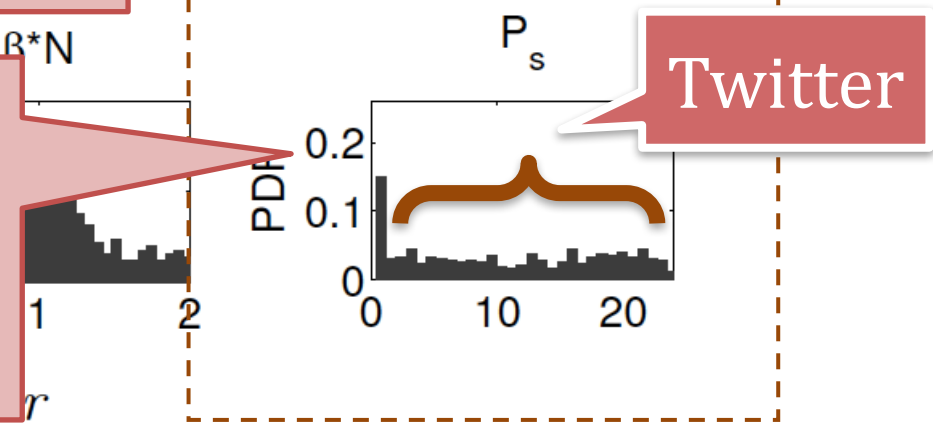
Every meme has the same periodicity without lag

0 memes/hashtags



(Twitter)

Daily periodicity with **more spread in  $P_s$**   
(i.e., Multiple time zone)





# Part 2 Roadmap





## Problem

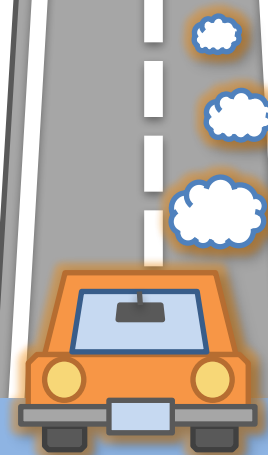
- ✓ Why: “non-linear” modeling

## Fundamentals

- ✓ Non-linear (grey-box) models

## Applications

- ✓ Epidemics
- ✓ Information diffusion  vs. 
- Online competition



# Online competition in social networks





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Q. How can we describe  
“virtual competition”?



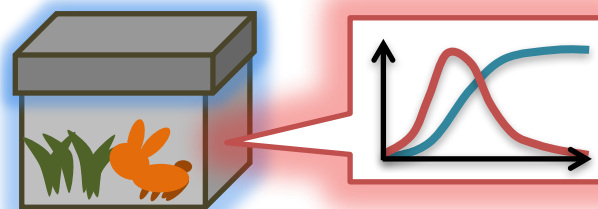


# Online competition - roadmap



A. Non-linear (gray-box) modeling!

**Solutions**



- Winner-Takes-All [Prakash+ WWW'12]
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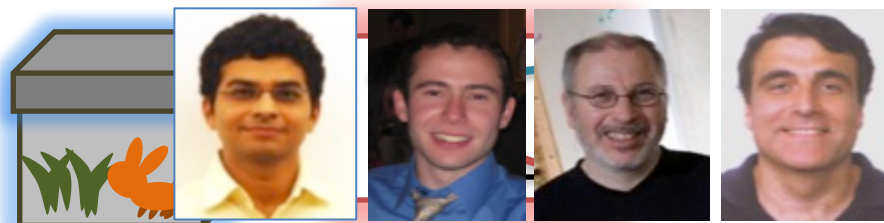


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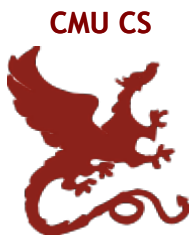
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# Competing contagions



[Prakash+ WWW'12]

Contagions: viruses, online activities



**iPhone v Android**



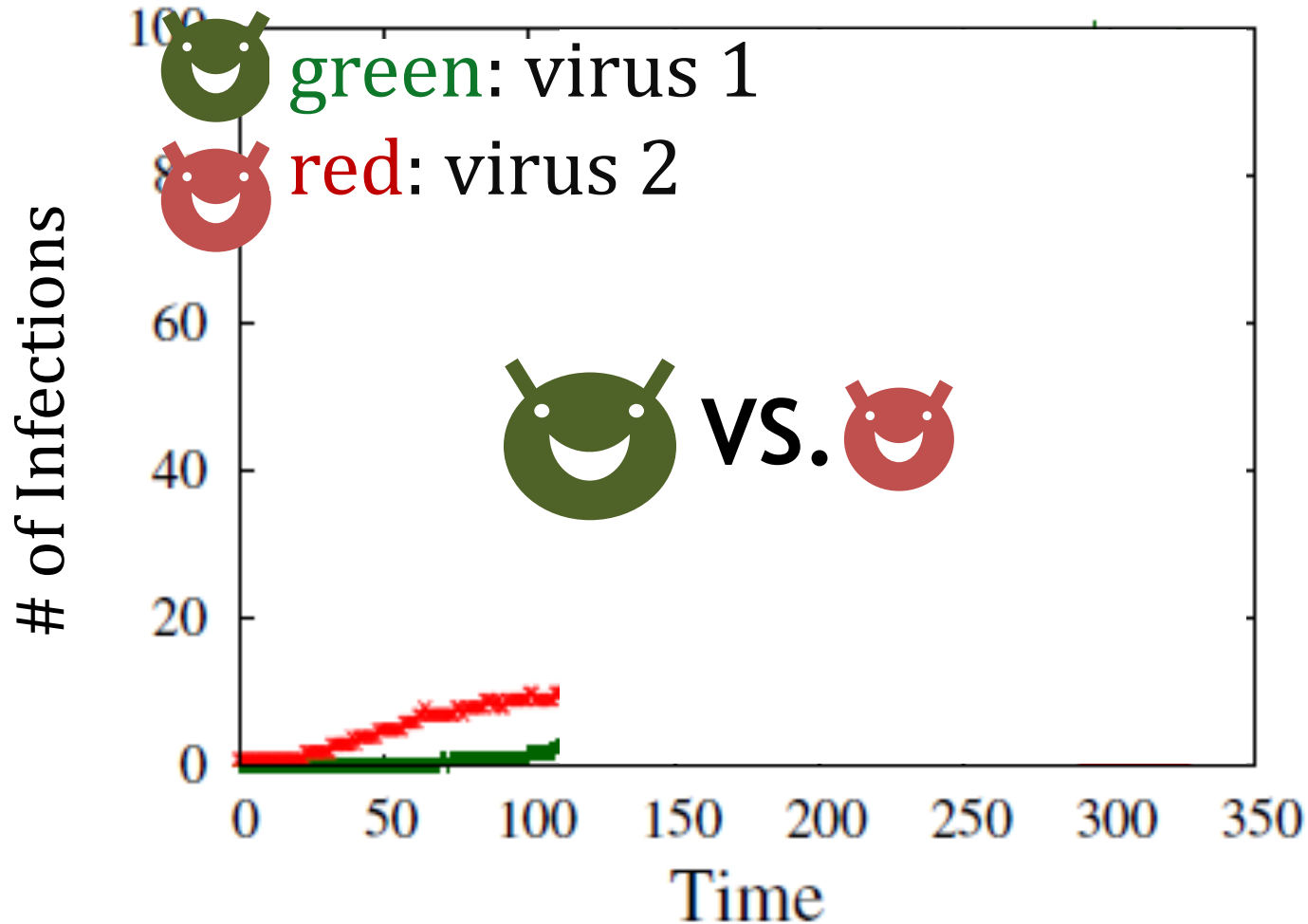
**Blu-ray v HD-DVD**

Q. What happen when two viruses compete?



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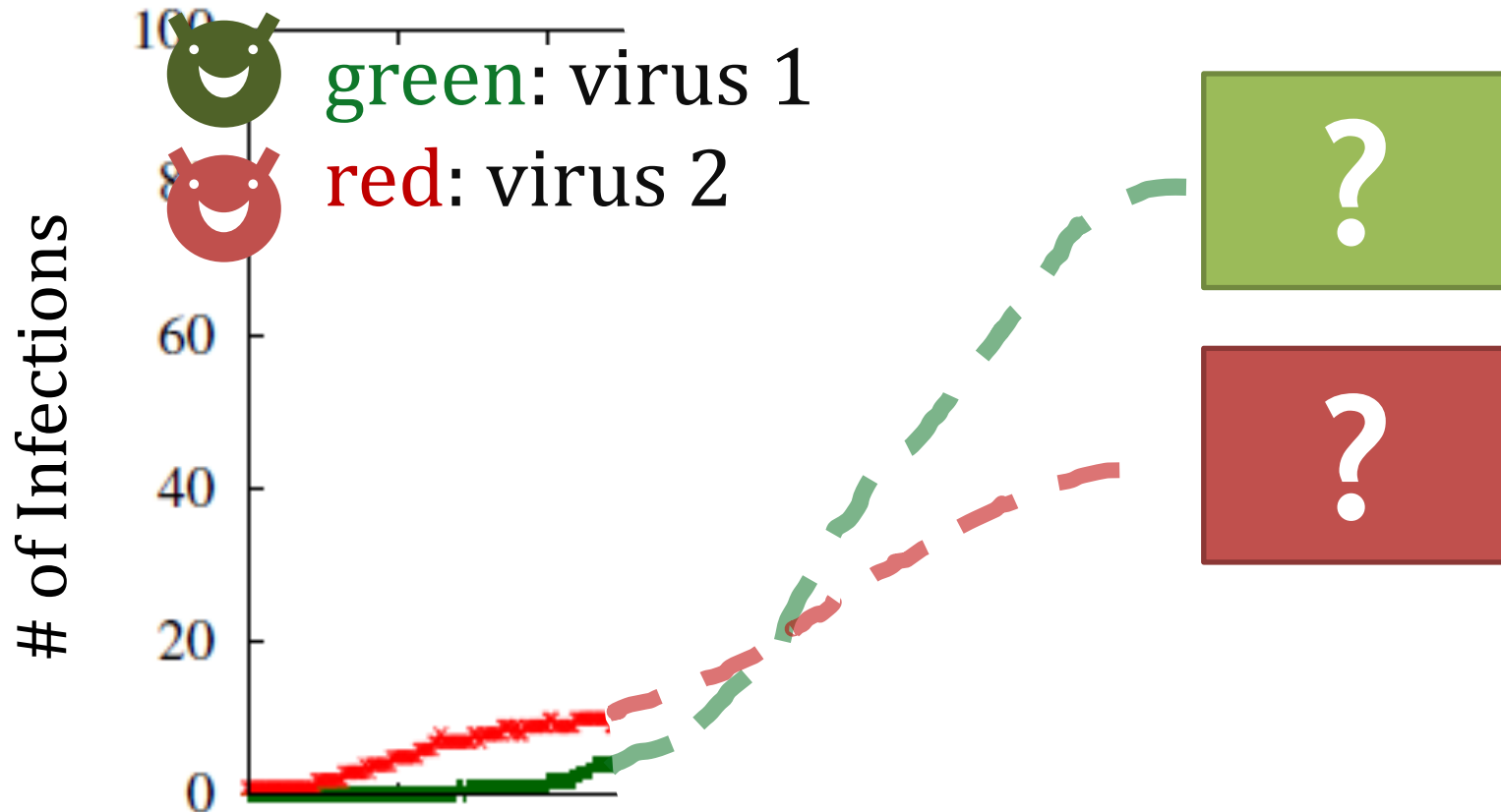


**ASSUME: Virus 1 is stronger than Virus 2**



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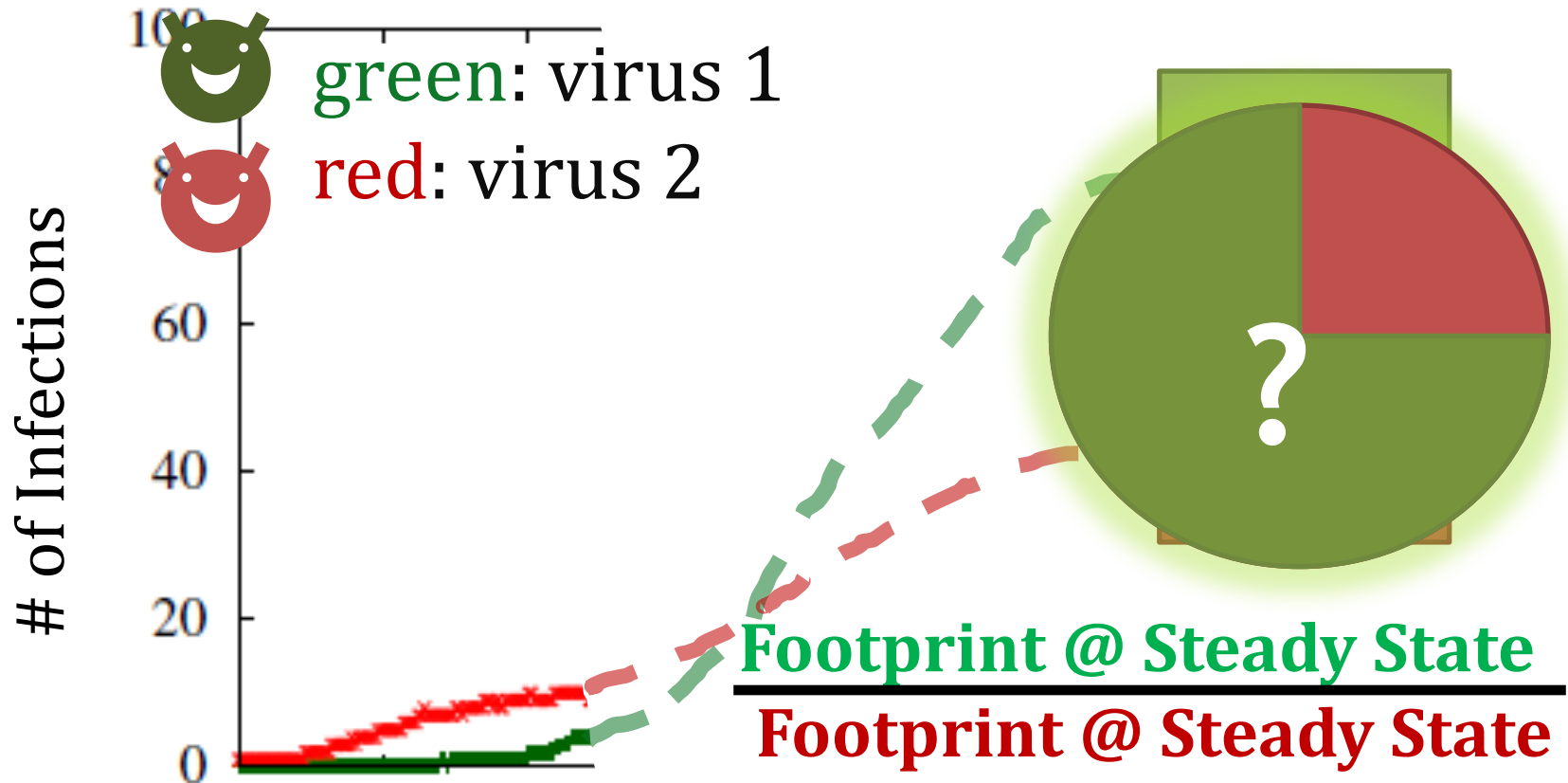
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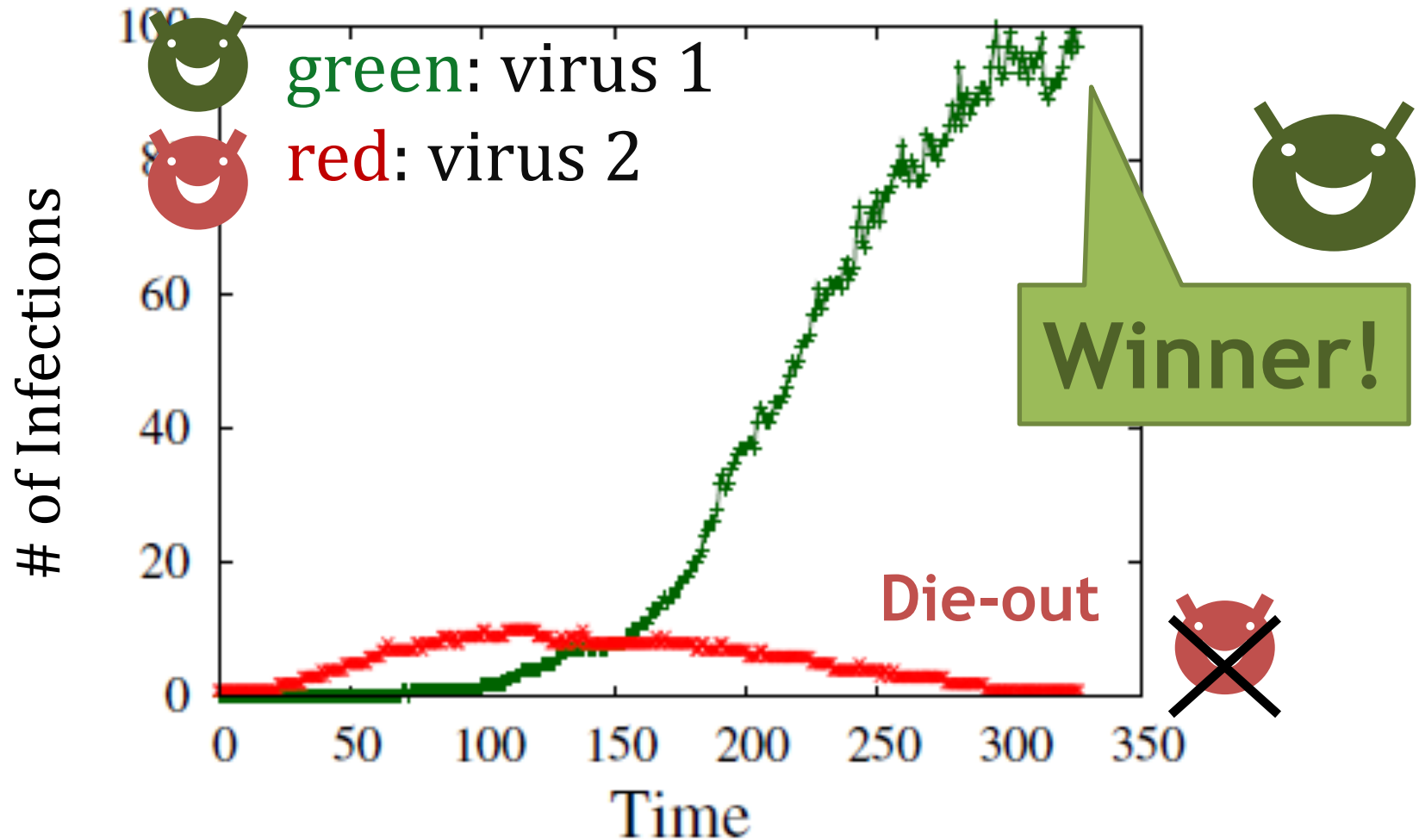
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# Answer:

# Winner-Takes-All!

[Prakash+ WWW'12]



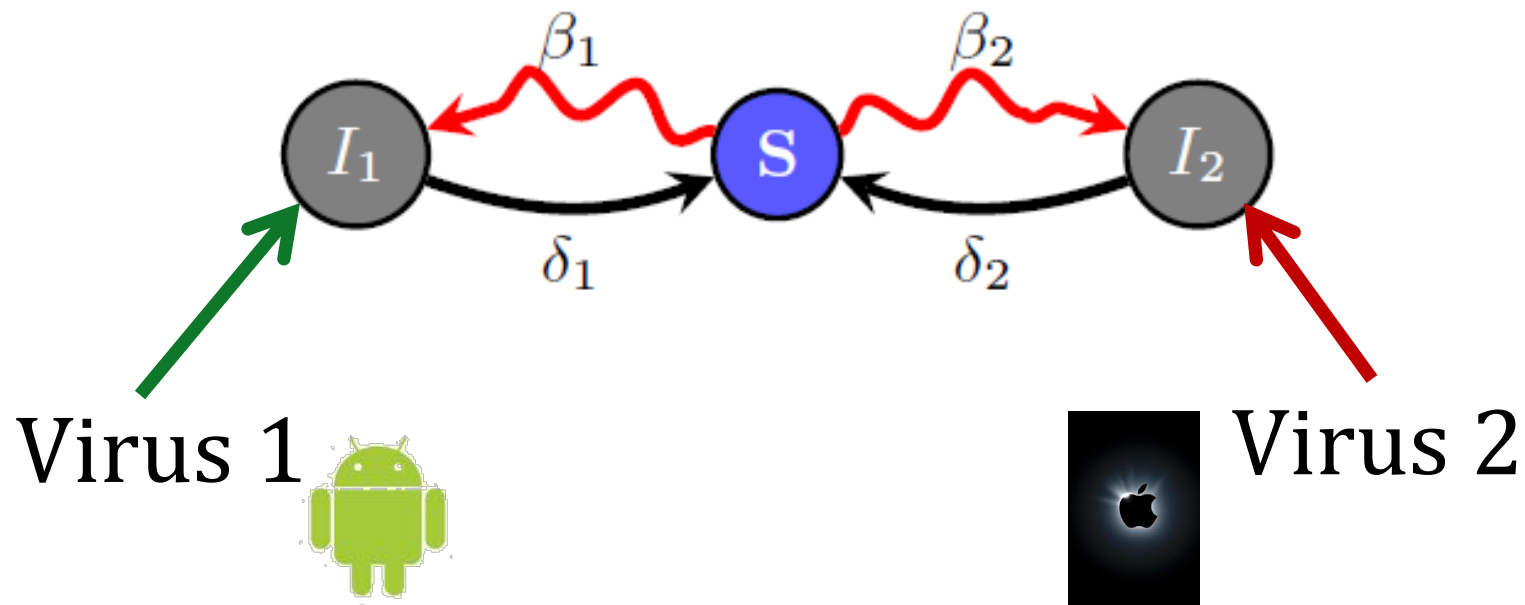
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# A simple model

[Prakash+ WWW'12]

- Modified flu-like (SIS) model
- Mutual Immunity (“pick one of the two”)
- Susceptible-Infected1-Infected2-Susceptible

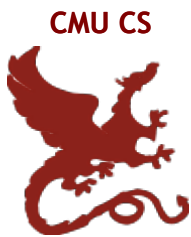




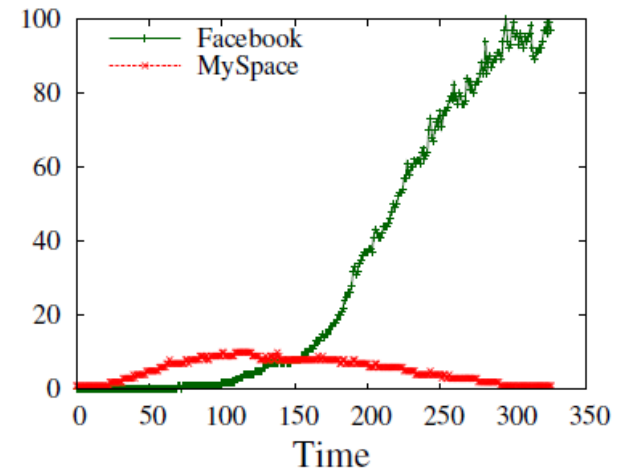
# Result:

# Winner-Takes-All

[Prakash+ WWW'12]



Given this model,  
and *any graph*,  
the weaker virus always  
**dies-out, completely**



1. The stronger survives only if it is above threshold
2. Virus 1 is stronger than Virus 2, if:  
 $\text{strength}(\text{Virus 1}) > \text{strength}(\text{Virus 2})$
3.  $\text{Strength}(\text{Virus}) = \lambda \beta / \delta \rightarrow$  same as before!



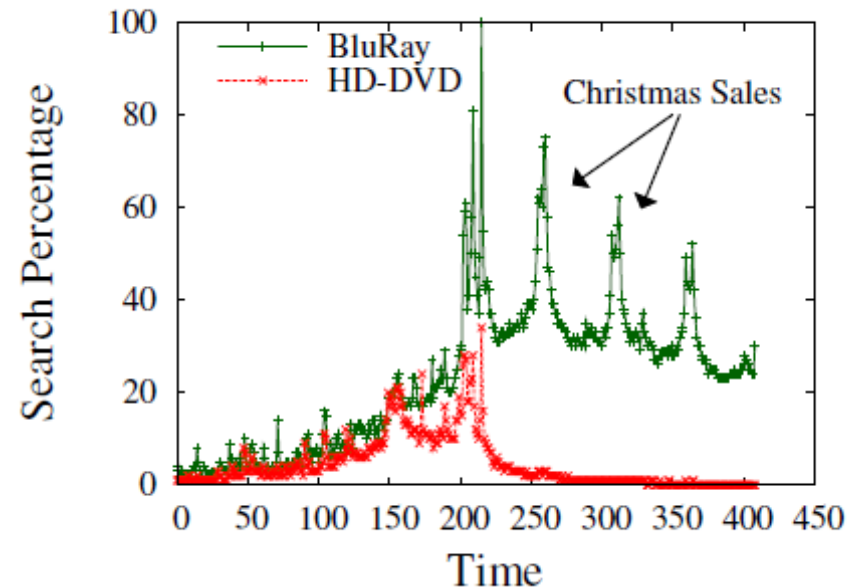
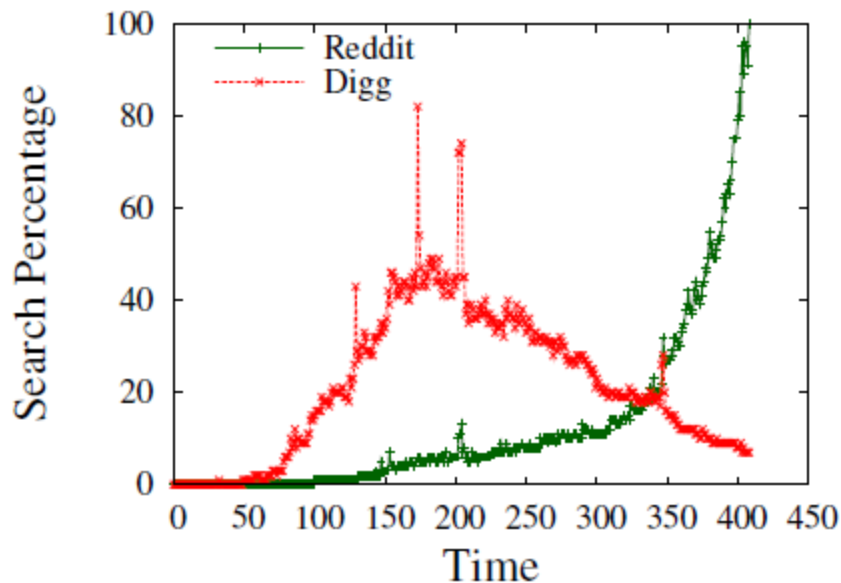


# Real Examples of “WTA”



[Prakash+ WWW'12]

[Google Search Trends data]



**Reddit** v **Digg**

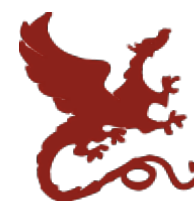


**Blu-Ray** v **HD-DVD**



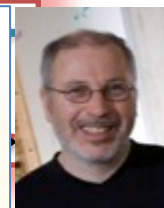
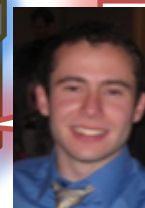
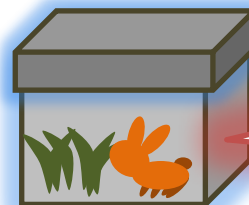


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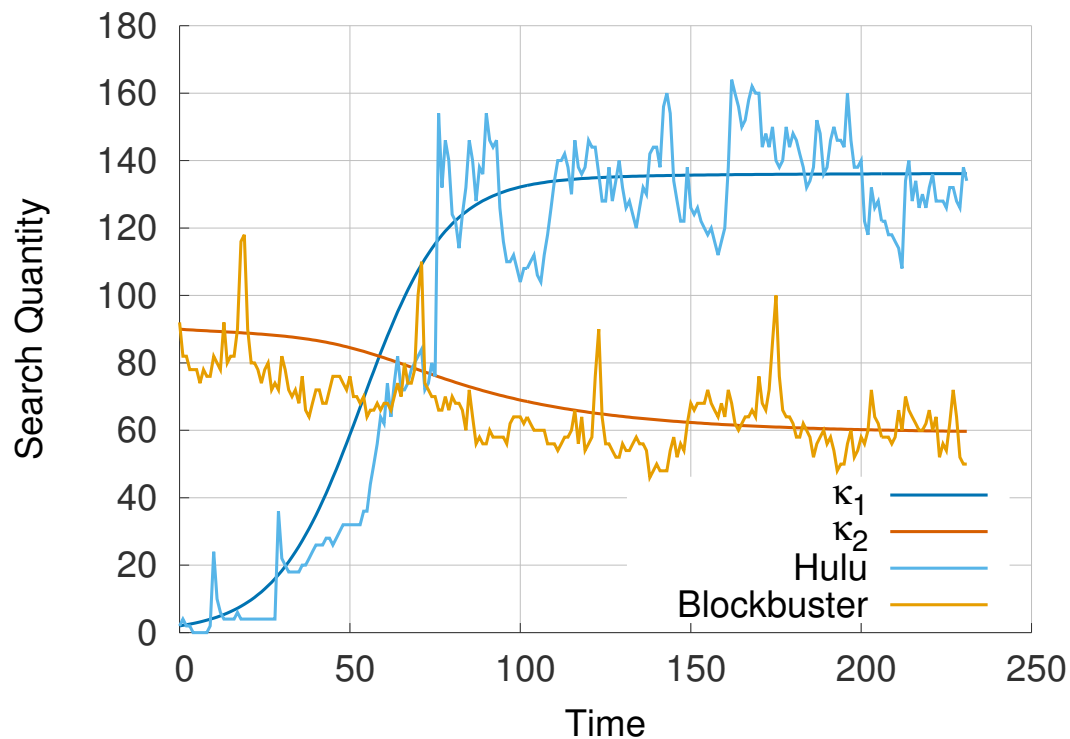


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[Google Search Trends data]



**Hulu v Blockbuster**

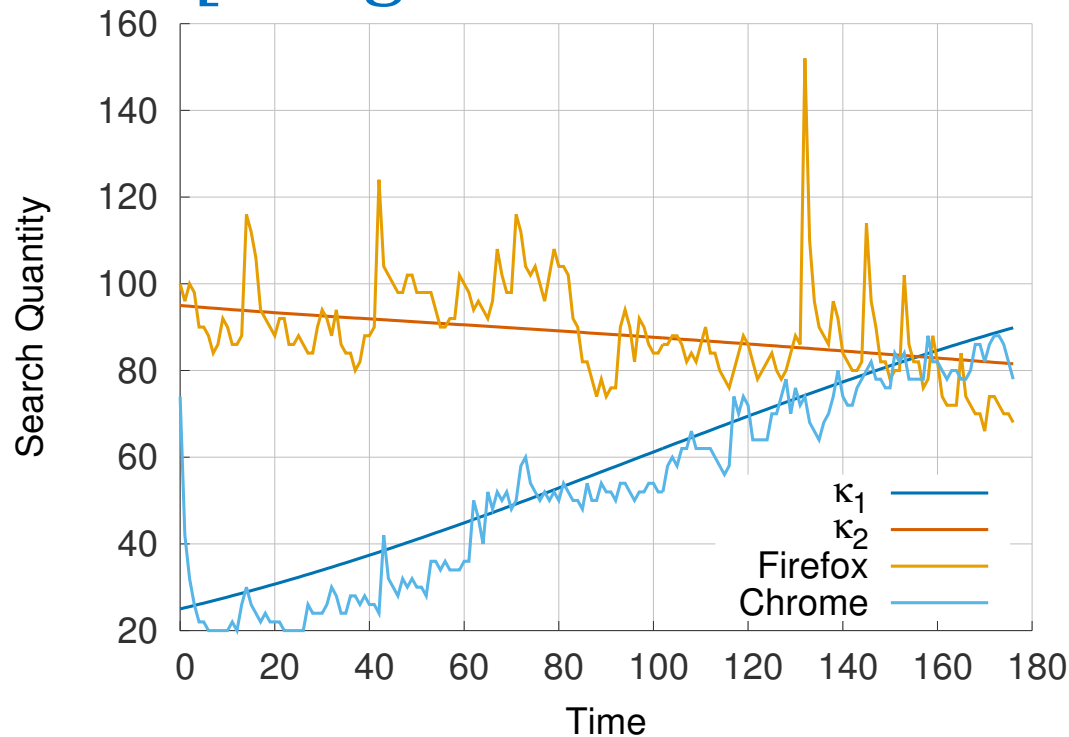
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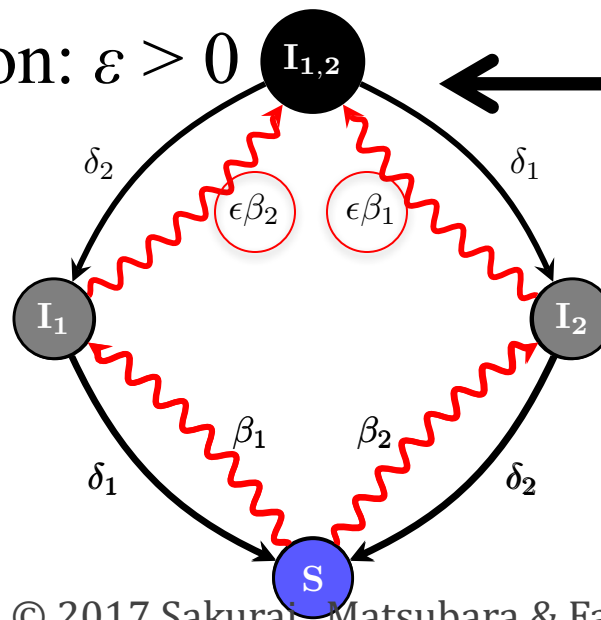




# A simple model: $SI_{1|2}S$



- Modified flu-like (SIS)
- Susceptible-Infected<sub>1 or 2</sub>-Susceptible
- Interaction Factor  $\varepsilon$ 
  - Full Mutual Immunity:  $\varepsilon = 0$
  - Partial Mutual Immunity (competition):  $\varepsilon < 0$
  - Cooperation:  $\varepsilon > 0$



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Virus 1

Virus 2

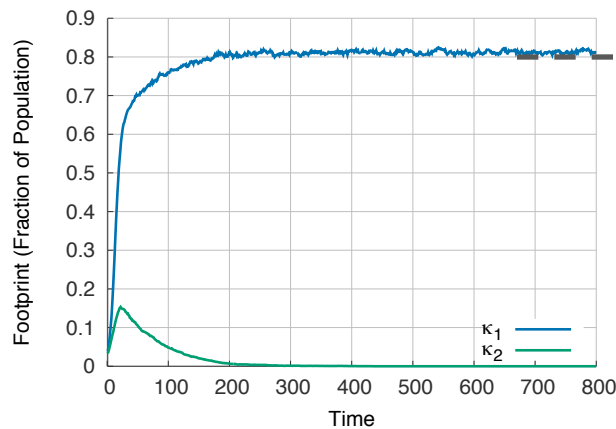


# Question:

## What happens in the end?

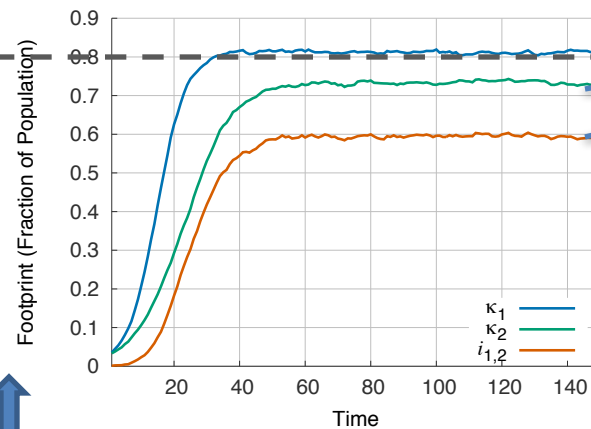
$\epsilon = 0$

Winner takes all



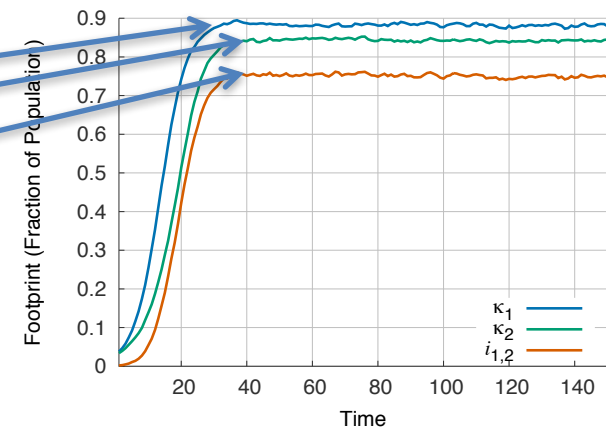
$\epsilon = 1$

Co-exist independently



$\epsilon = 2$

Viruses cooperate

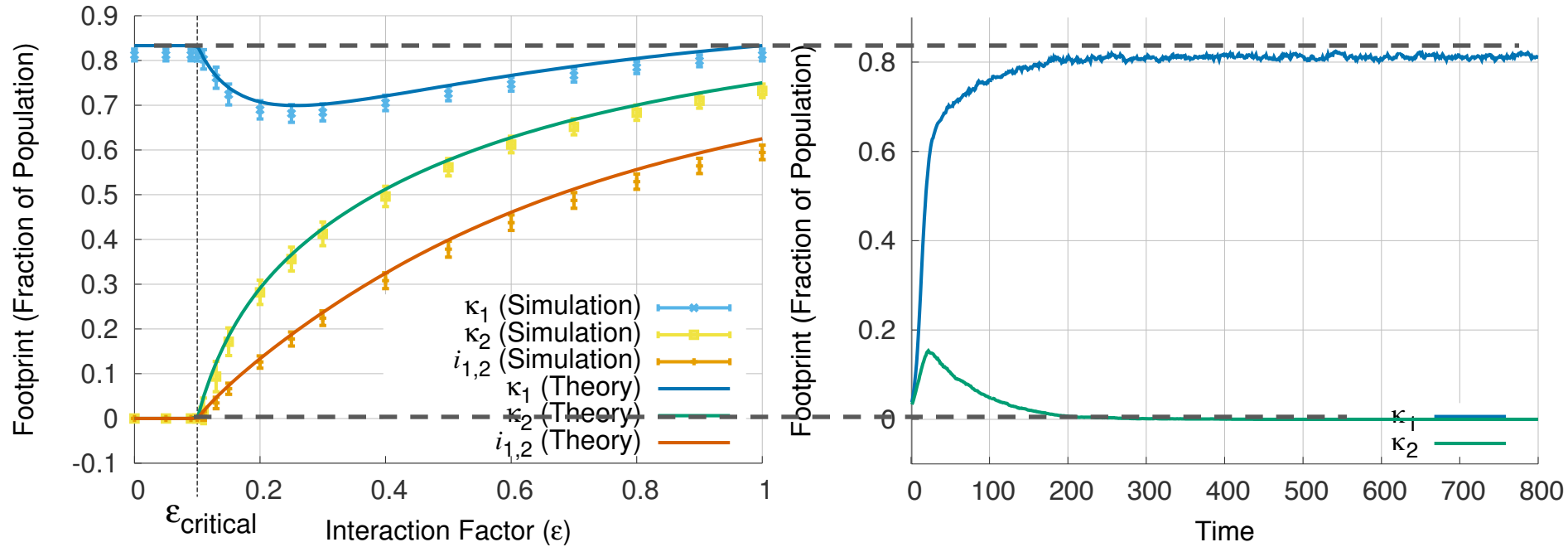


What about for  $0 < \epsilon < 1$ ?  
Is there a point at which both viruses can co-exist?

**ASSUME: Virus 1 is stronger than Virus 2**

# Answer: Yes!

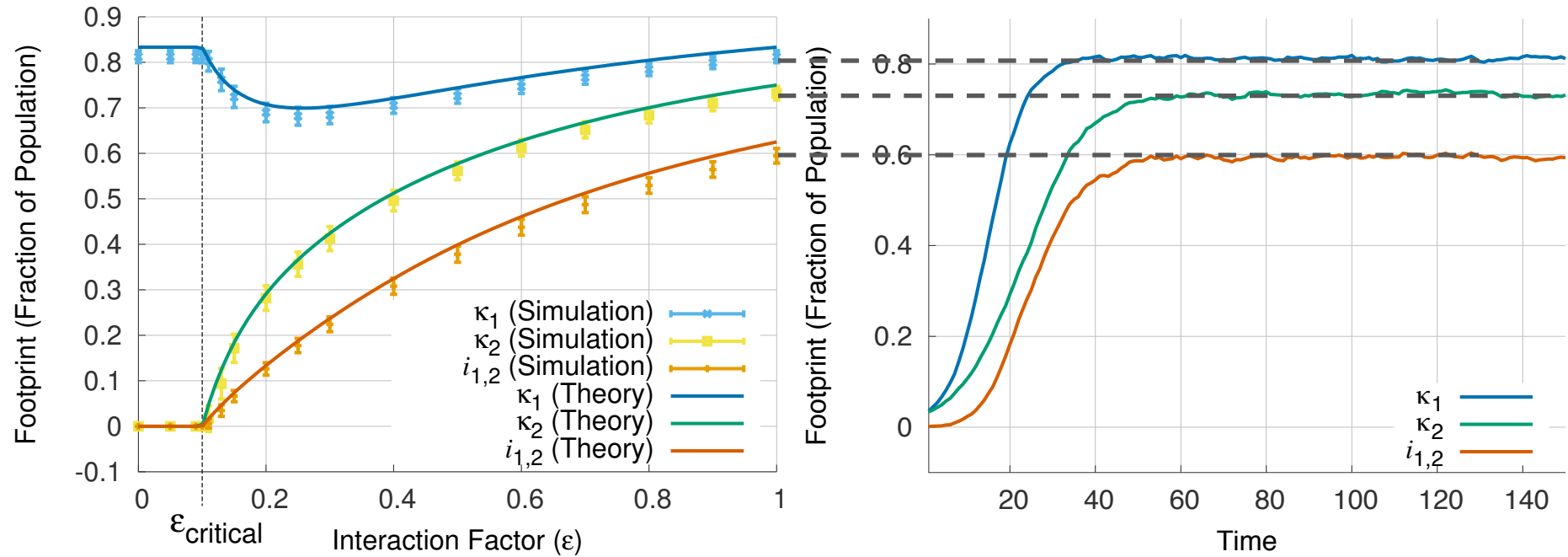
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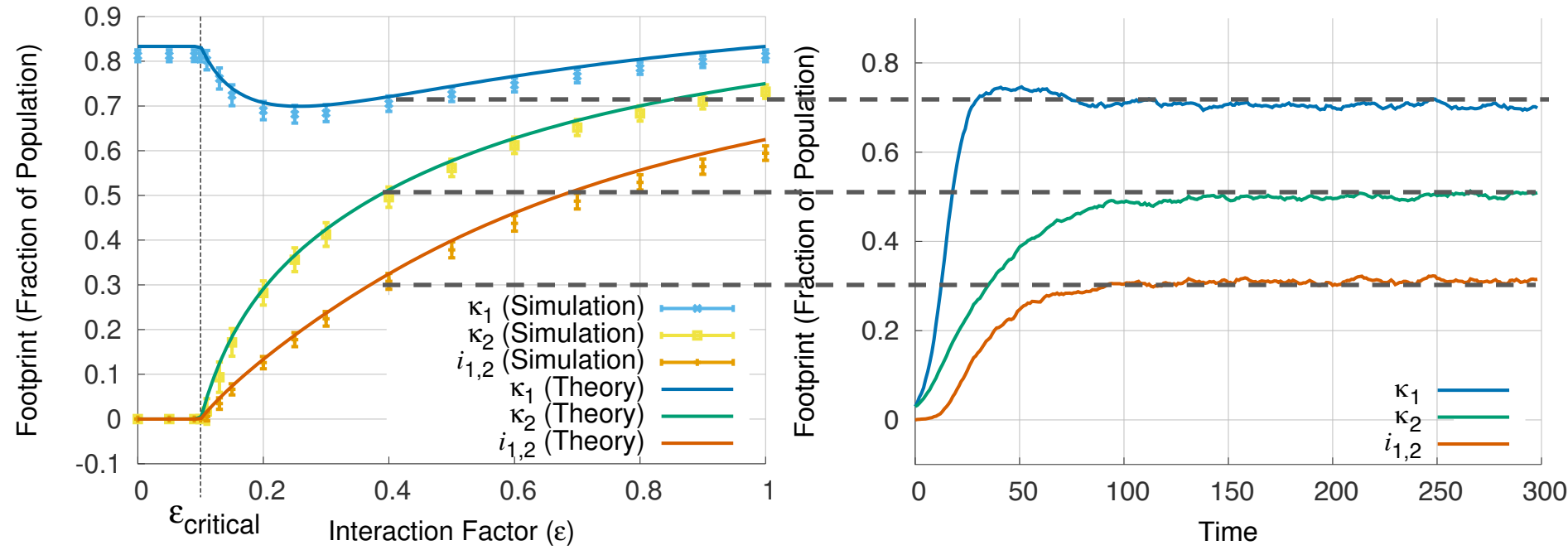


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# Result:

## Viruses can Co-exist

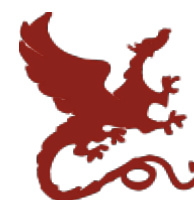


Given this model and a fully connected graph, there exists an  $\varepsilon_{\text{critical}}$  such that for  $\varepsilon \geq \varepsilon_{\text{critical}}$ , there is a fixed point where both viruses survive.

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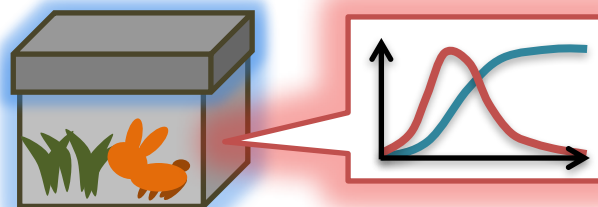


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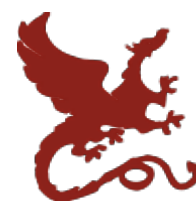
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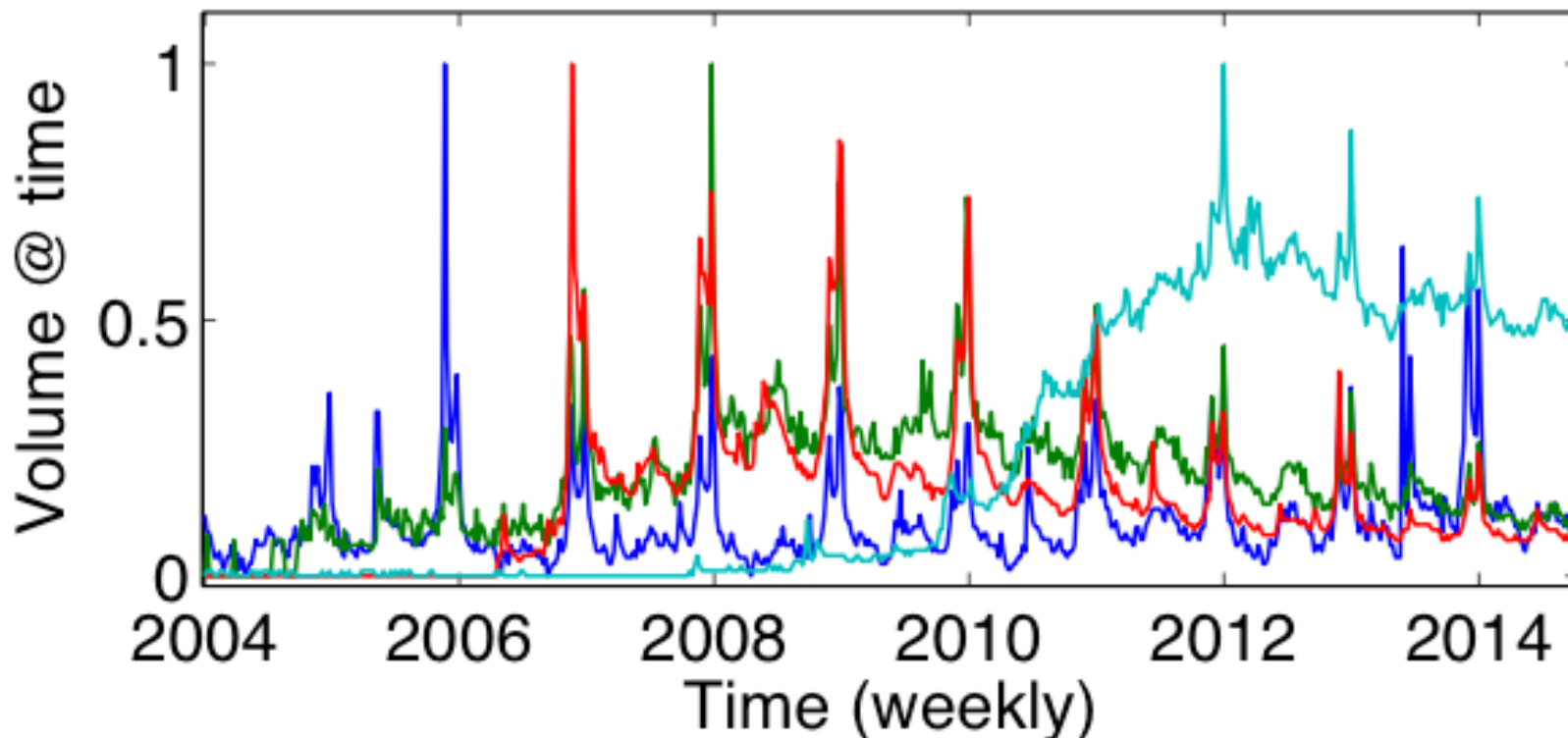


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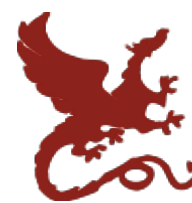
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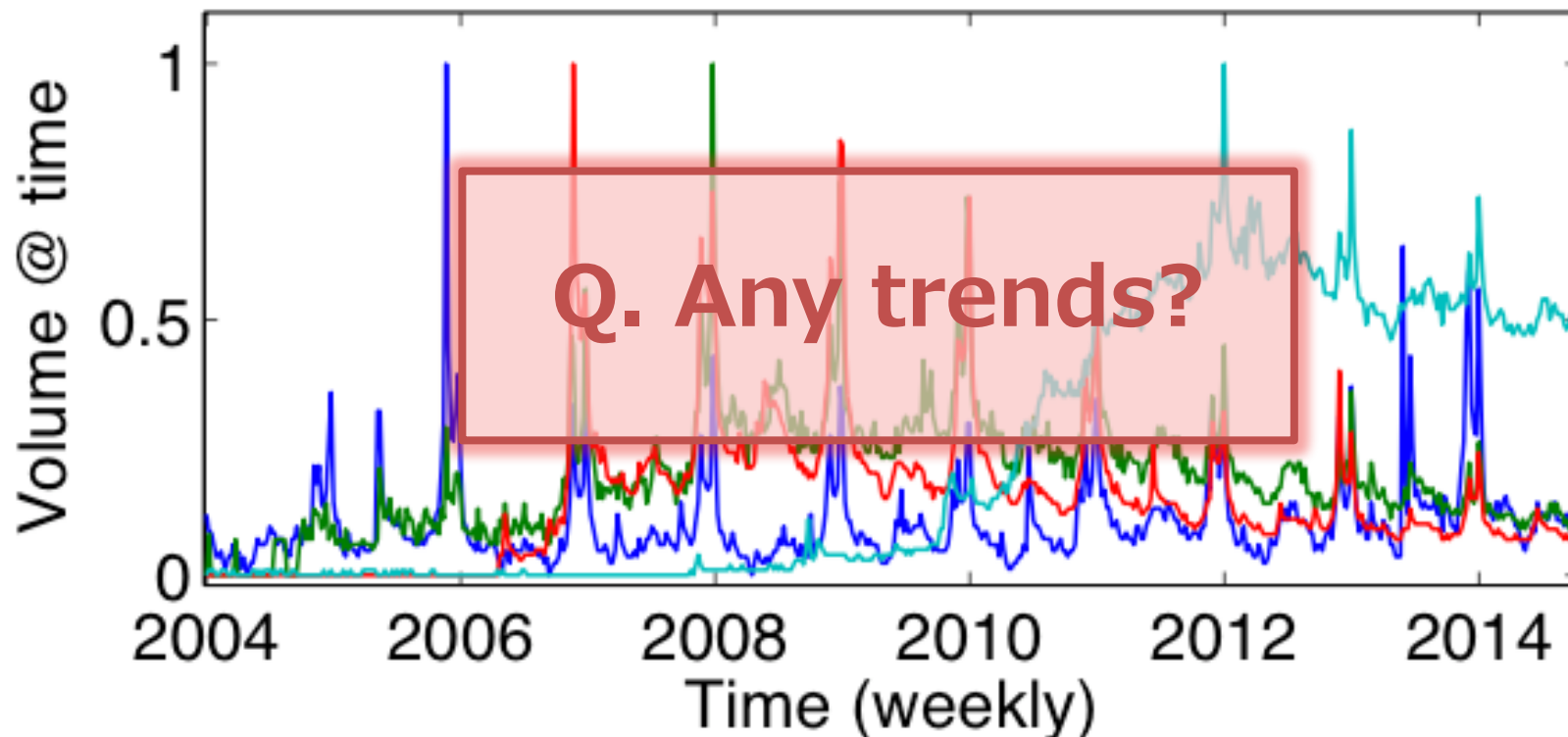


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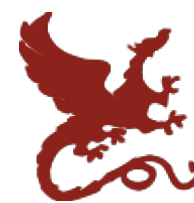
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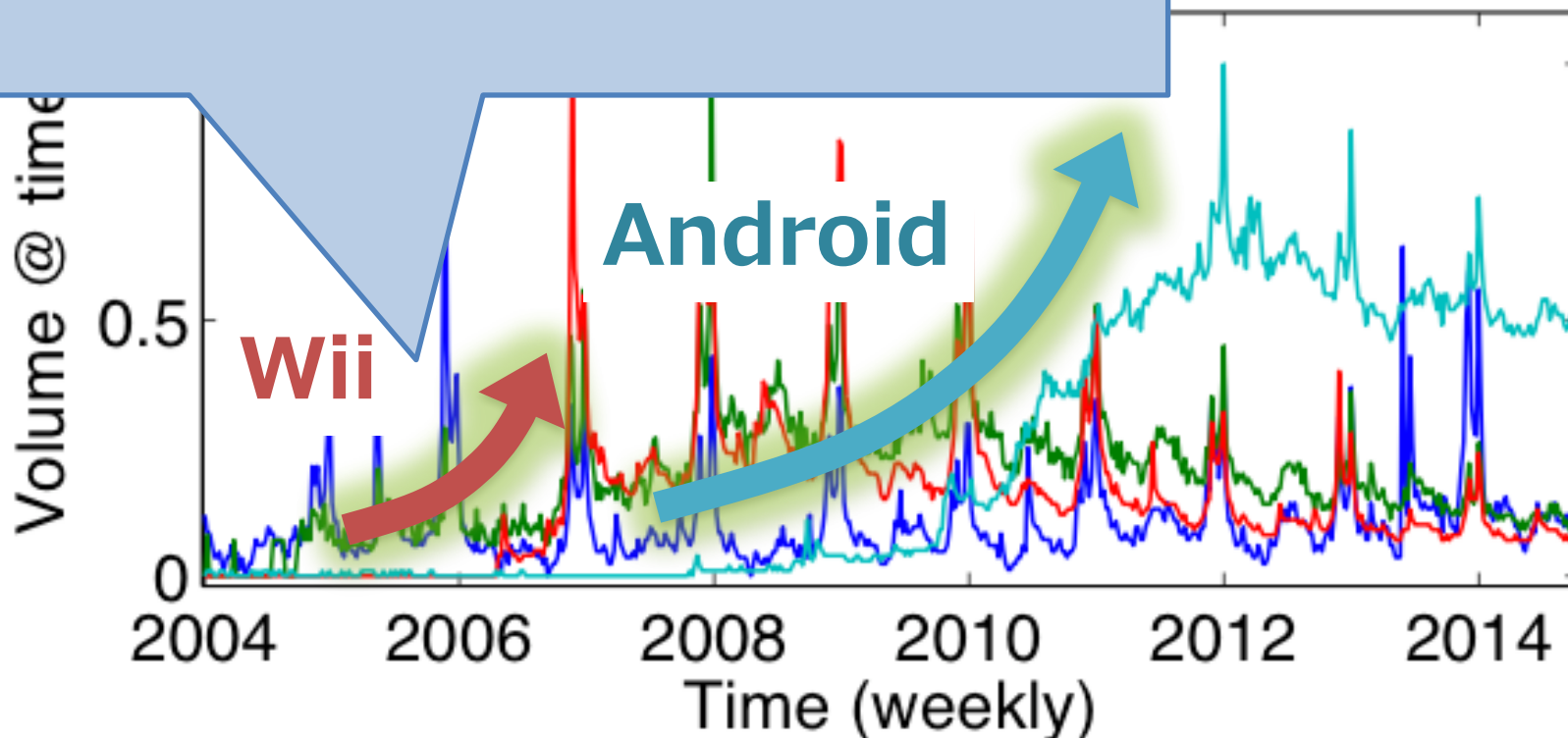
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## 1. Exponential growth

Android





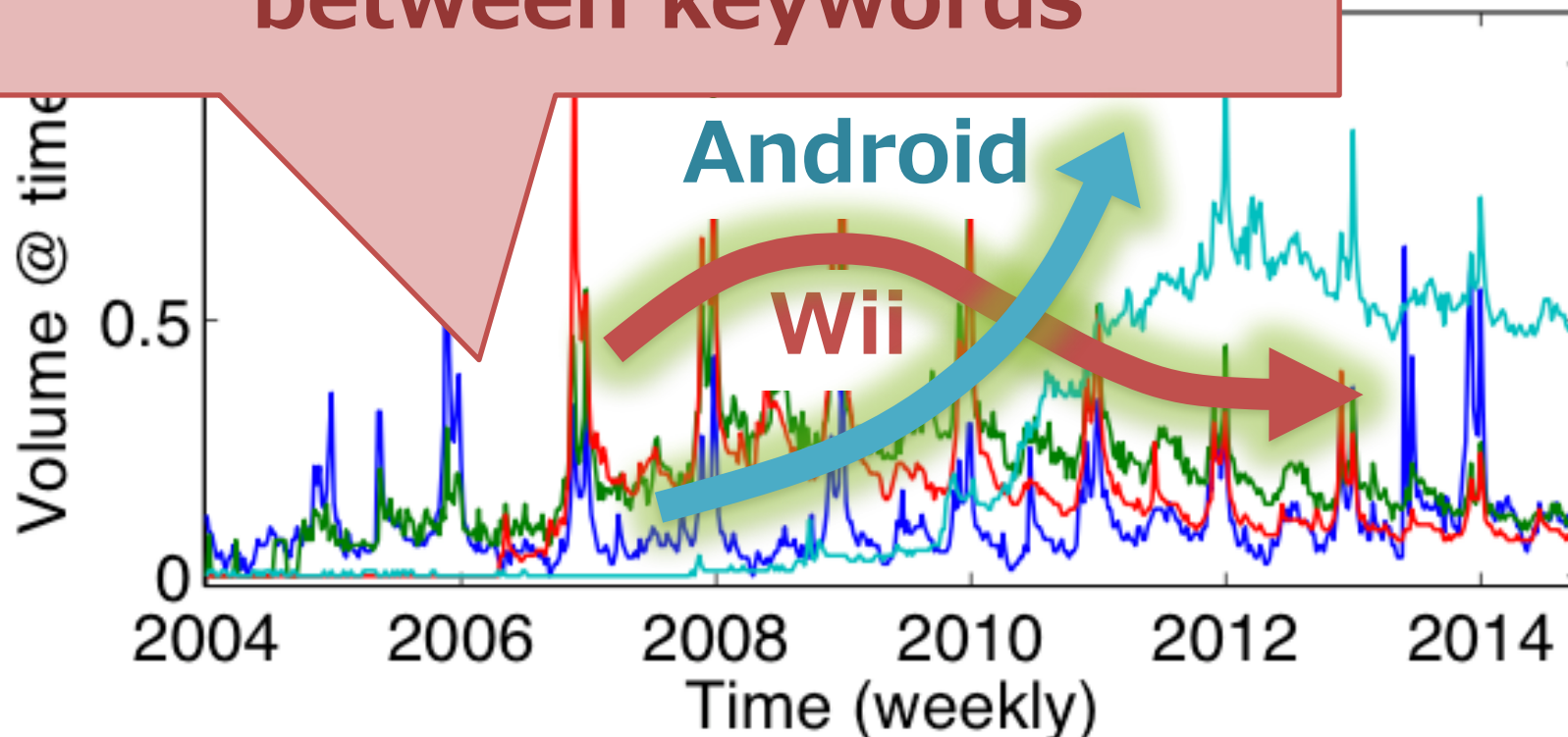
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2. (Hidden) interaction between keywords

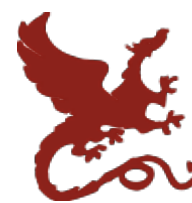
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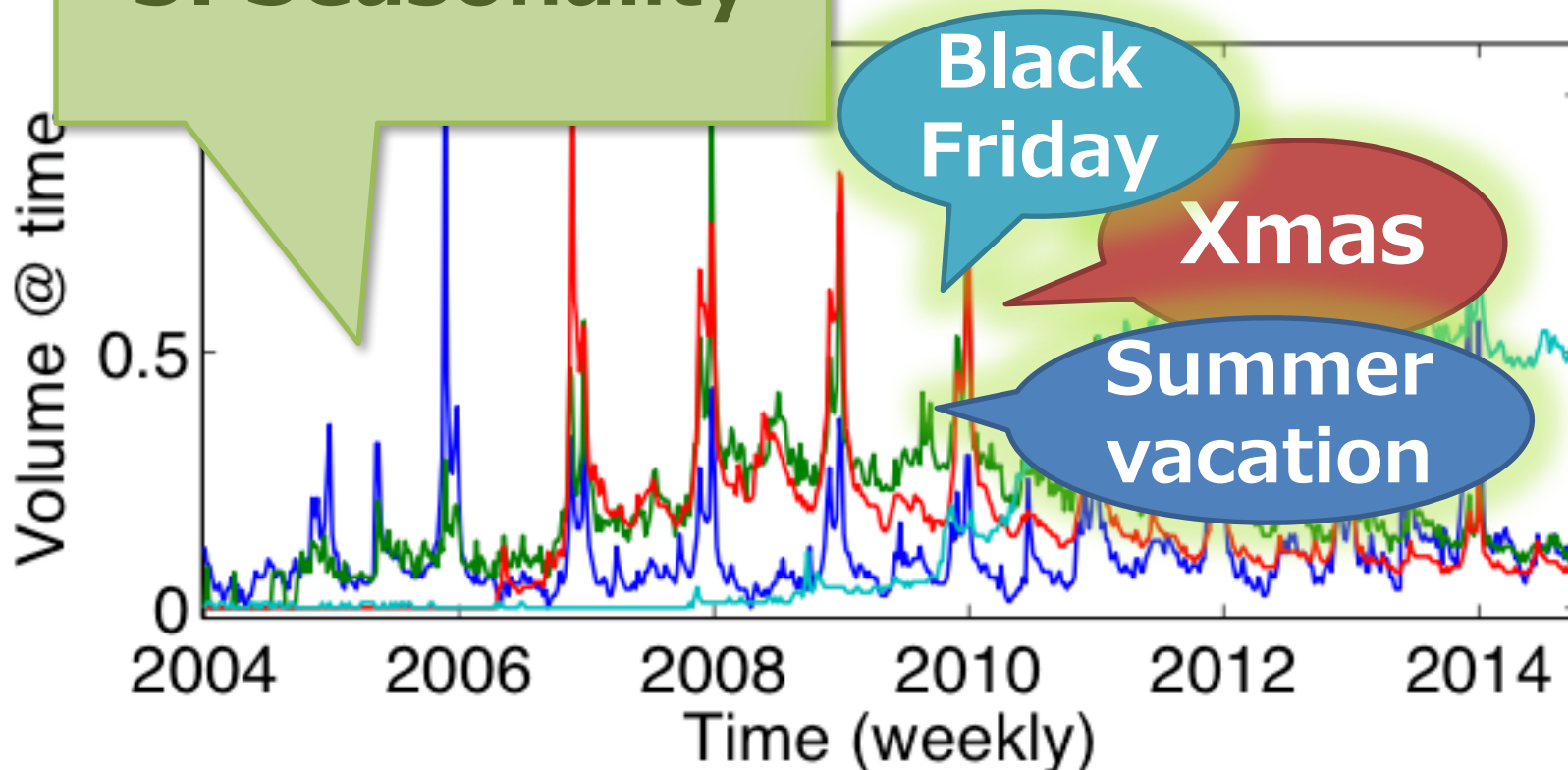
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## 3. Seasonality

iPhone, Wii, Android



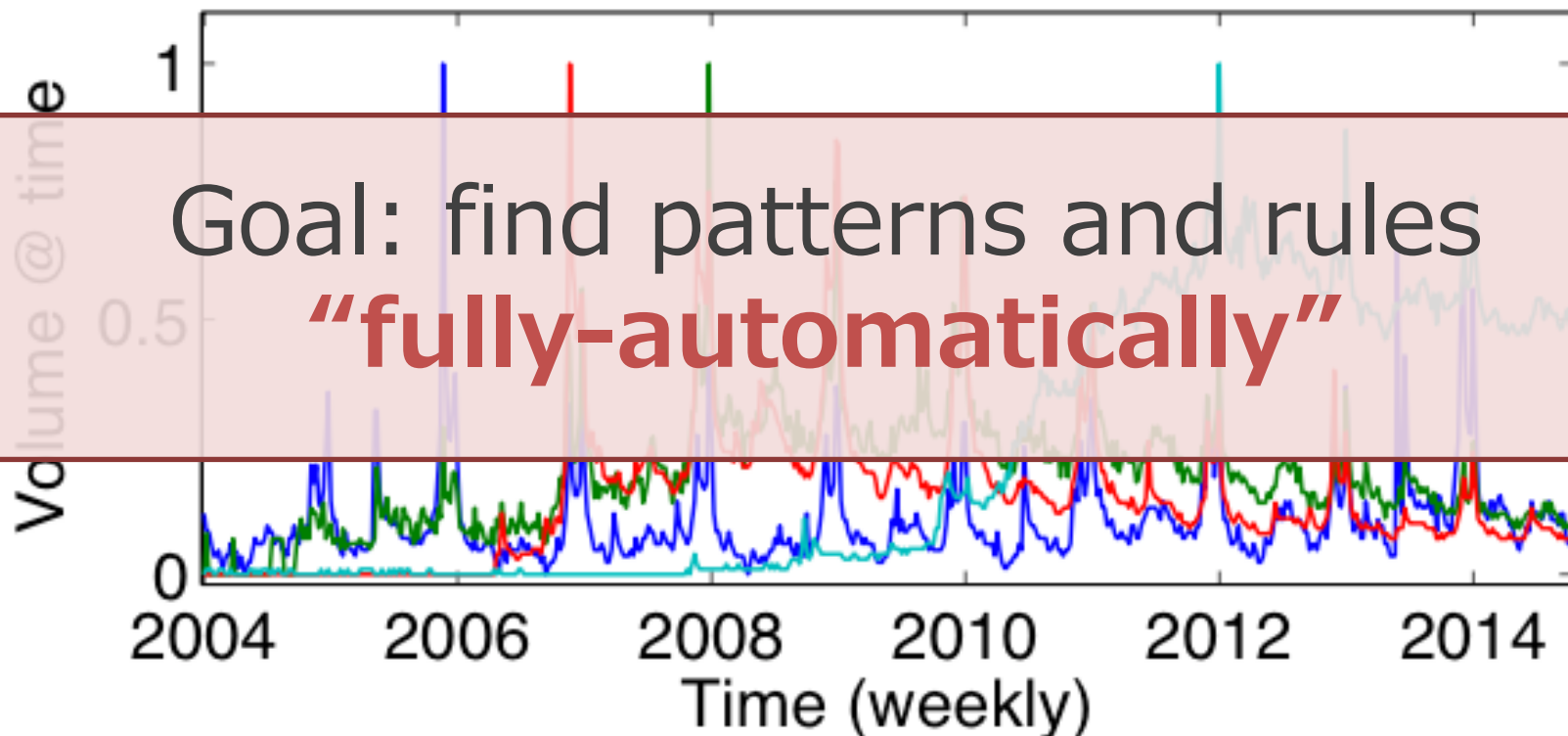


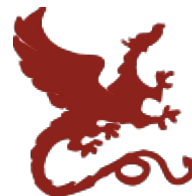
# Given: online user activities



e.g., Google search volumes for

**Xbox**, **PlayStation**, **Wii**, **Android**

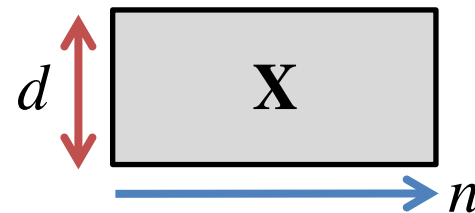




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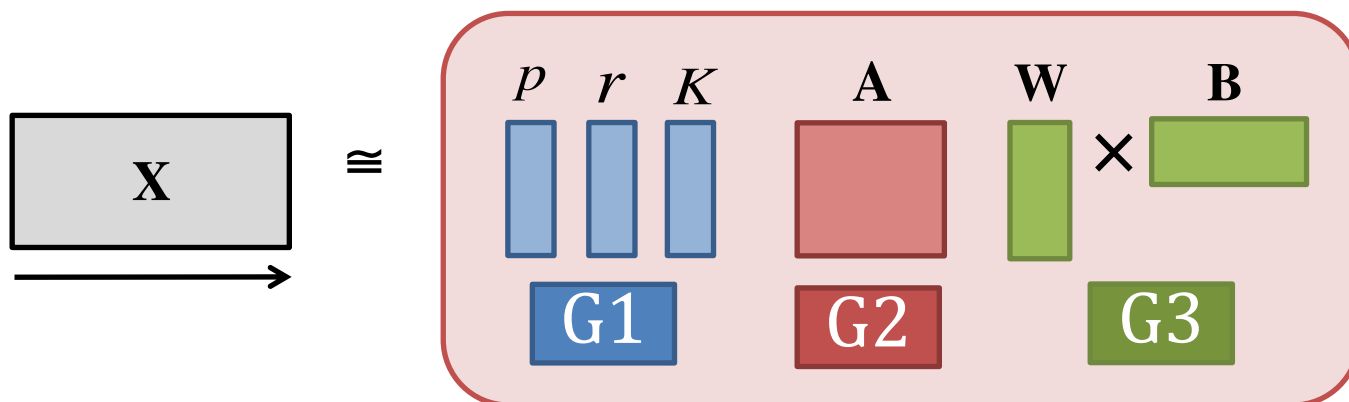
Given: Co-evolving online activities

$X$  (activity x time)



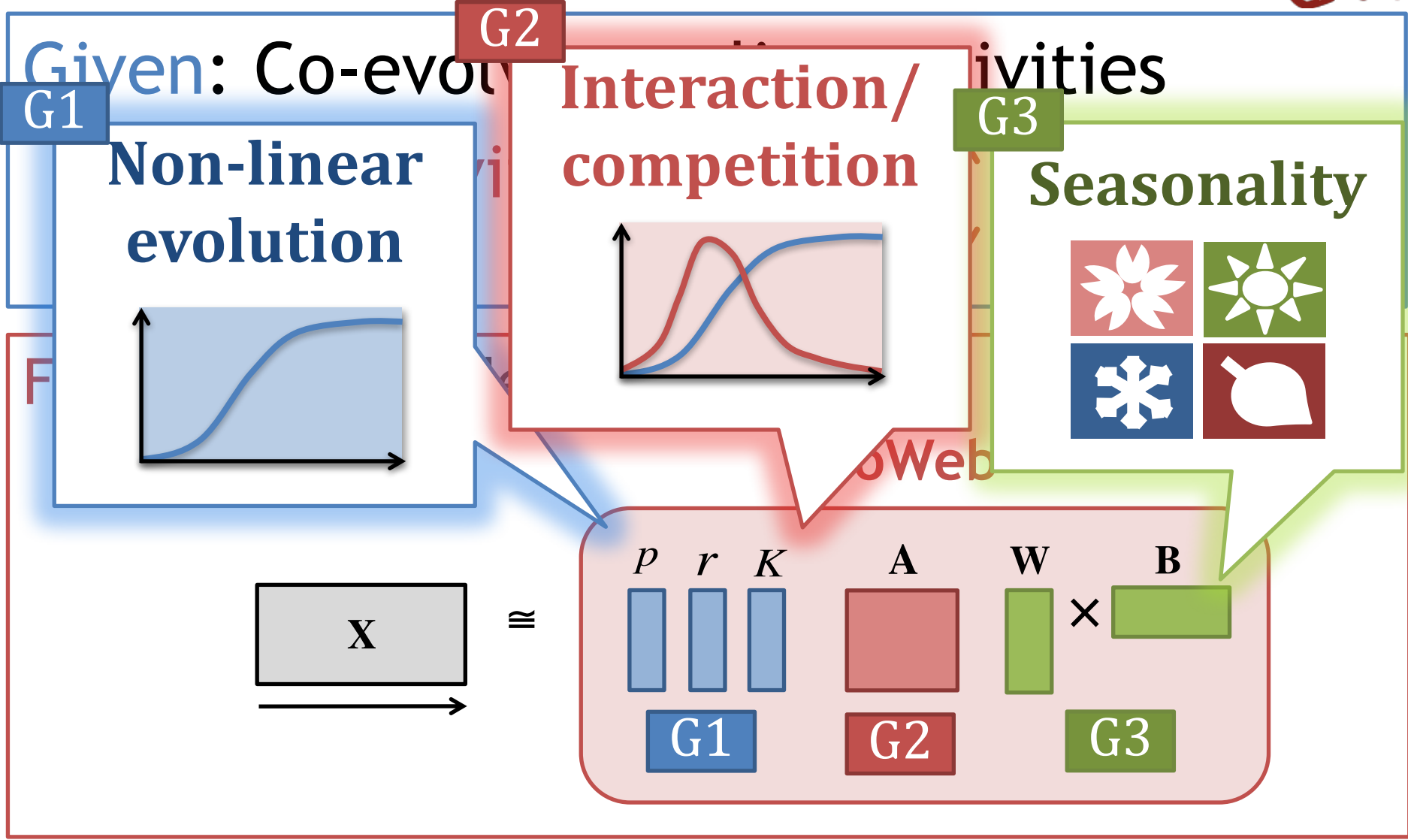
Find: Compact description of  $X$

EcoWeb





# Problem definition





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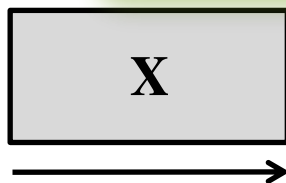
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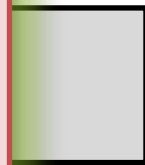


**Parameter-free!**

Find: Comp



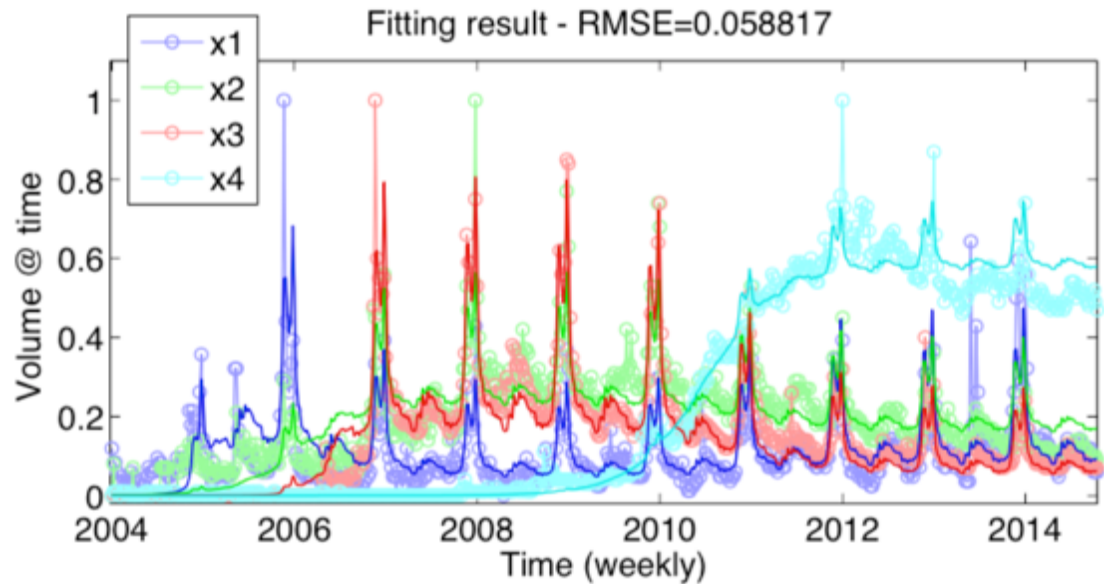
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# Modeling power of EcoWeb

Xbox, PlayStation,  
Wii, Android



EcoWeb-Fit

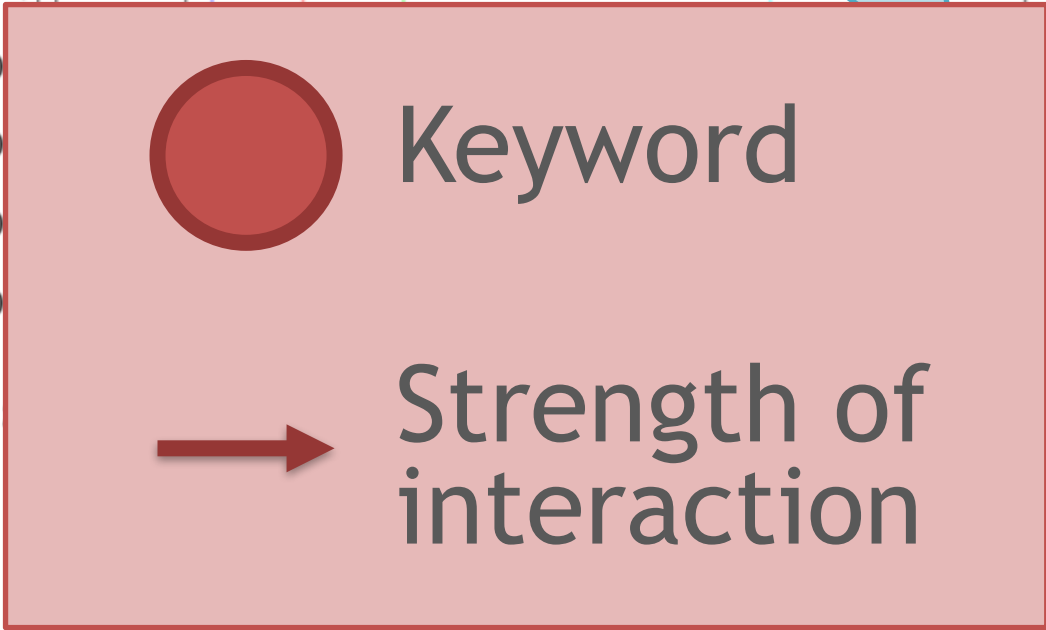
Interaction network (latent)

# Modeling power of EcoWeb

**Wii vs. Android!**



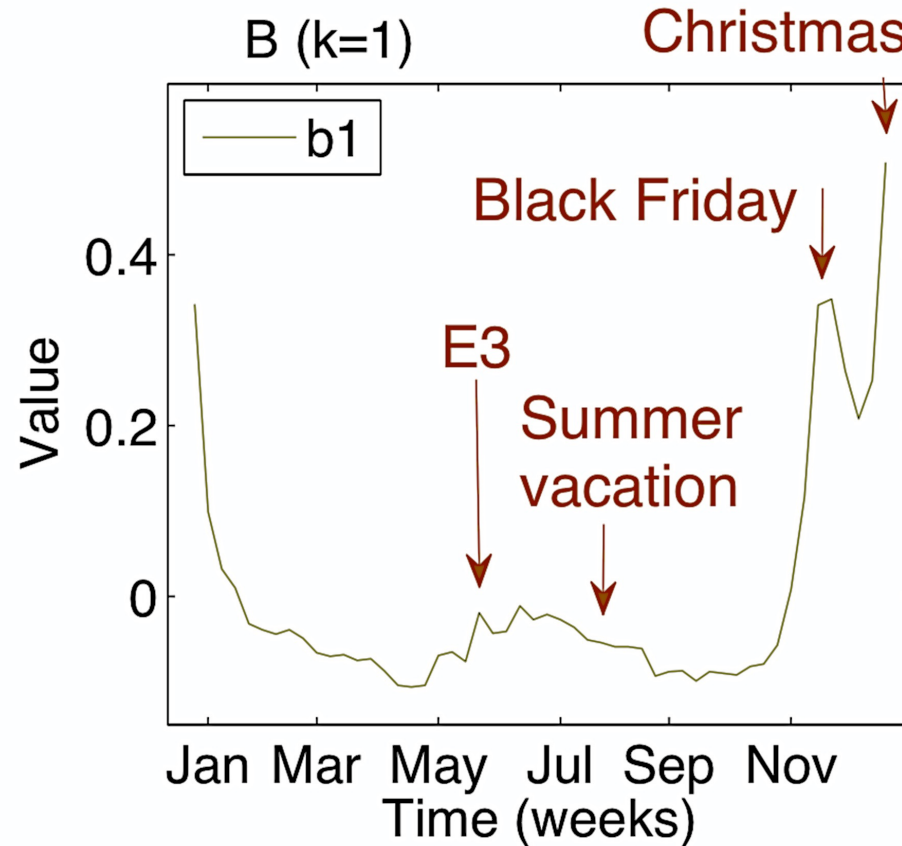
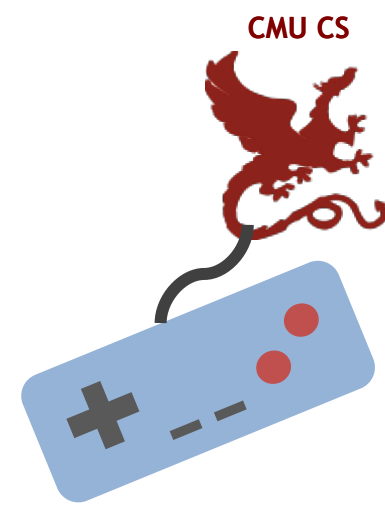
Fitting result - RMSE=0.0588



- Red circle: Keyword
- Red arrow: Strength of interaction

**Interaction network (latent)**

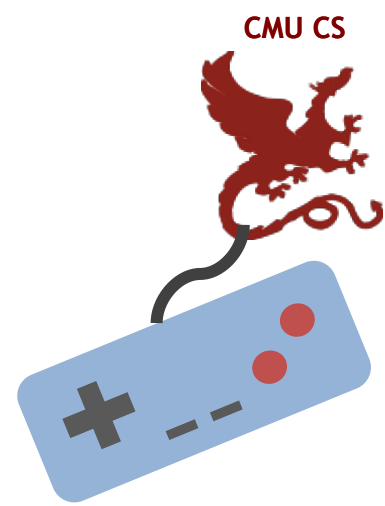
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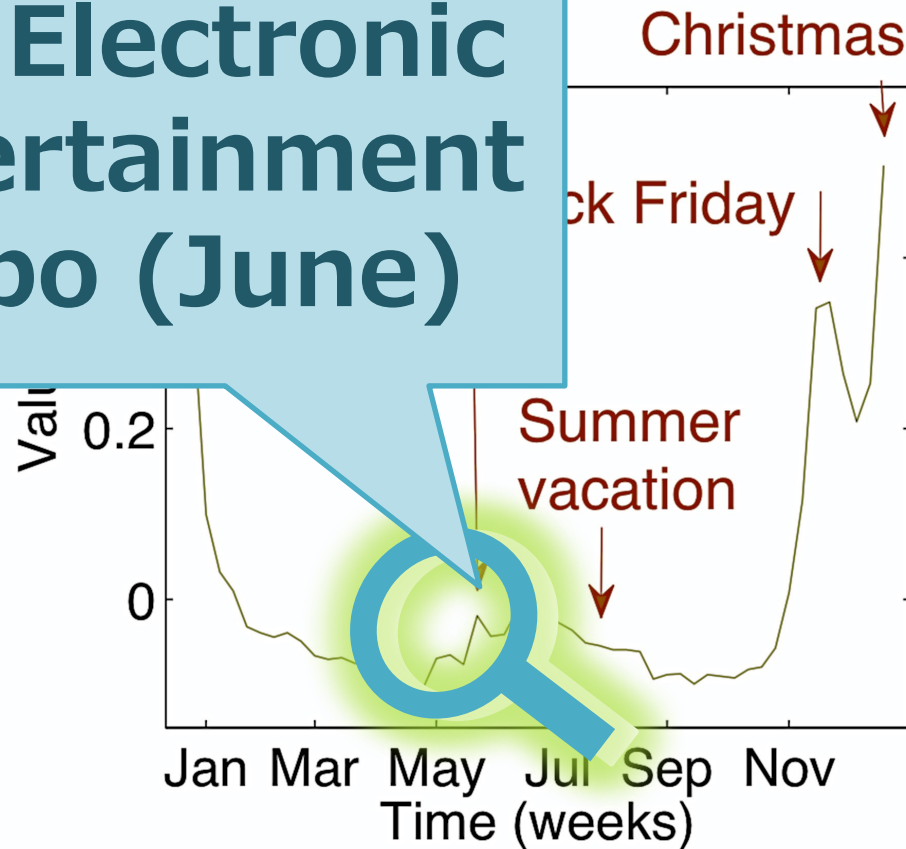
## EcoWeb: seasonal component



# Modeling power of EcoWeb

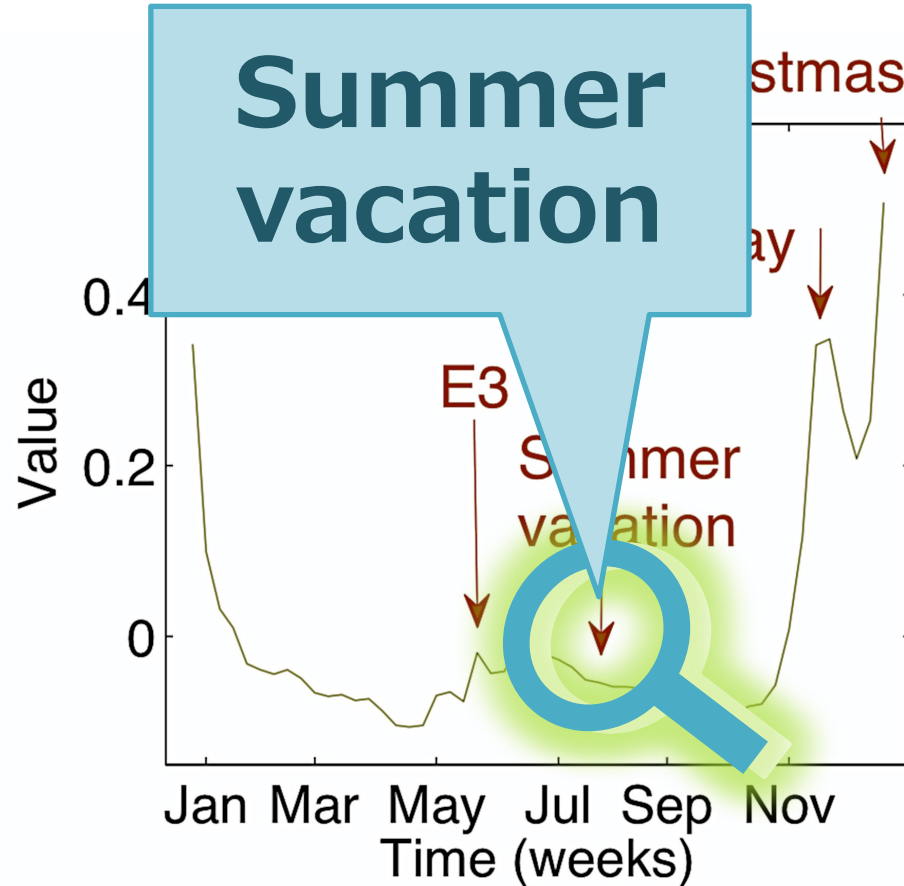
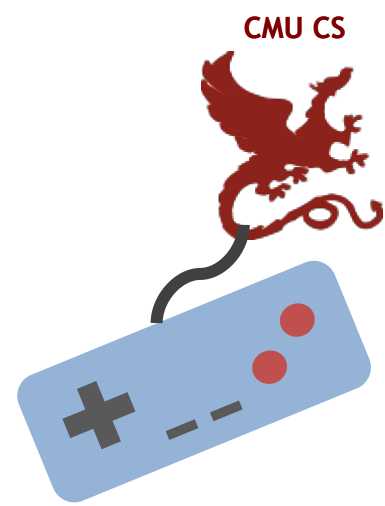


**E3: Electronic Entertainment Expo (June)**



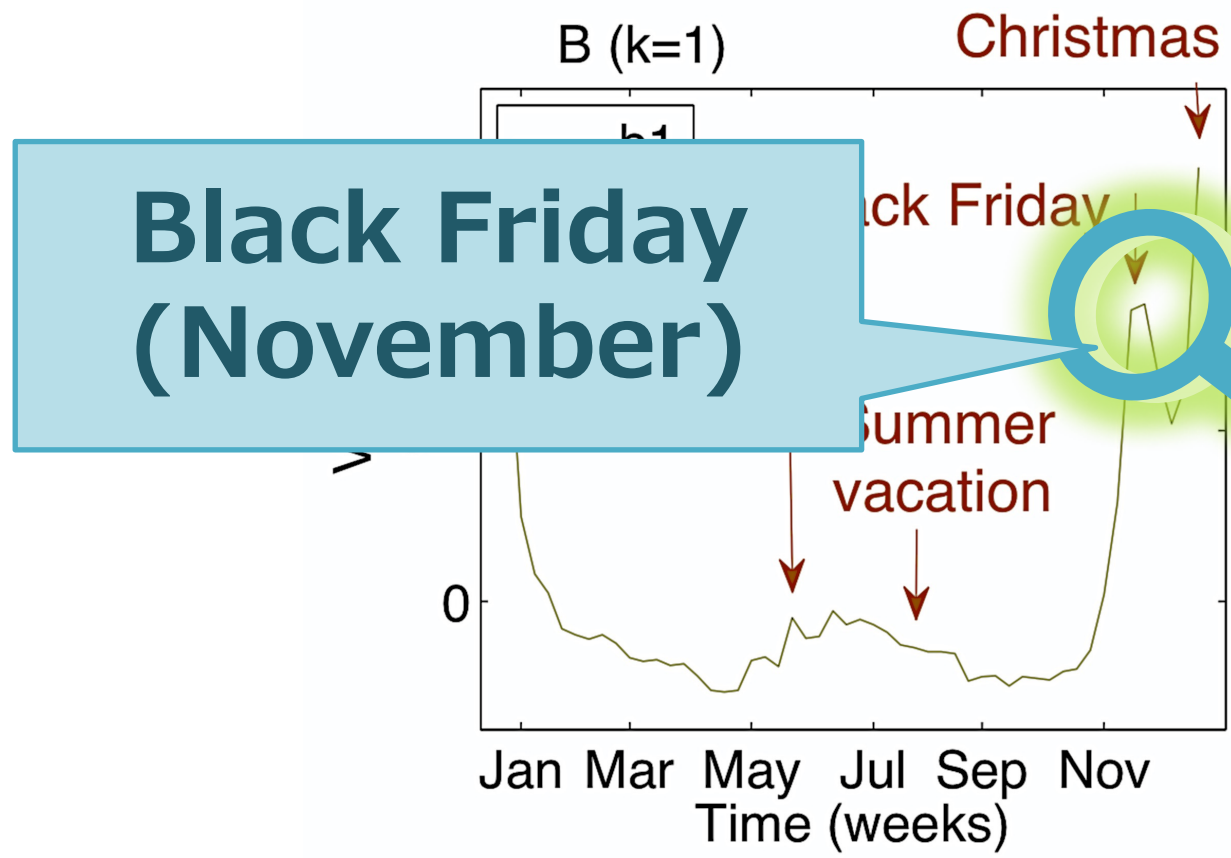
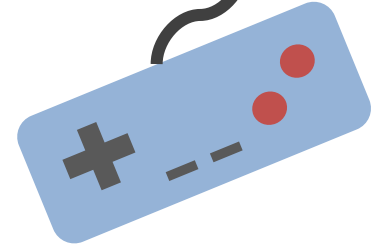
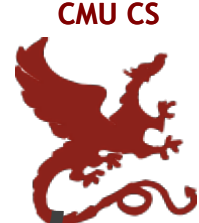
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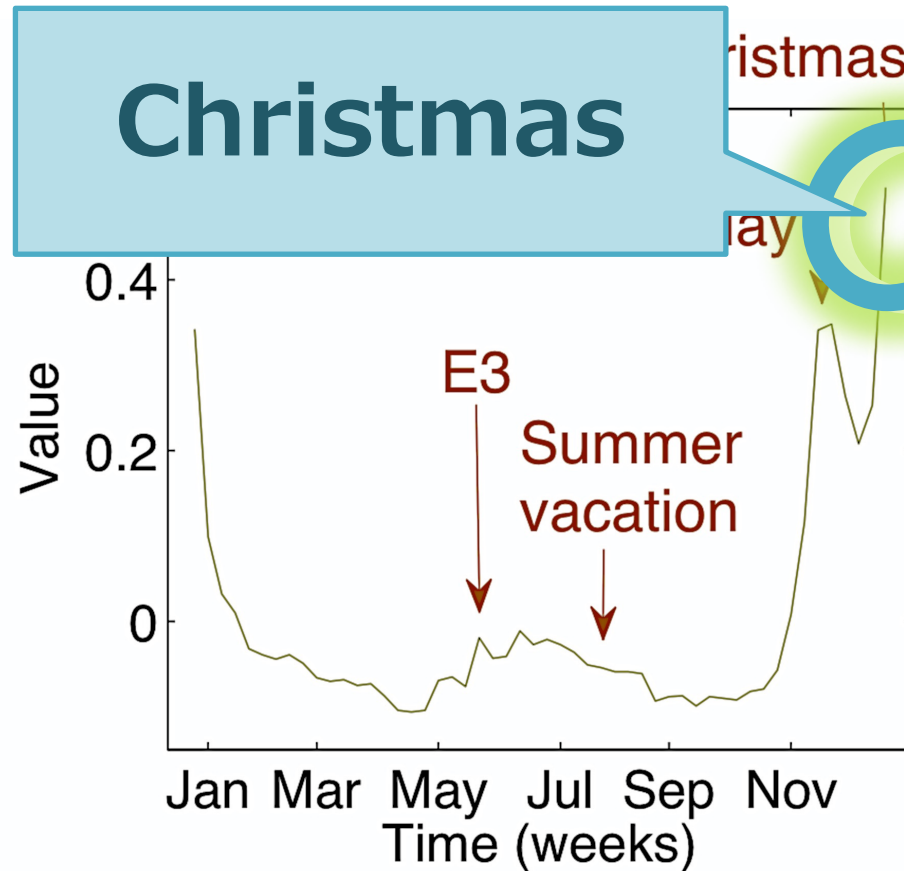
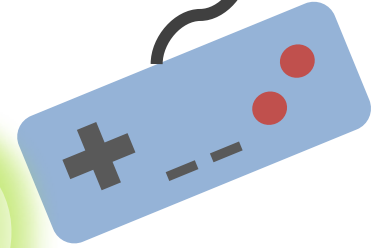
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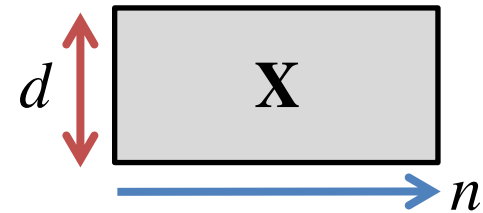
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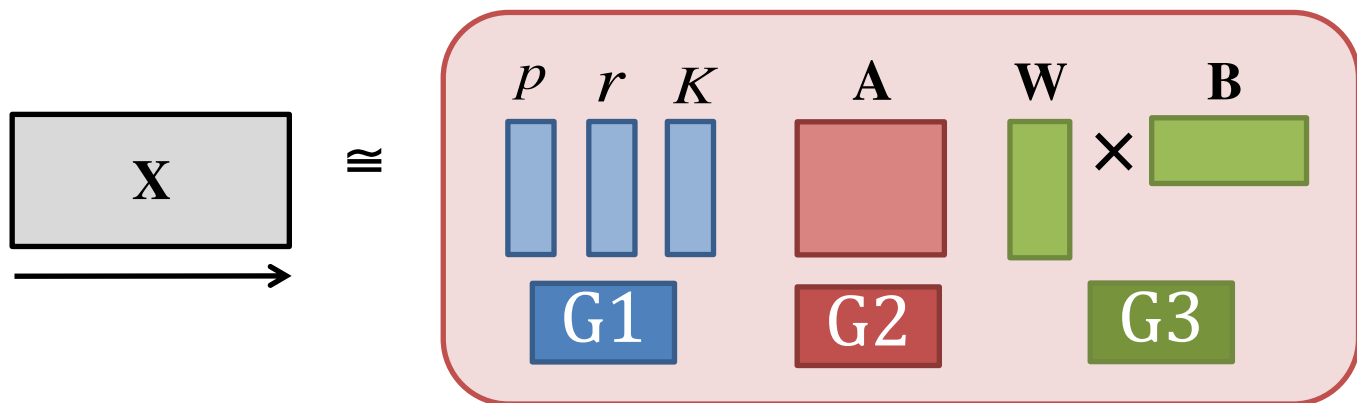
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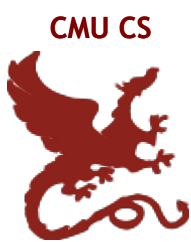
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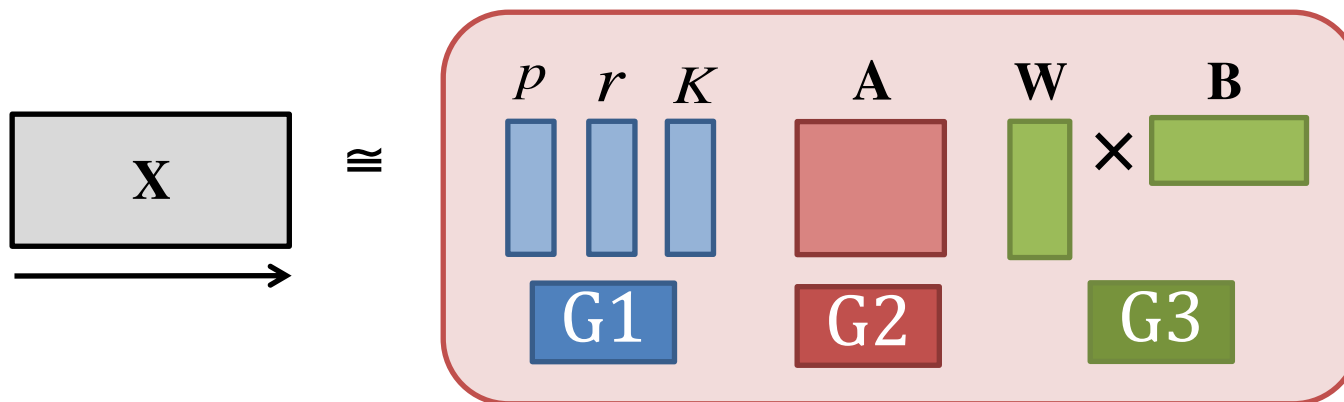


# EcoWeb: Main idea



Q. How can we describe the evolutions of  $X$  ?

## EcoWeb



## A. The Web as a jungle!

- “Virtual species” living on the Web
- Interacting with other species (activities)



# The Web as a jungle

Squirrel monkeys

Spider monkeys

Macaws

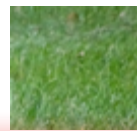
Capybaras



Fruits



Nuts



Grass

Ecosystem on the Web

## Ecosystem in the Jungle

Xbox  
  
XBOX

PlayStation



Wii  
Wii™

Android



Kids



Teens



Adults

# Ecosystem on the Web

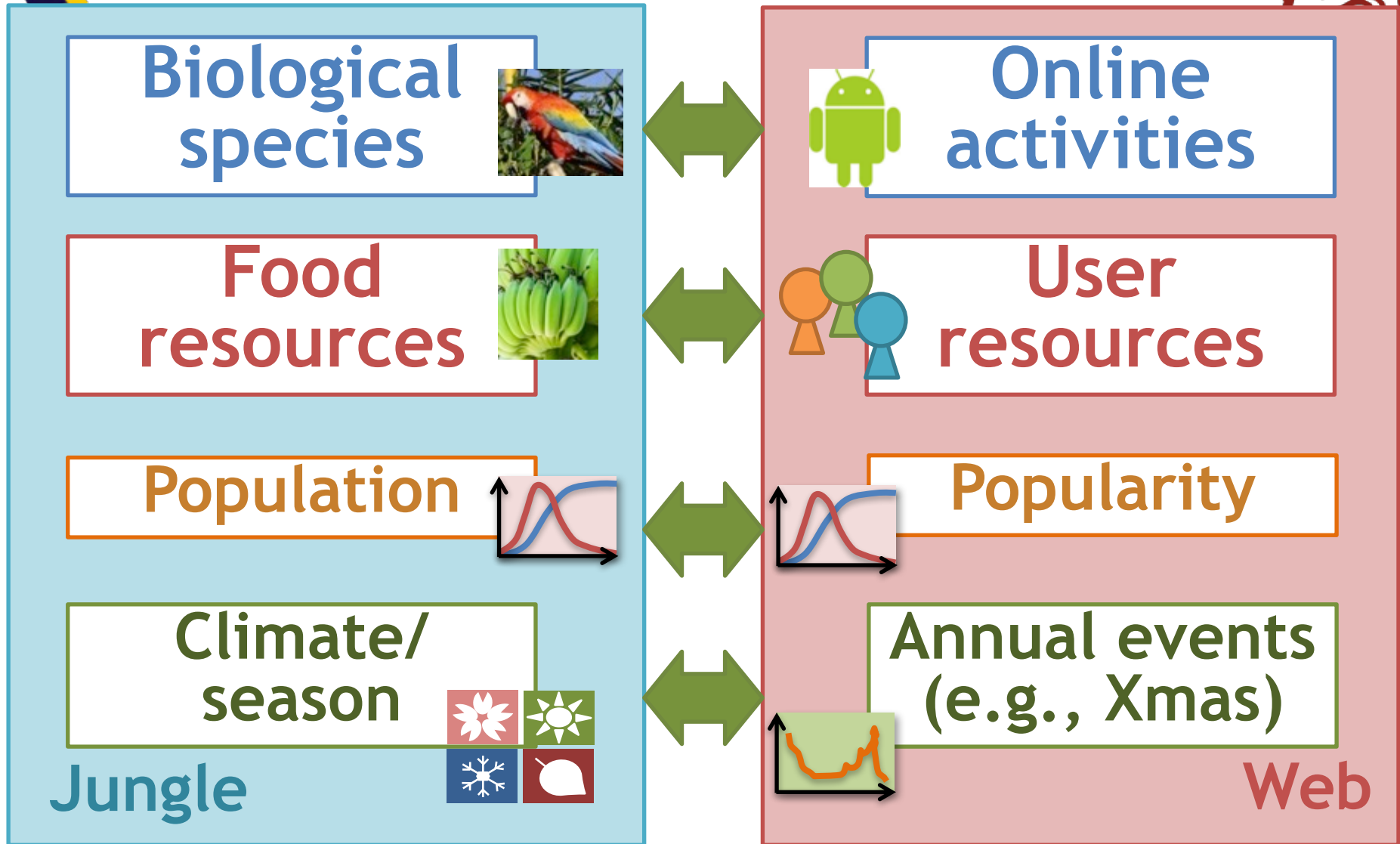


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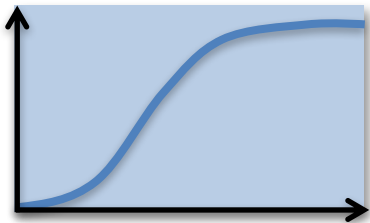


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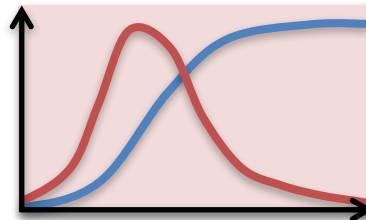


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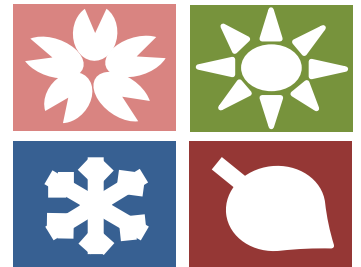
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**Interaction/  
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**A. Web as a jungle!**

**G1**

**G2**

**G3**

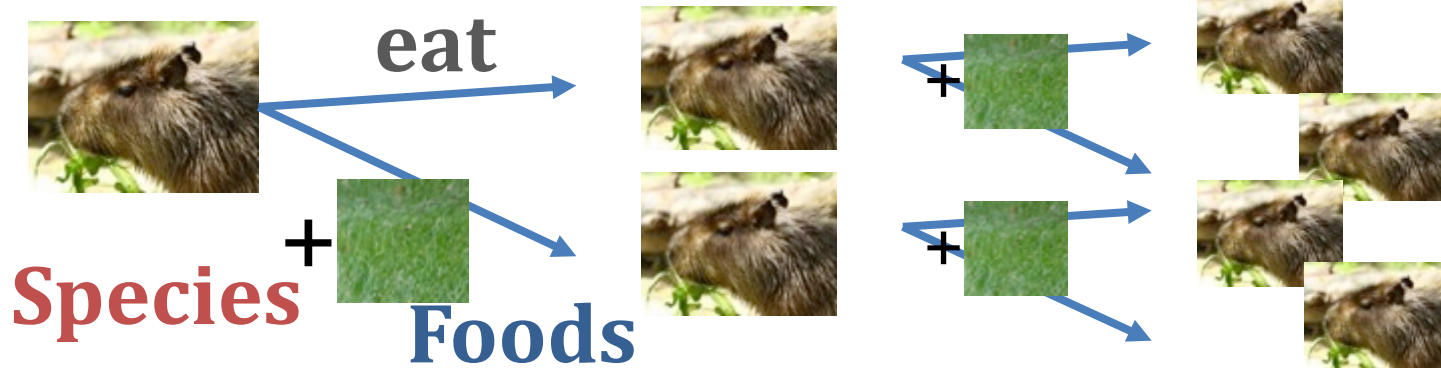


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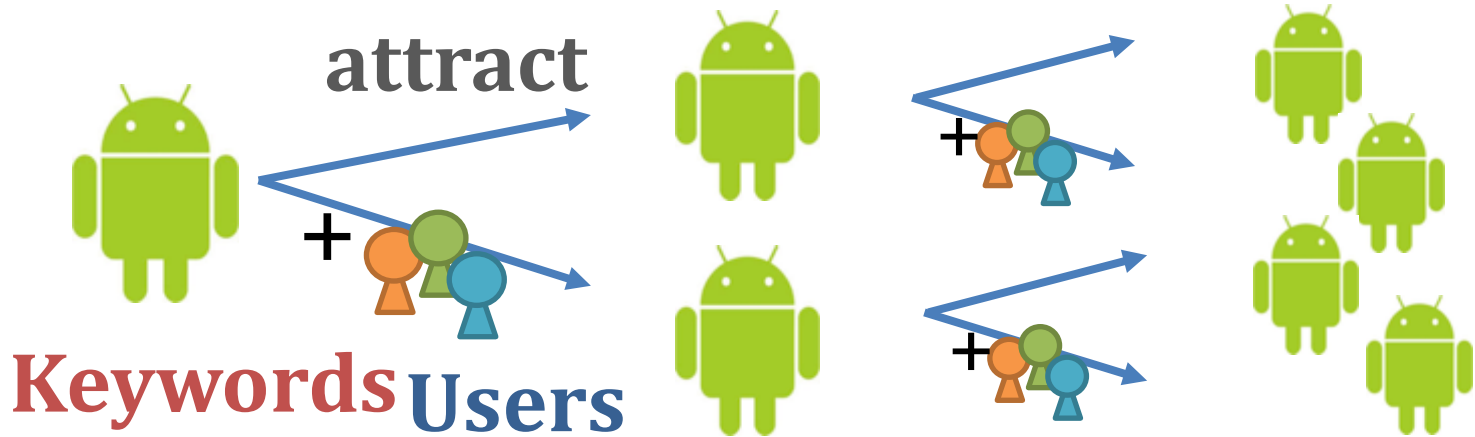


Popularity size increases over time

Jungle



Web



$t=0$

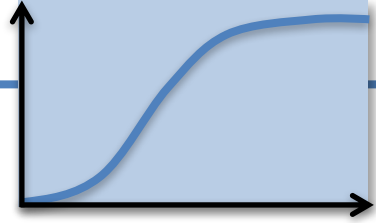
$t=1$

$t=2$



# G1: EcoWeb-individual

Non-linear evolution of a single keyword



Popularity size

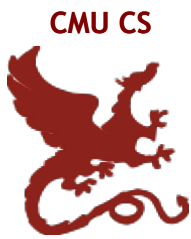
$$P(t + 1) = P(t) \left[ 1 + r \left( 1 - \frac{P(t)}{K} \right) \right],$$

$p$  – Initial condition (i.e.,  $P(0) = p$ )

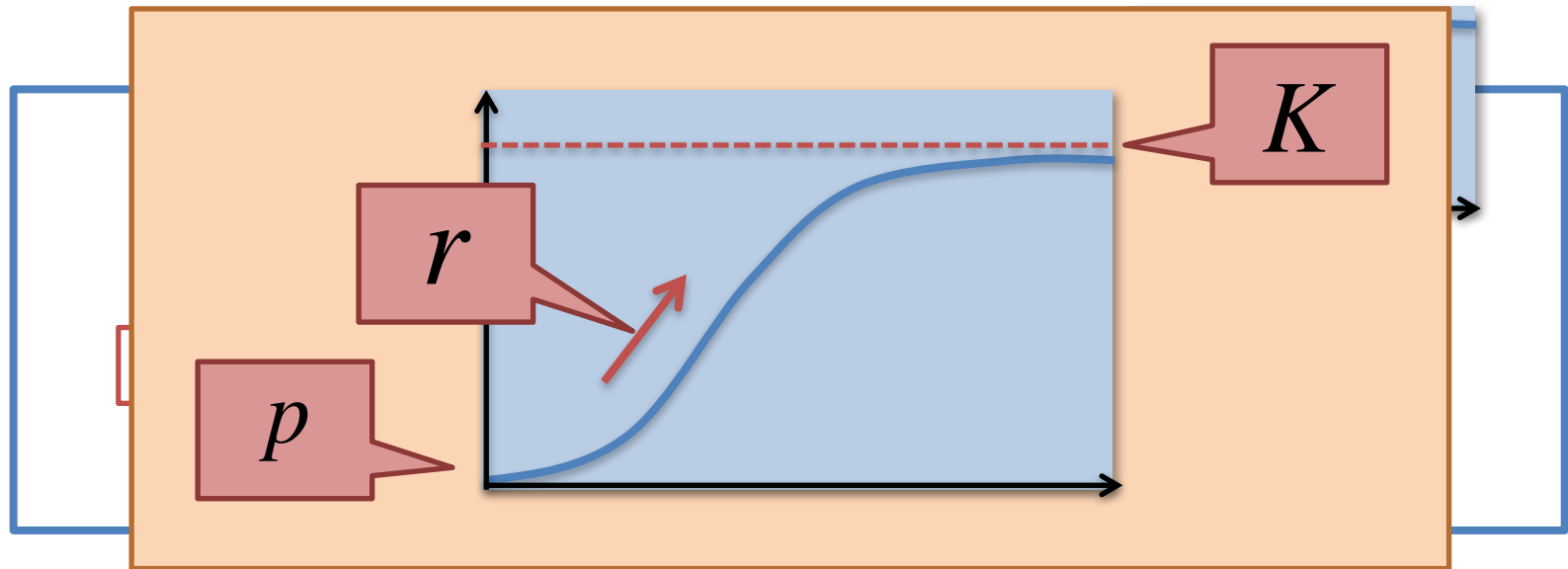
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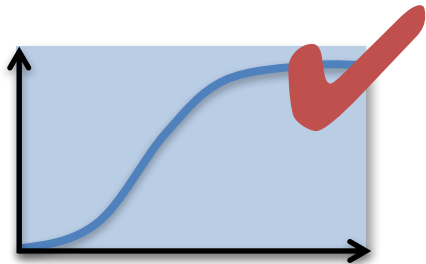


# EcoWeb: Main idea

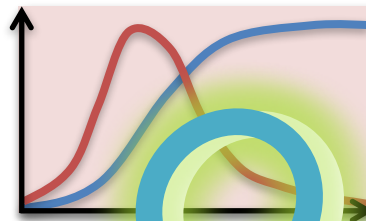


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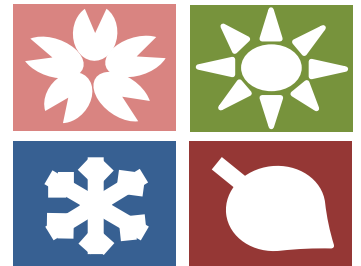
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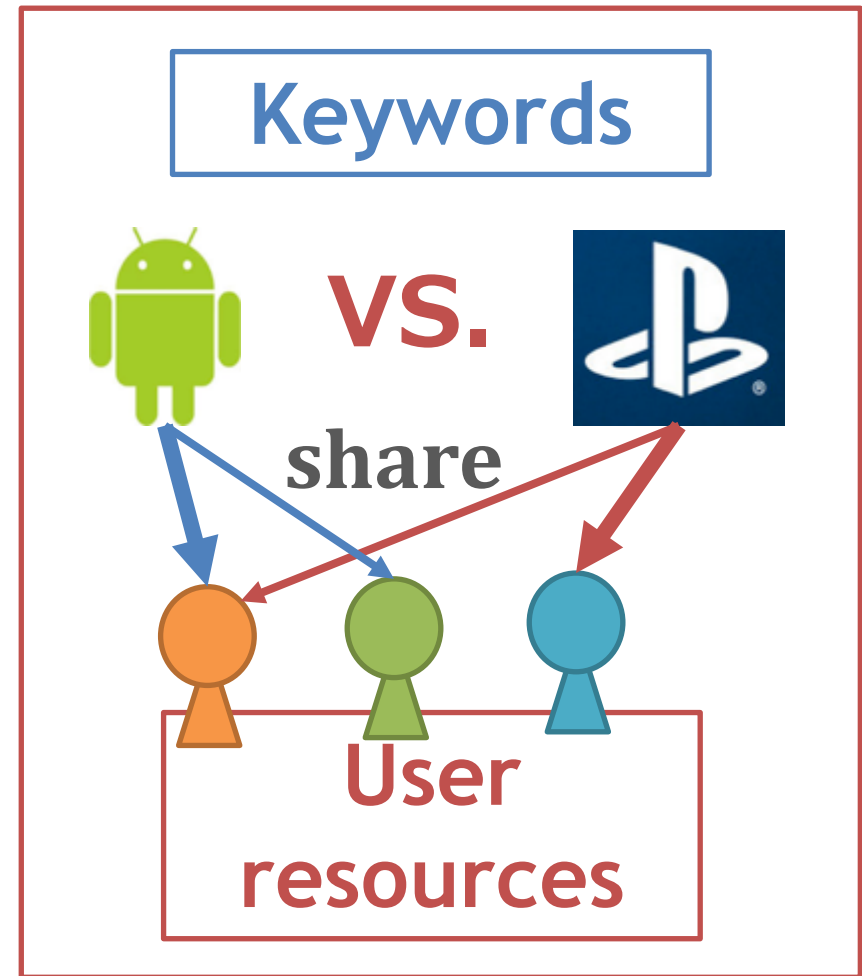
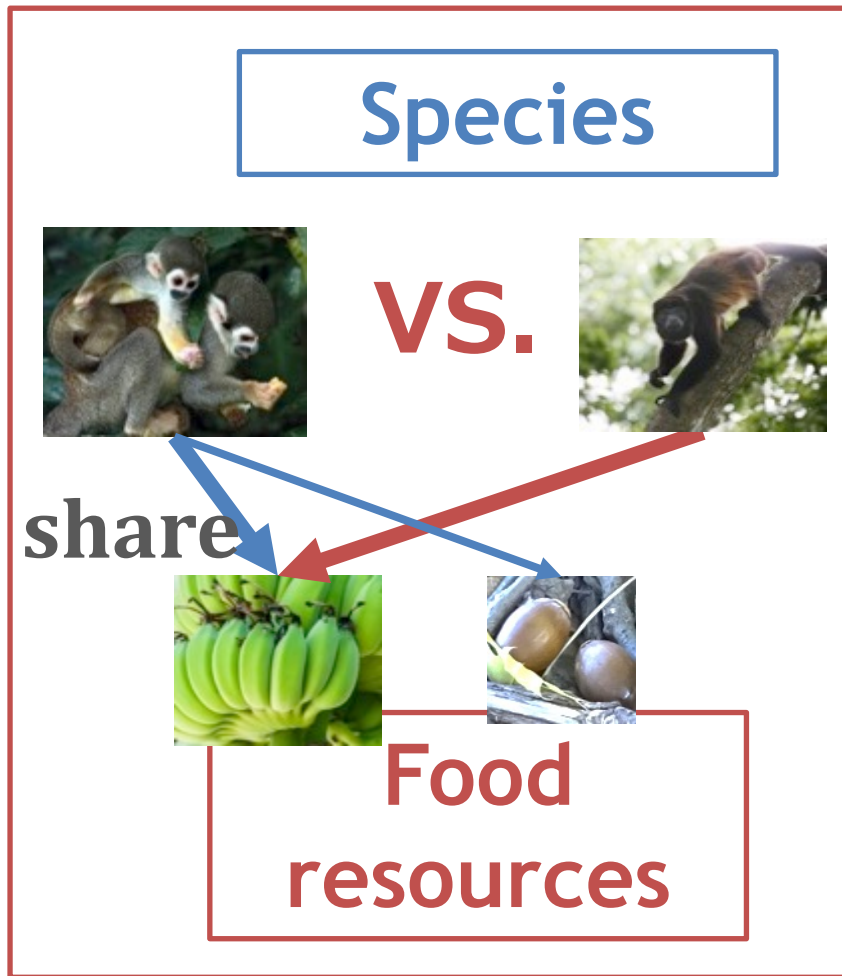
**G2**

**G3**

# G2: EcoWeb-interaction



Interaction between multiple keywords



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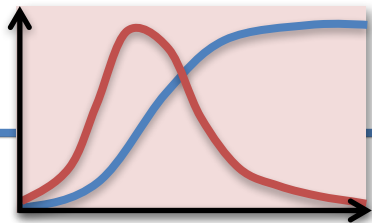
Interaction between multiple keywords

Popularity of keyword  $i$

Popularity of  $j$

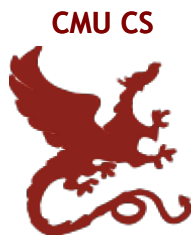
$$P_i(t+1) = P_i(t) \left[ 1 + r_i \left( 1 - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^d a_{ij} P_j(t)}{K_i} \right) \right],$$

( $i = 1, \dots, d$ ), (3)



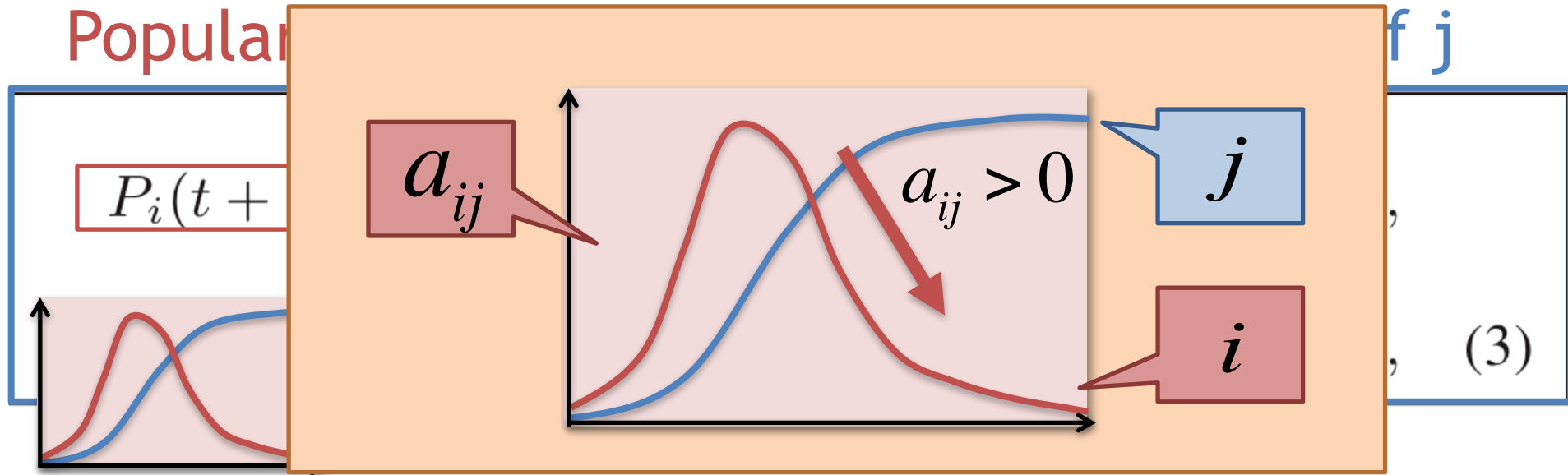
- $a_{ij}$  – Interaction coefficient  
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# G2: EcoWeb-interaction



## Interaction between multiple keywords

Popular



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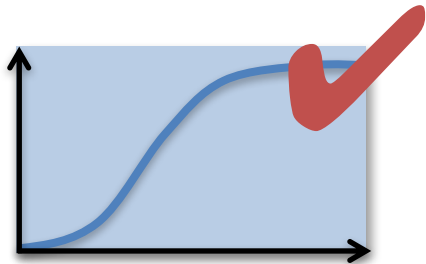


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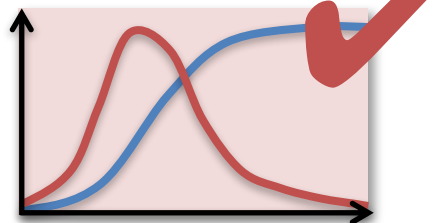


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# G3: EcoWeb-seasonality



“Hidden” seasonal activities



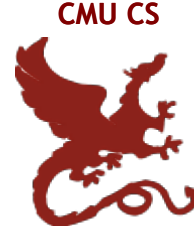
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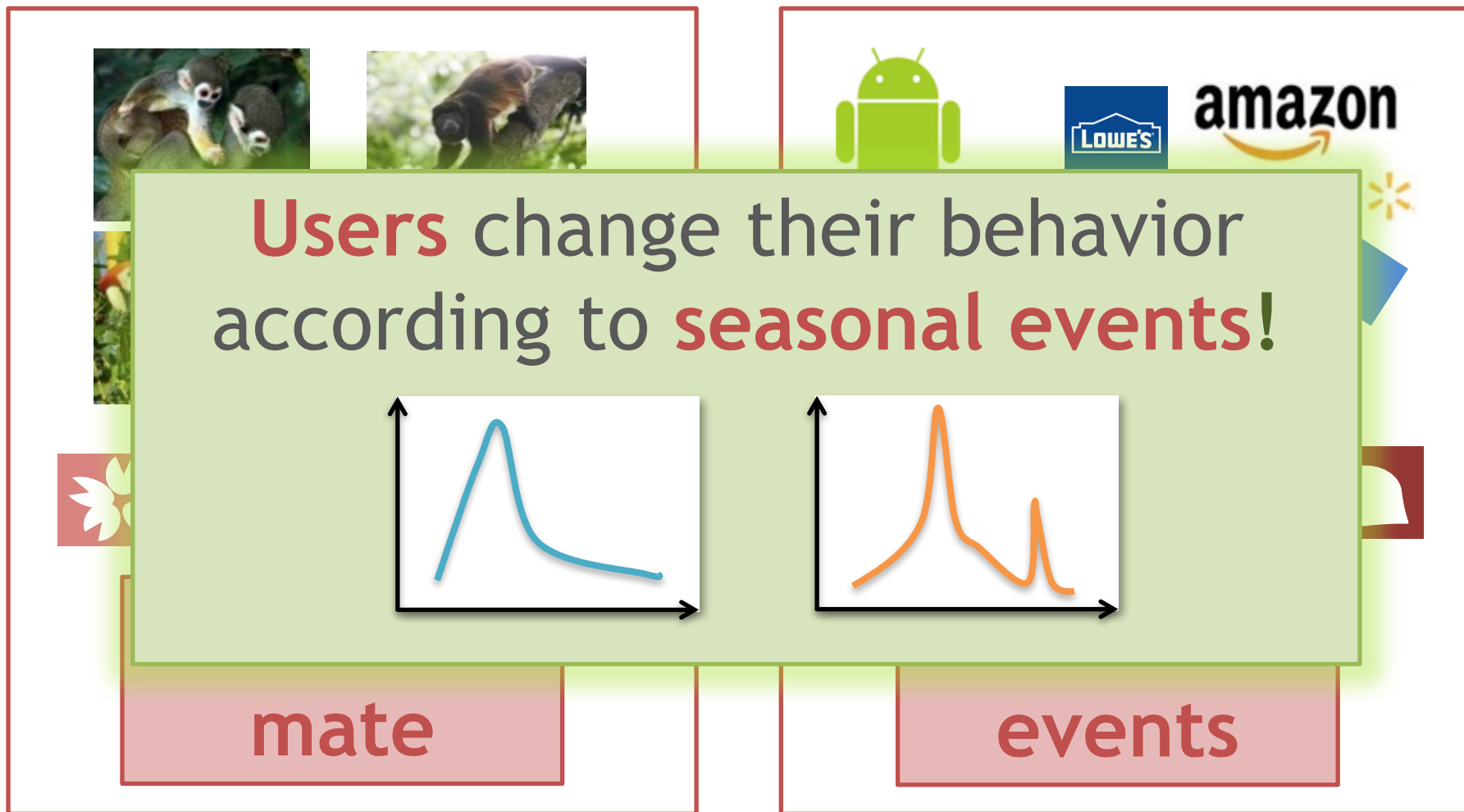
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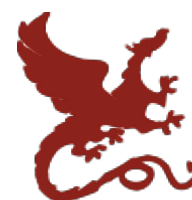
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Seasonal activities of  $i$

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**B** – Seasonality matrix



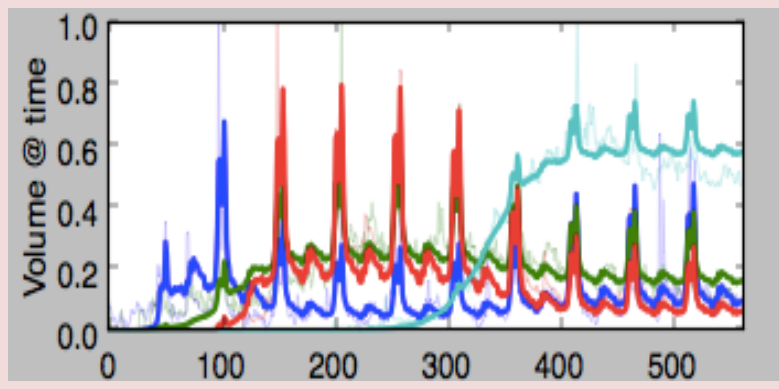
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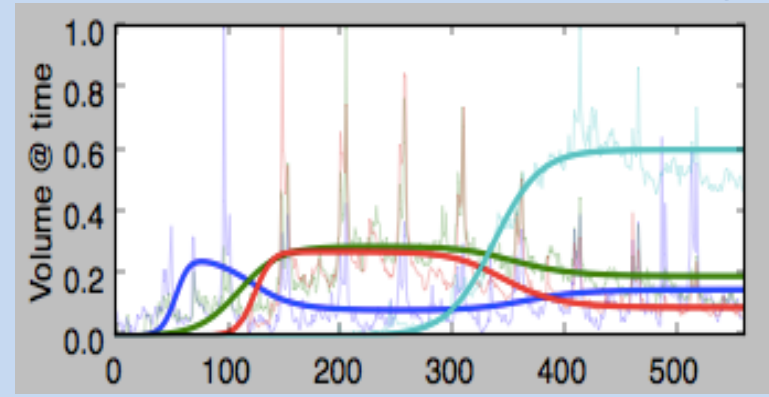
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**C: volume**



**P: latent popularity**



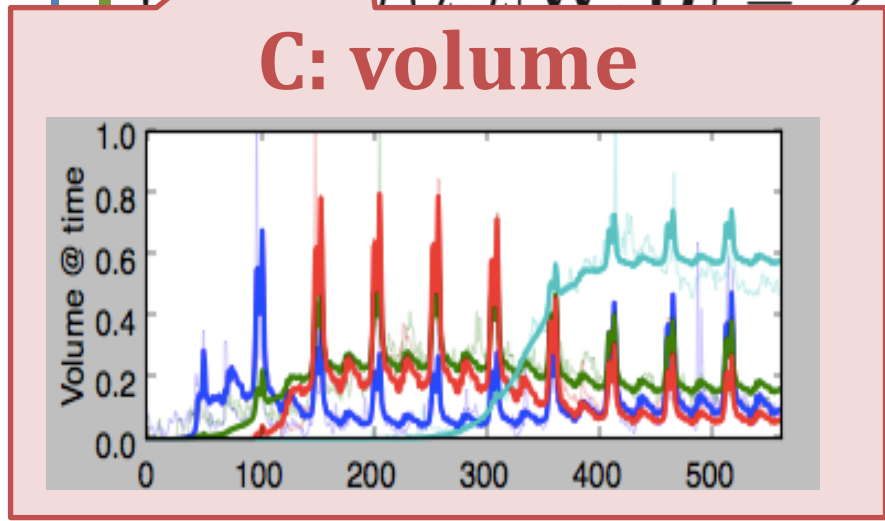
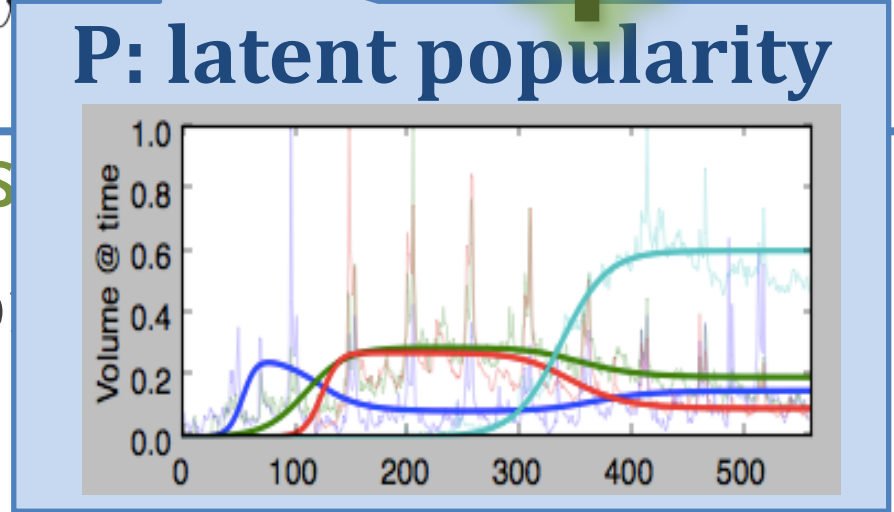


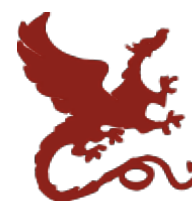
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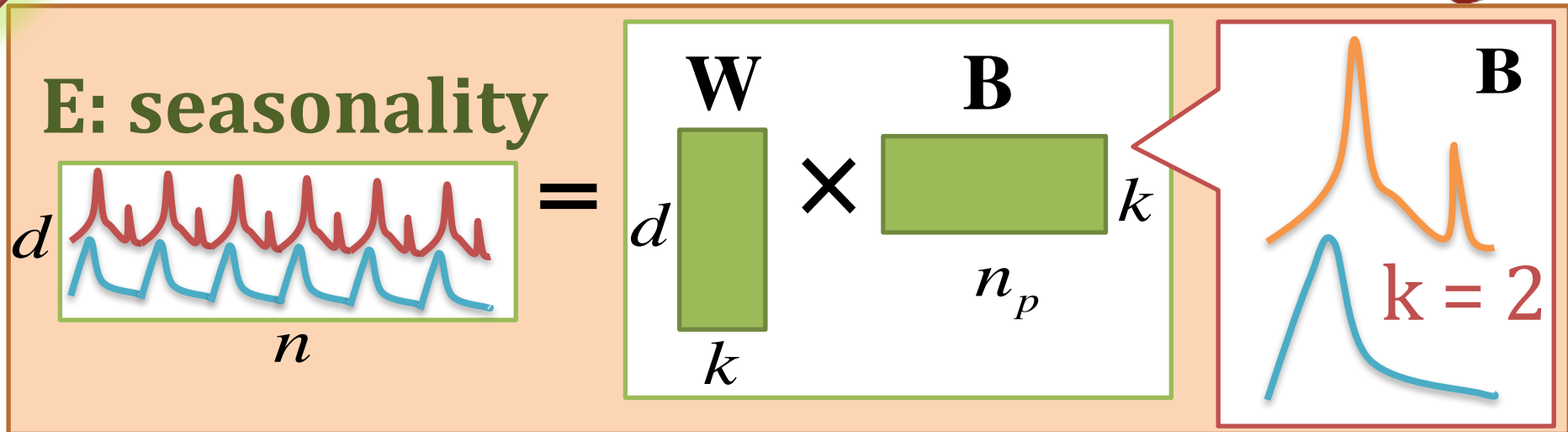
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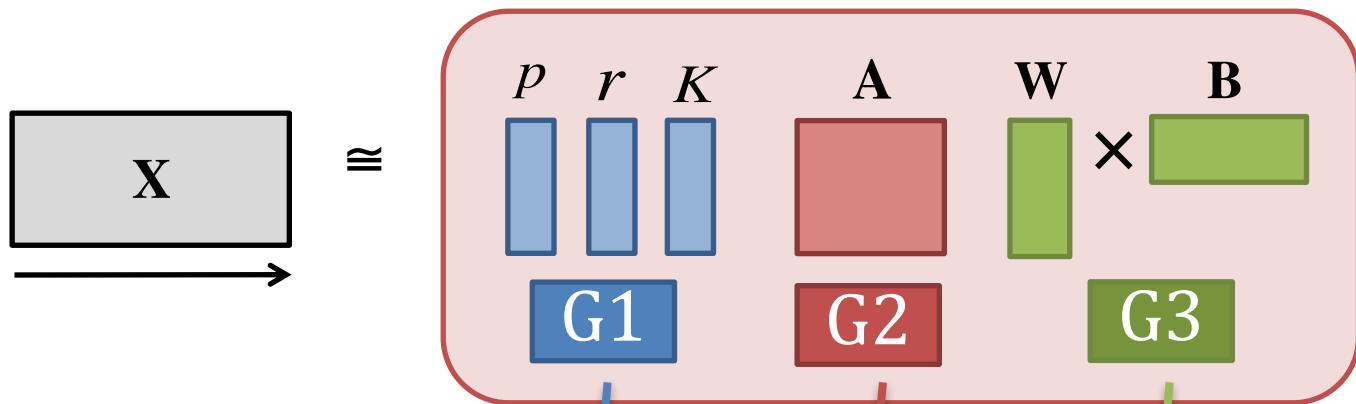


# EcoWeb: Main idea



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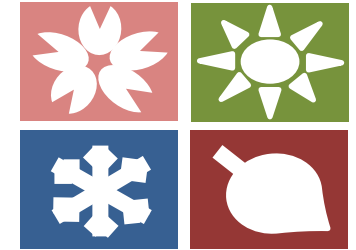
Full parameters

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# Algorithms

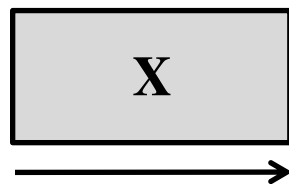
**Q1.** How can we automatically find “seasonal components” ?



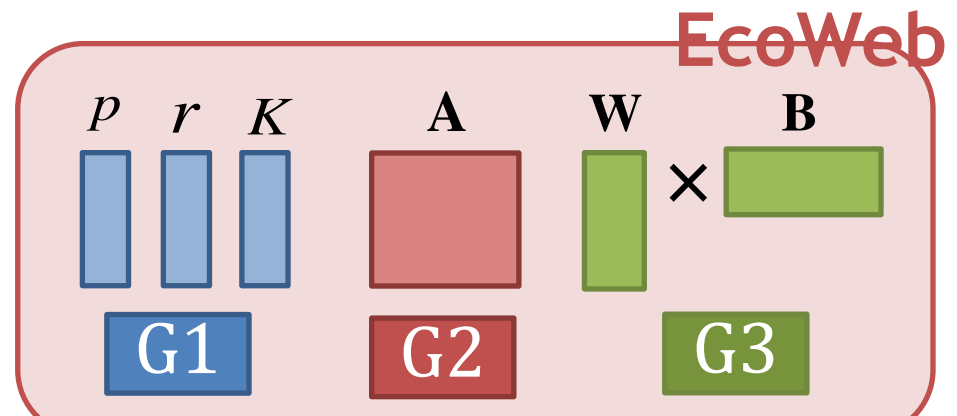
Idea (1) : Seasonal component analysis

**Q2.** How can we efficiently estimate

full-parameters ?



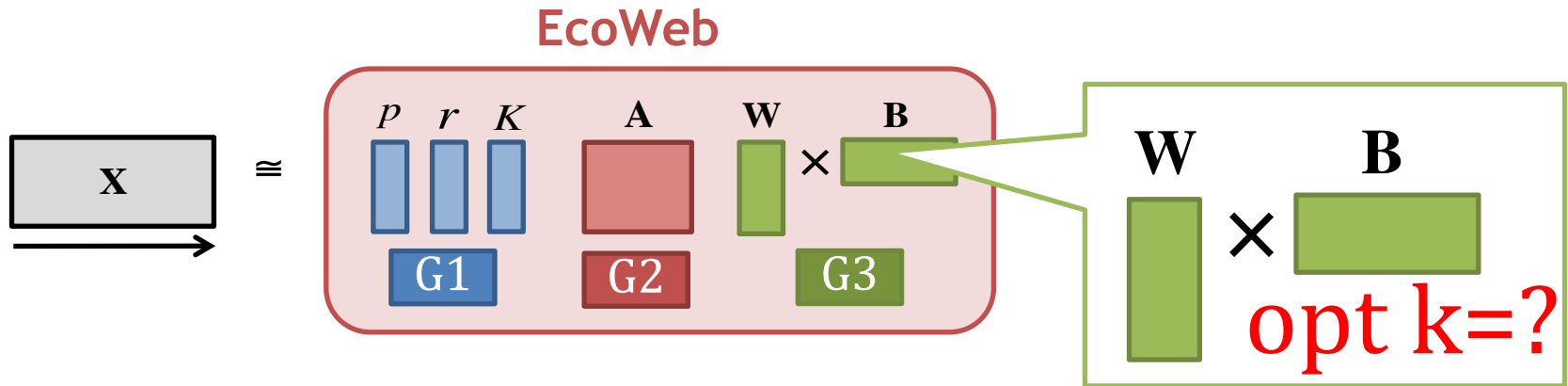
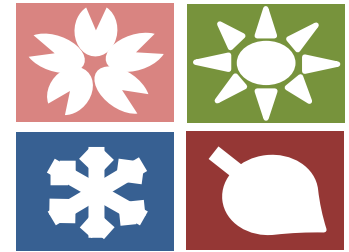
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Idea (2): Multi-step fitting

# Idea (1): Seasonal component analysis

Q1. How can we automatically find “k-seasonal components” ?



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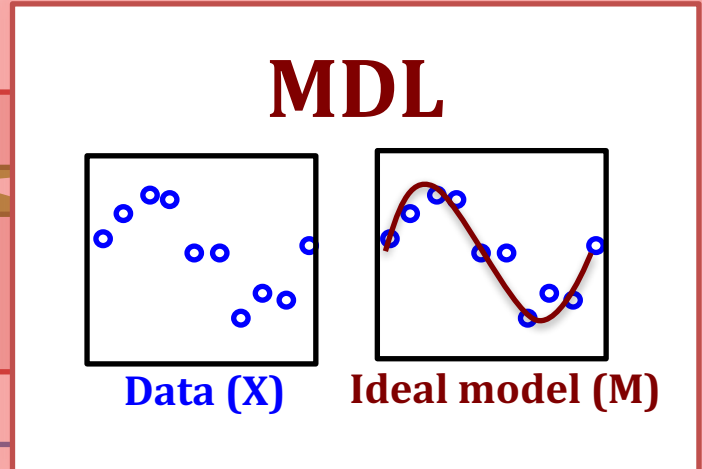
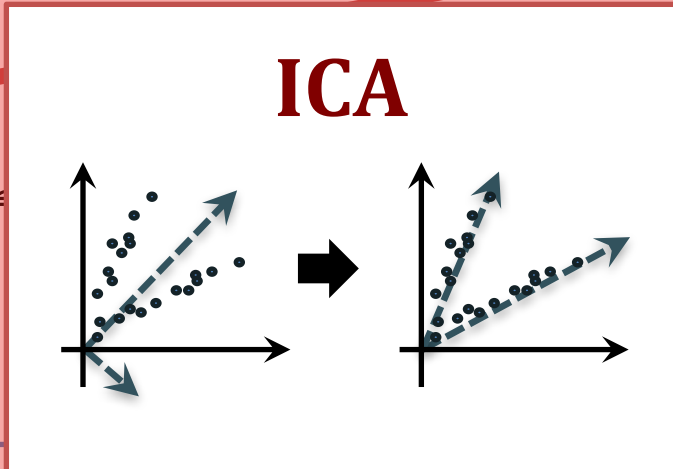
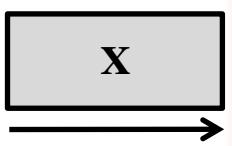
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# Idea (1): Seasonal component analysis

Q1. How can we automatically

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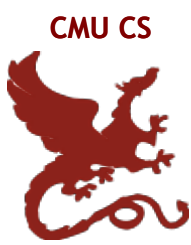
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ICA

MDL

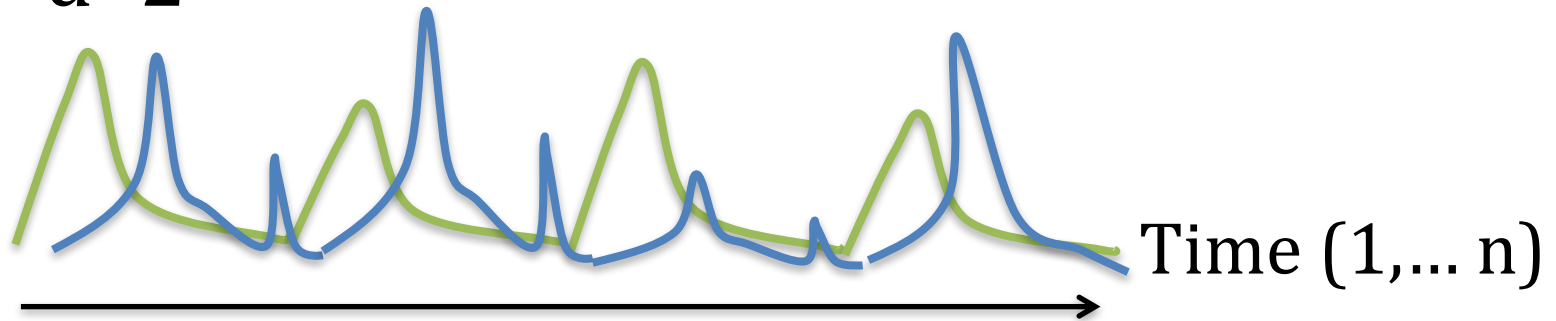


# Idea (1): Seasonal component analysis



Idea(1-a) Seasonal component detection

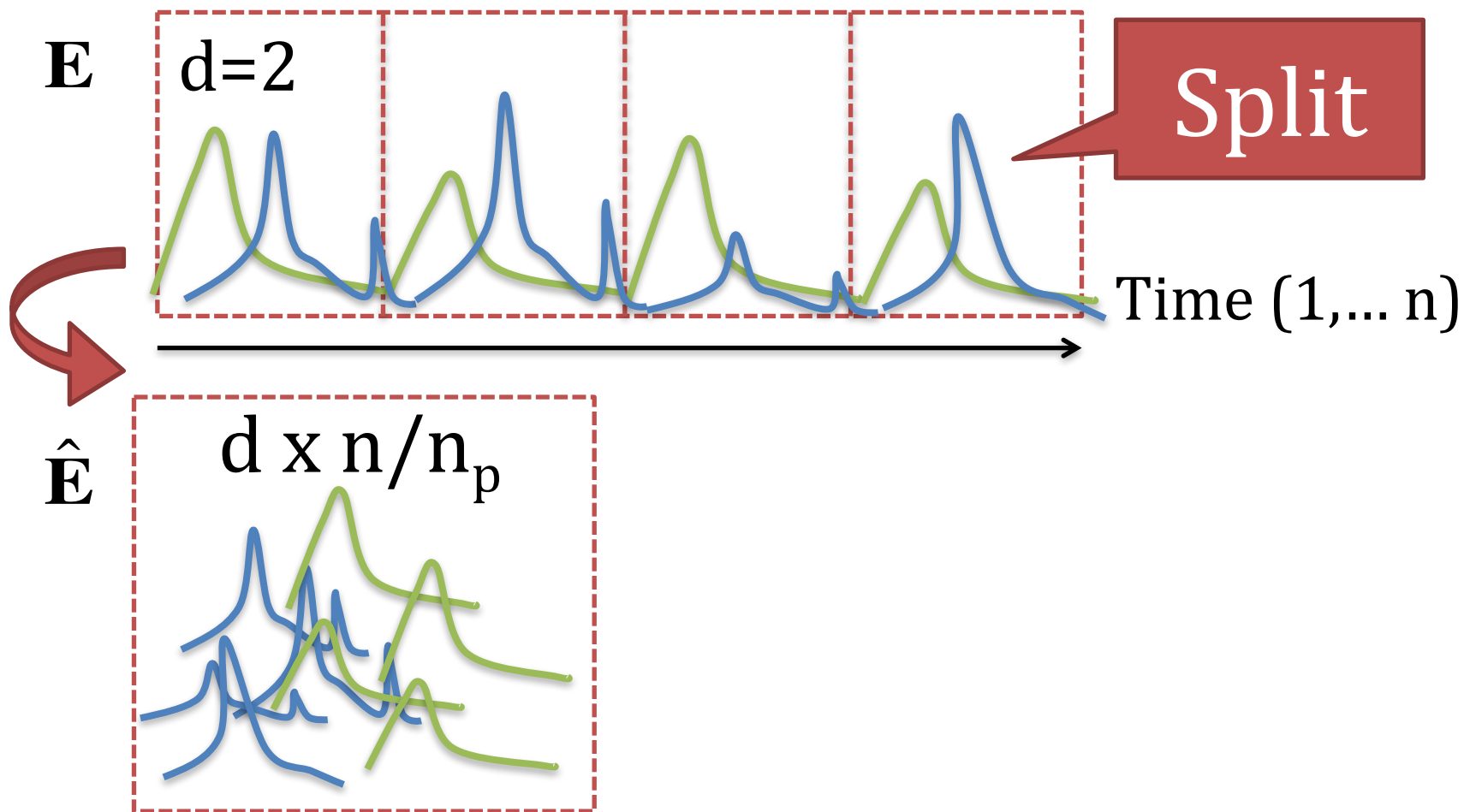
**E**  $d=2$





# Idea (1): Seasonal component analysis

Idea(1-a) Seasonal component detection

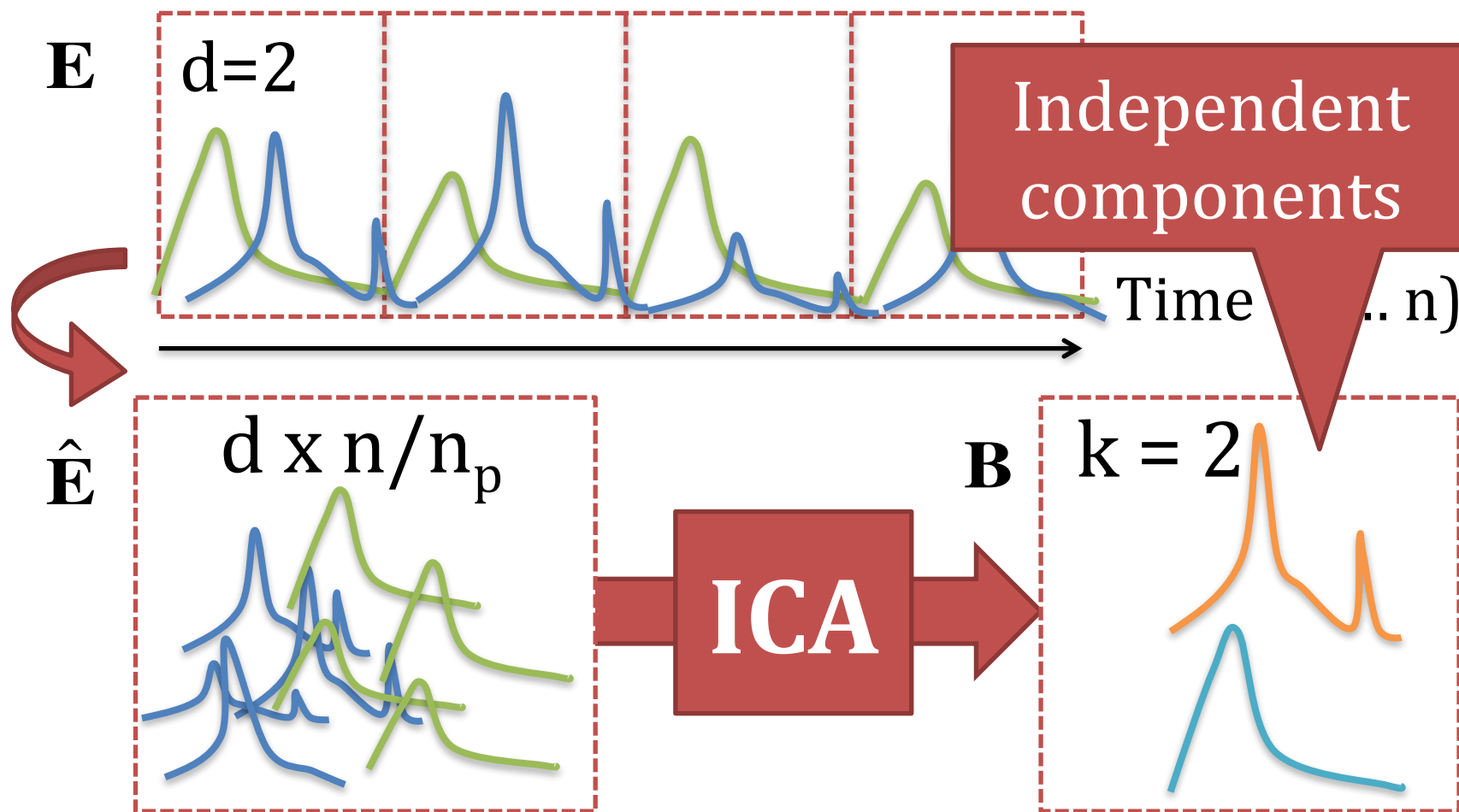




# Idea (1): Seasonal component analysis



Idea(1-a) Seasonal component detection





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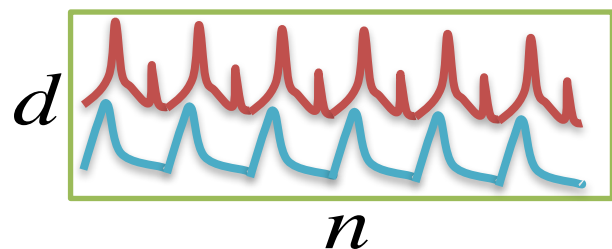


Idea(1-b) Automatic component analysis

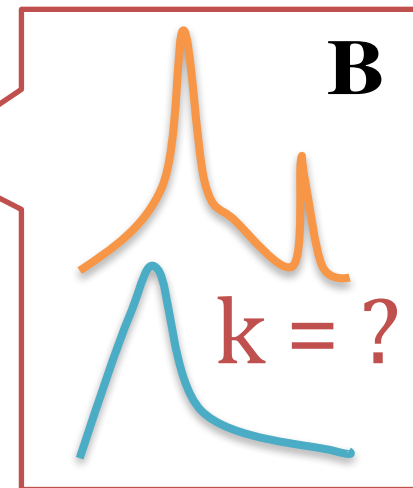
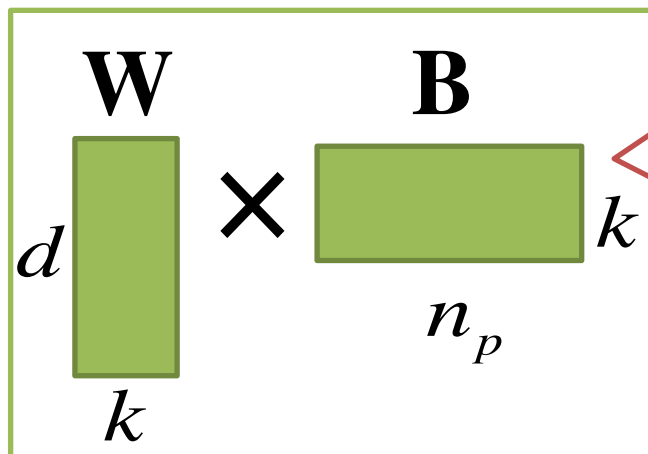
Find optimal number  $k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq d$ )

$d$ : dimension

**E: seasonality**



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opt  $k = ?$





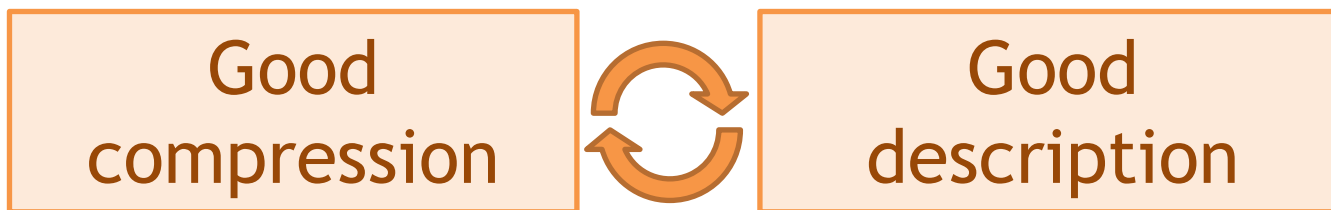
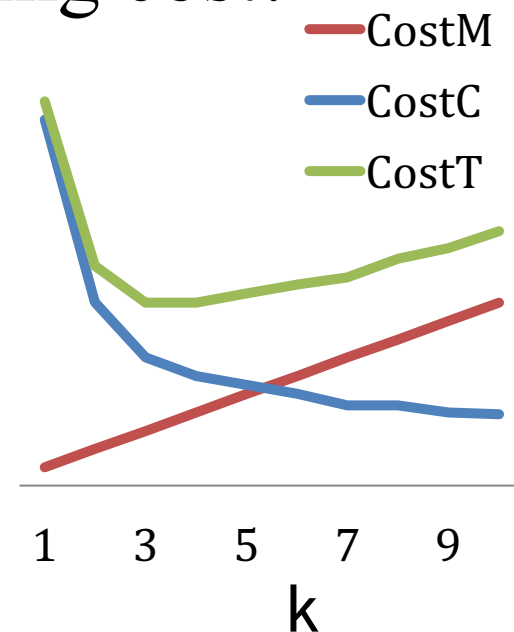
# Idea (1): Seasonal component analysis



Idea(1-b) MDL -> Minimize encoding cost!

$$\min \left( \boxed{\text{Cost}_M(S)} + \boxed{\text{Cost}_c(X|S)} \right)$$

Model cost
Coding cost





# Idea (1): Seasonal component analysis



Idea(1-b) MDL -> Minimize encoding cost!

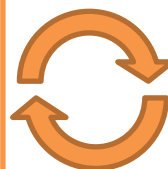
— CostM

— CostC

$$Cost_T(X; \mathcal{S}) = \log^*(d) + \log^*(n) + Cost_M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{K}) \\ + Cost_M(\mathbf{A}) + Cost_M(k, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{B}) + Cost_C(X|\mathcal{S})$$

$$k_{opt} = \arg \min_k Cost_T(X; \mathcal{S})$$

Good  
compression



Good  
description



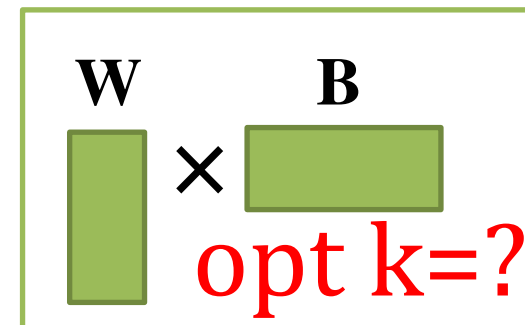
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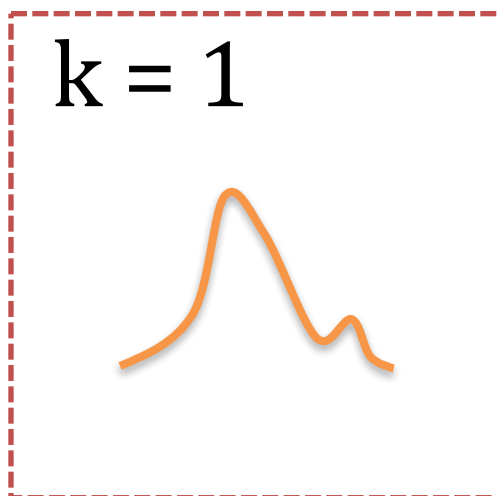
Idea(1-b) Automatic component analysis

Find optimal number  $k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq d$ )

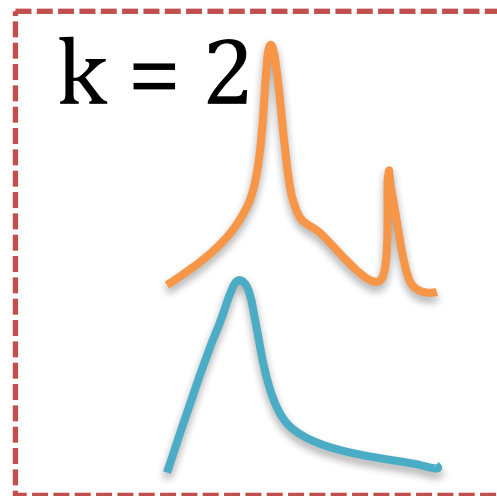
$d$ : dimension



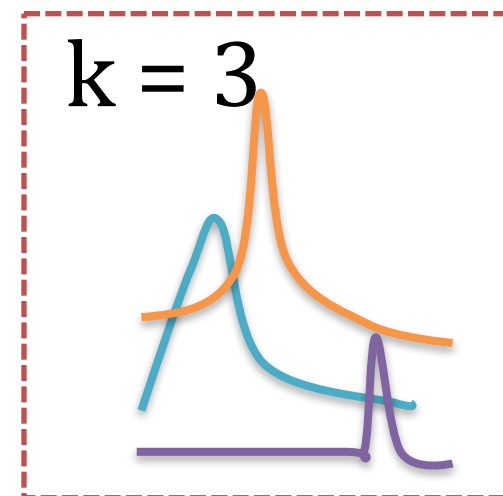
**B**



Cost(1) = \$\$



Cost(2) = \$



Cost(3) = \$\$\$



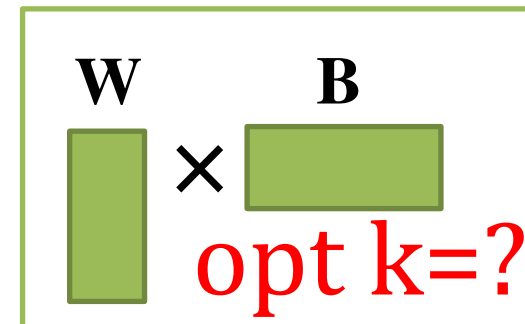
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Idea(1-b) Automatic component analysis

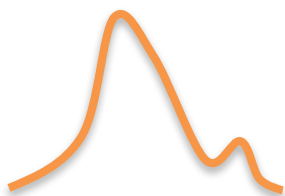
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Optimal  $k$



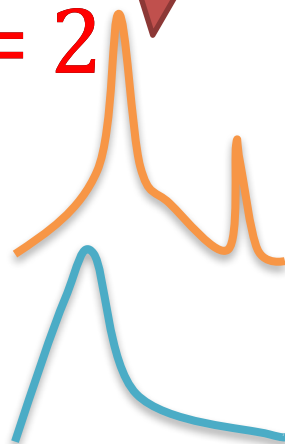
**B**

$k = 1$



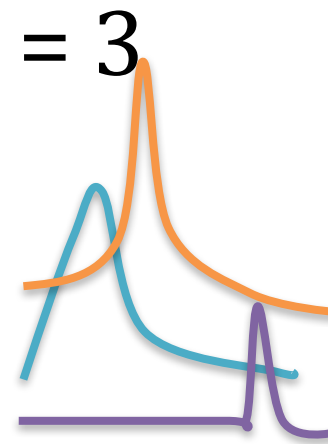
Cost(1) = \$\$\$

$k = 2$



Cost(2) = \$

$k = 3$

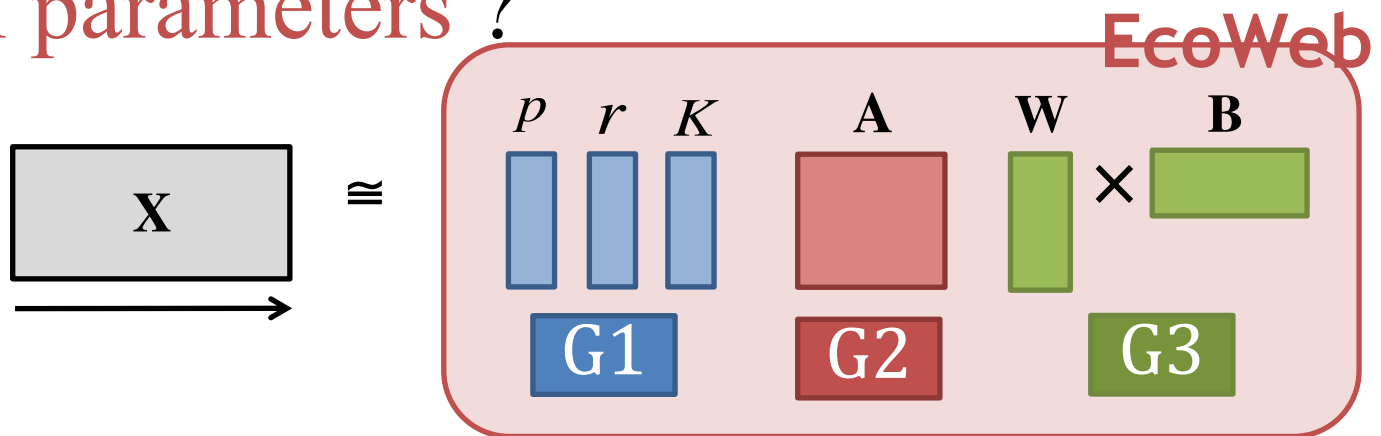


Cost(3) = \$\$\$



# Idea (2): EcoWeb-Fit

**Q2.** How can we efficiently estimate model parameters ?



Idea (2): Multi-step fitting

**a. StepFit** (sub)

**b. EcoWeb-Fit** (full)



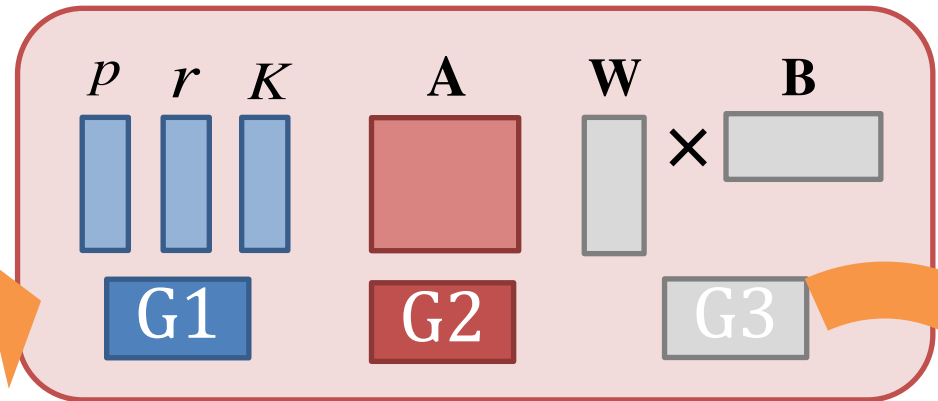
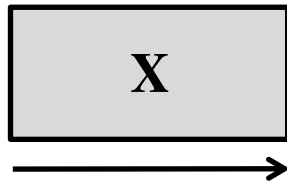
# Idea (2): EcoWeb-Fit

(2-a). StepFit: Update parameters *alternately*

Step A

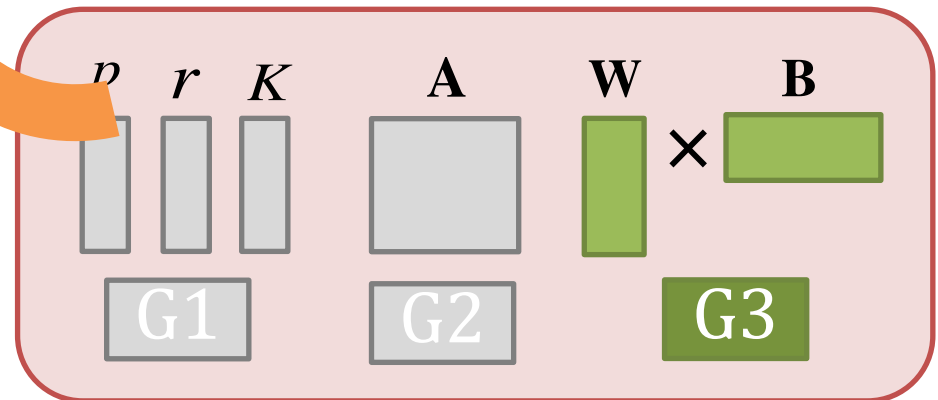
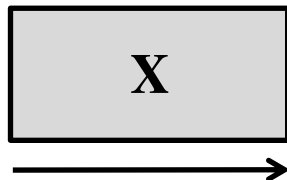
G1

G2



Step B

G3





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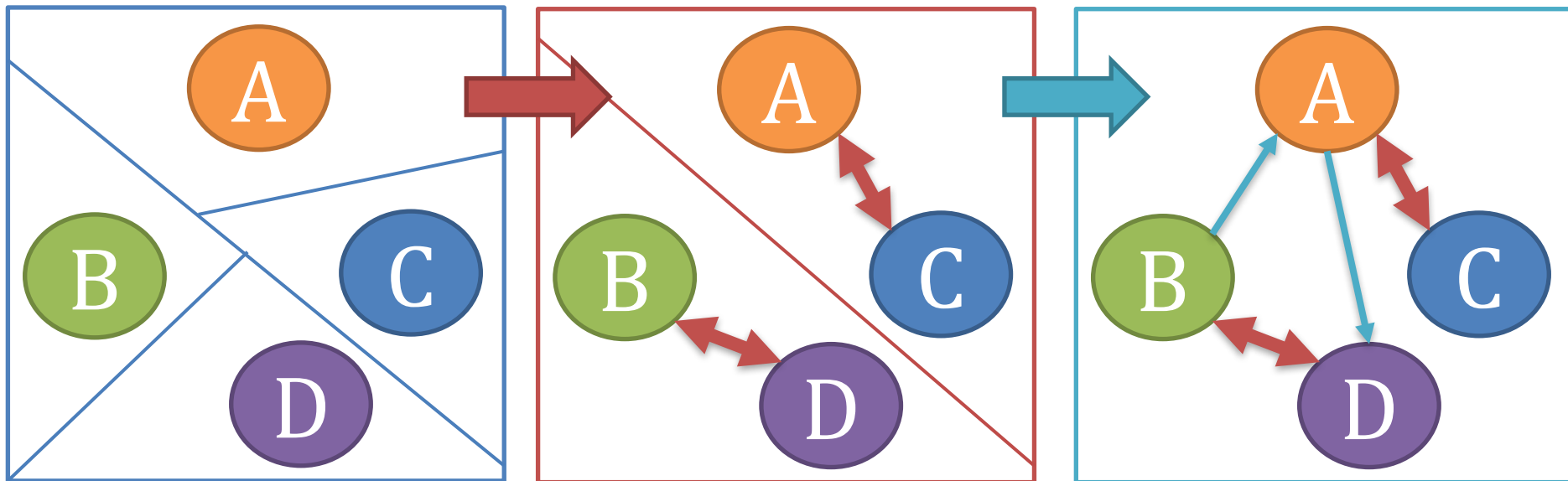
(2-b). EcoWeb-Fit: full algorithm

e.g., 4 keywords: A B C D

1. Individual-Fit

2. Pair-Fit

3. Full-Fit



EcoWeb-Fit updates parameters, separately



# Experiments

We answer the following questions...

## Q1. Effectiveness

How successful is it in spotting patterns?

## Q2. Accuracy

How well does it match the data?

## Q3. Scalability

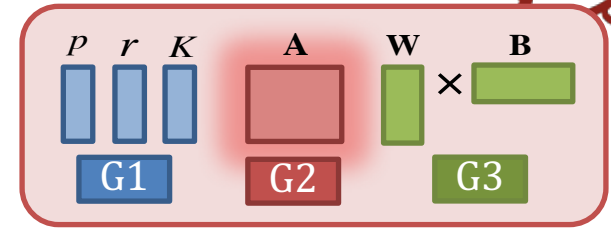
How does it scale in terms of computational time?





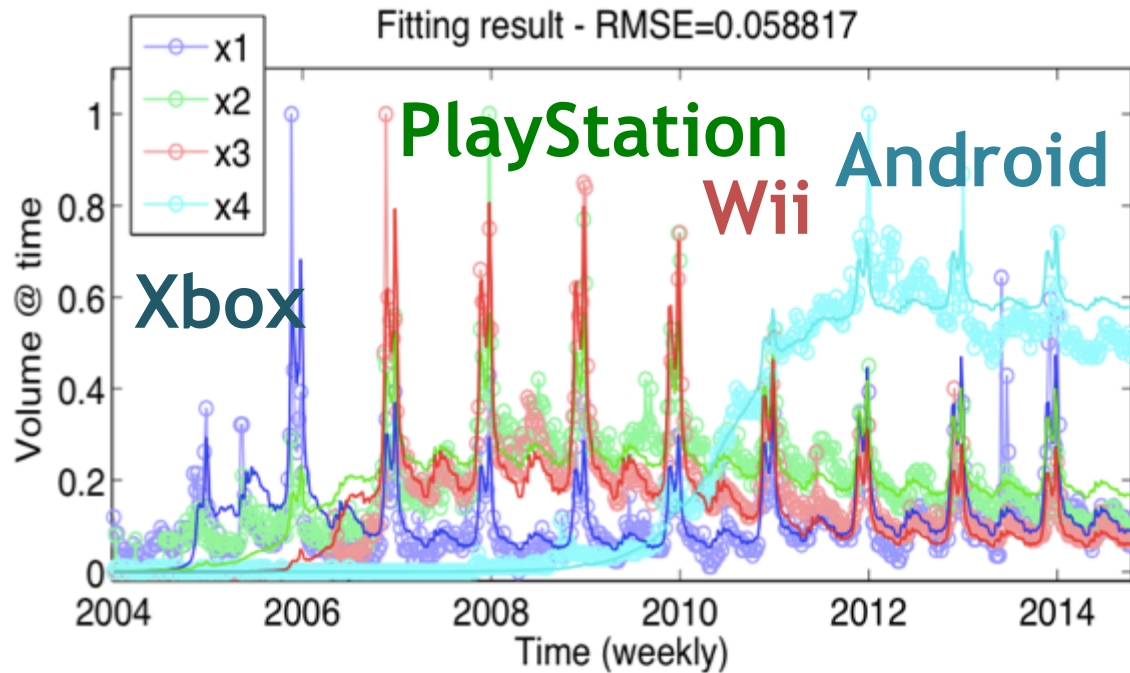
# Q1. Effectiveness

(#1) Video games



Interactions

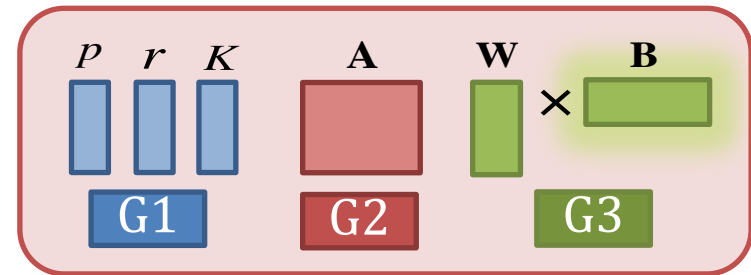
between keywords



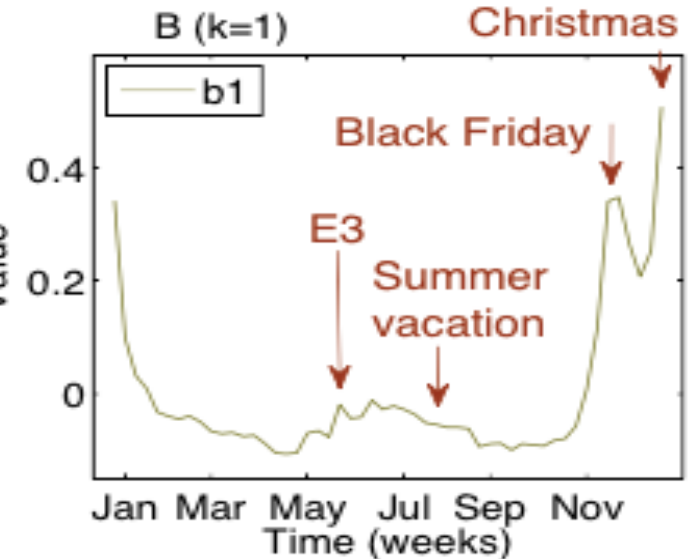
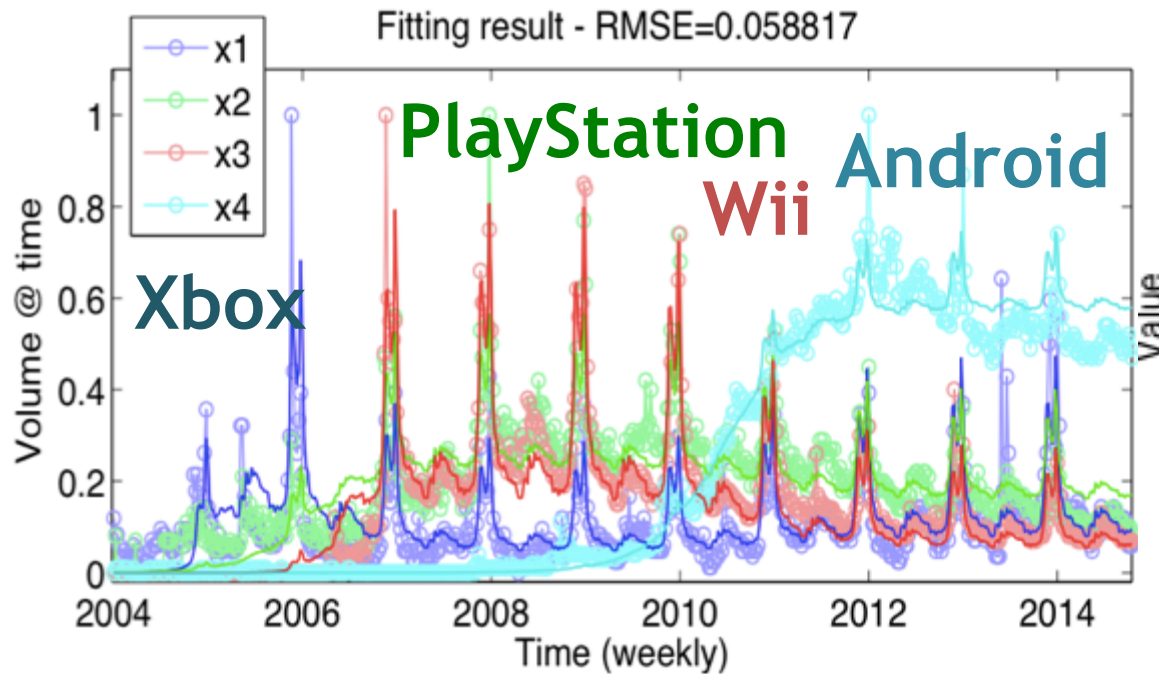


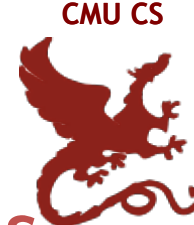
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(#1) Video games



## Seasonality



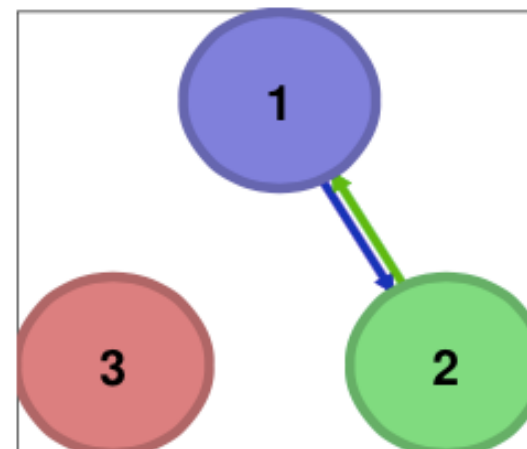


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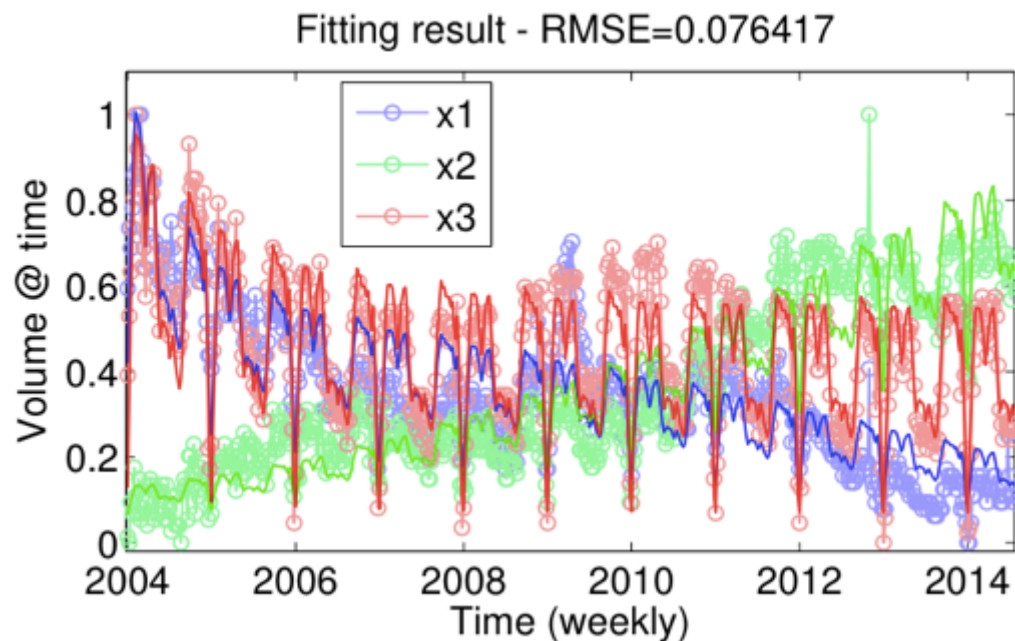
(#2) Programming language

**C** , **R** , **MATLAB**

Interactions

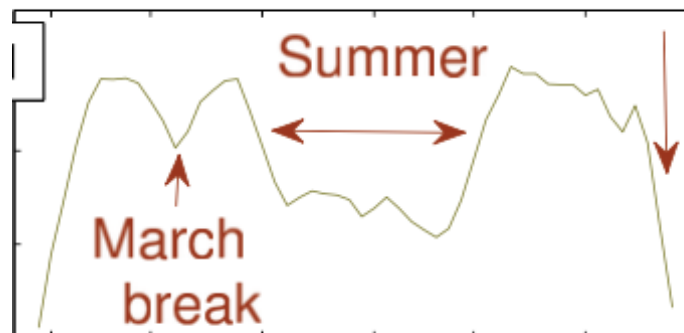


Seasonality



$B(1 \times 52)$  ,  $k=1$

Christmas



Jan Mar May Jul Sep Nov

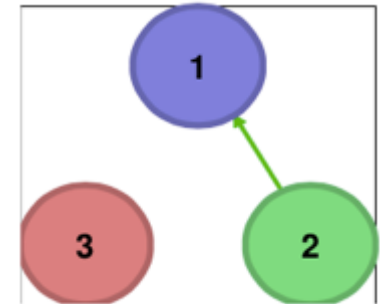


# Q1. Effectiveness

(#3) Social media

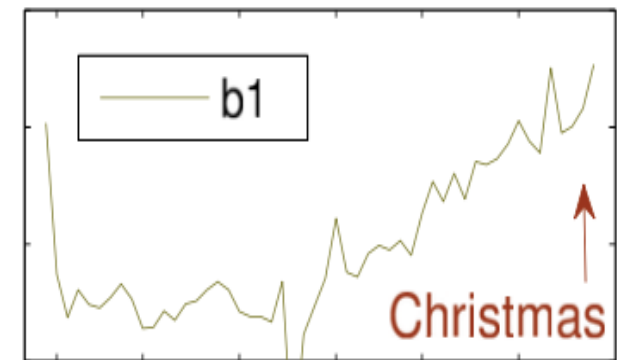
**Tumblr** , **Facebook** , **LinkedIn**

Interactions



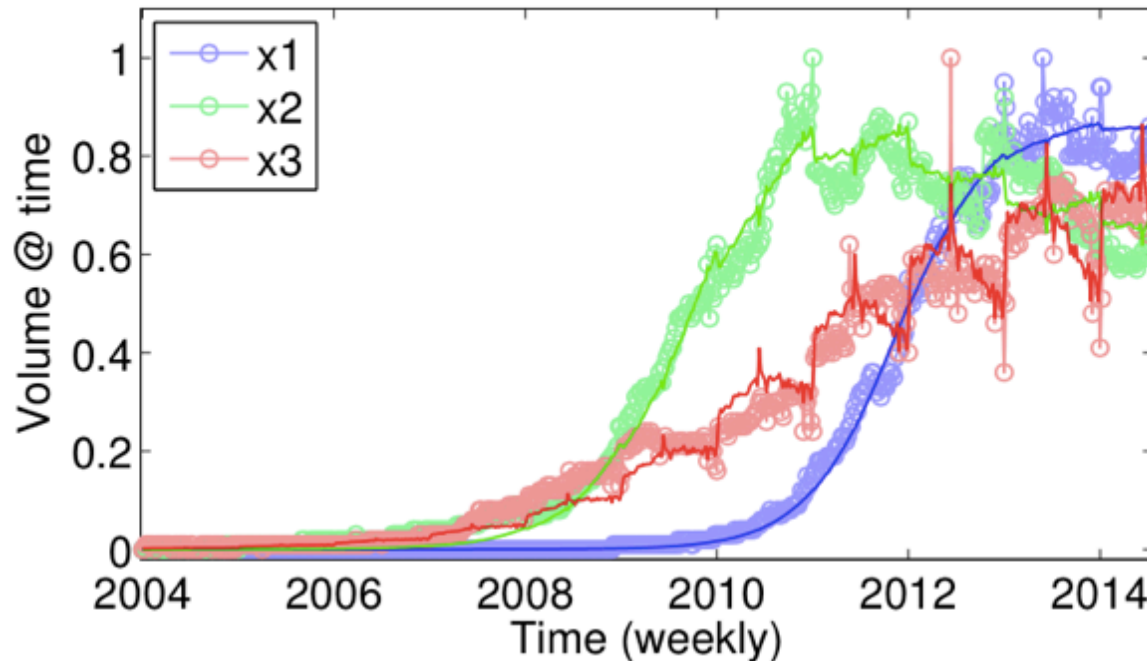
Seasonality

$B(1 \times 52)$  ,  $k=1$



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Fitting result - RMSE=0.039536



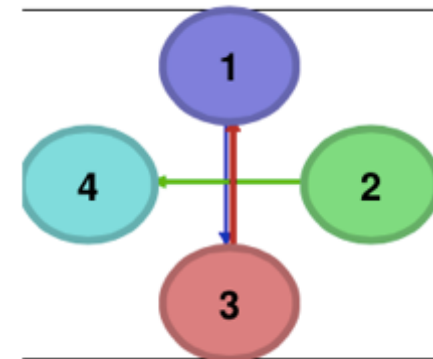
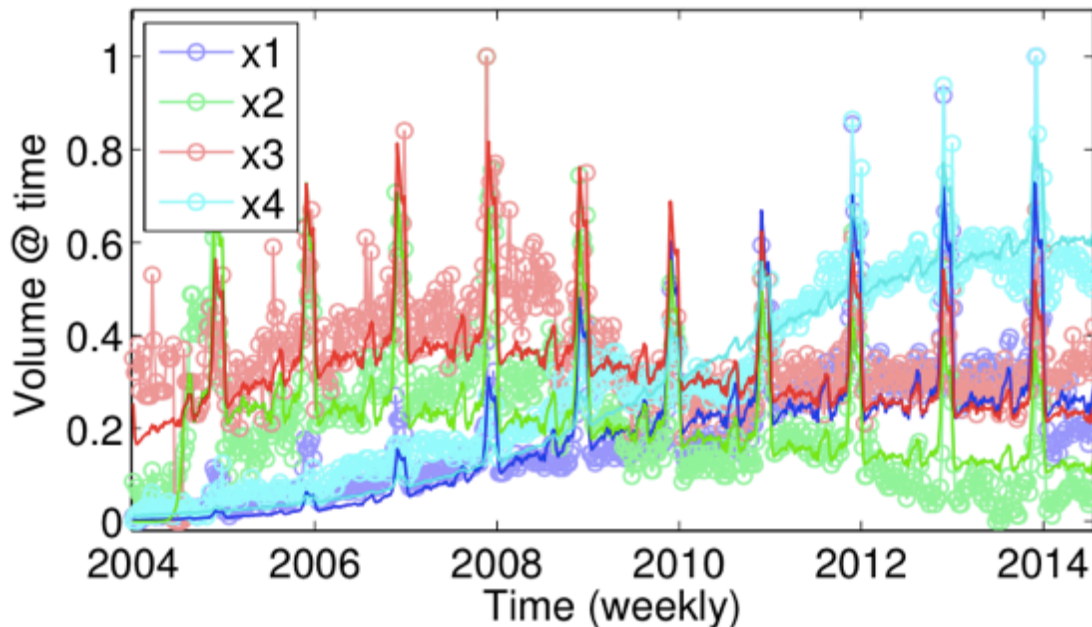


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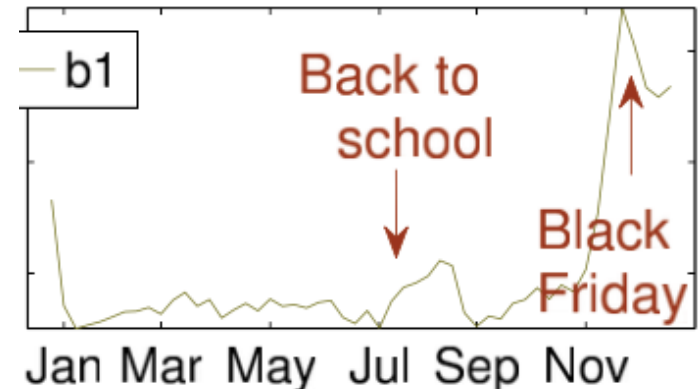
(#4) Apparel companies

**Kohls** , **JCPenny** , **Nordstrom** , **Forever21**

Fitting result - RMSE=0.074104



$B(1 \times 52)$  ,  $k=1$





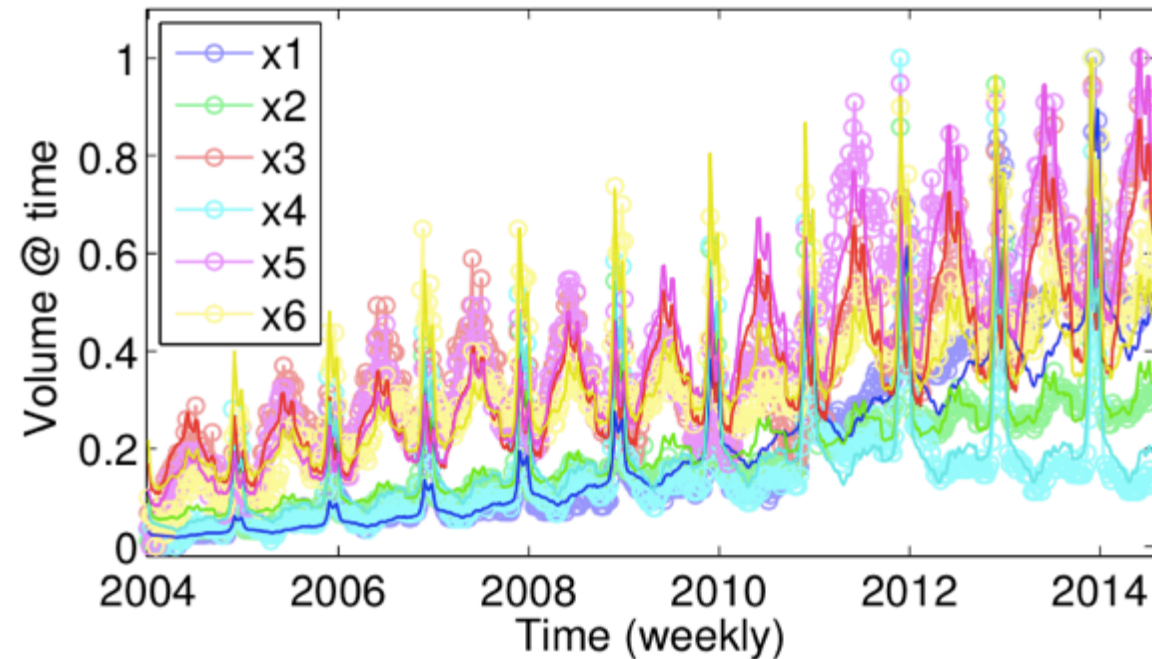


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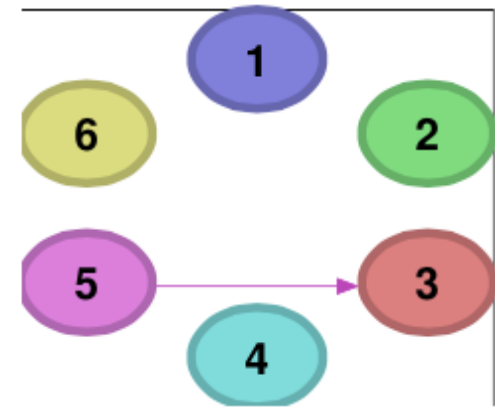
(#5) Retail companies

Amazon , Walmart , Home Depot ,  
BestBuy , Lowes , Costco

Fitting result - RMSE=0.065173



Interaction



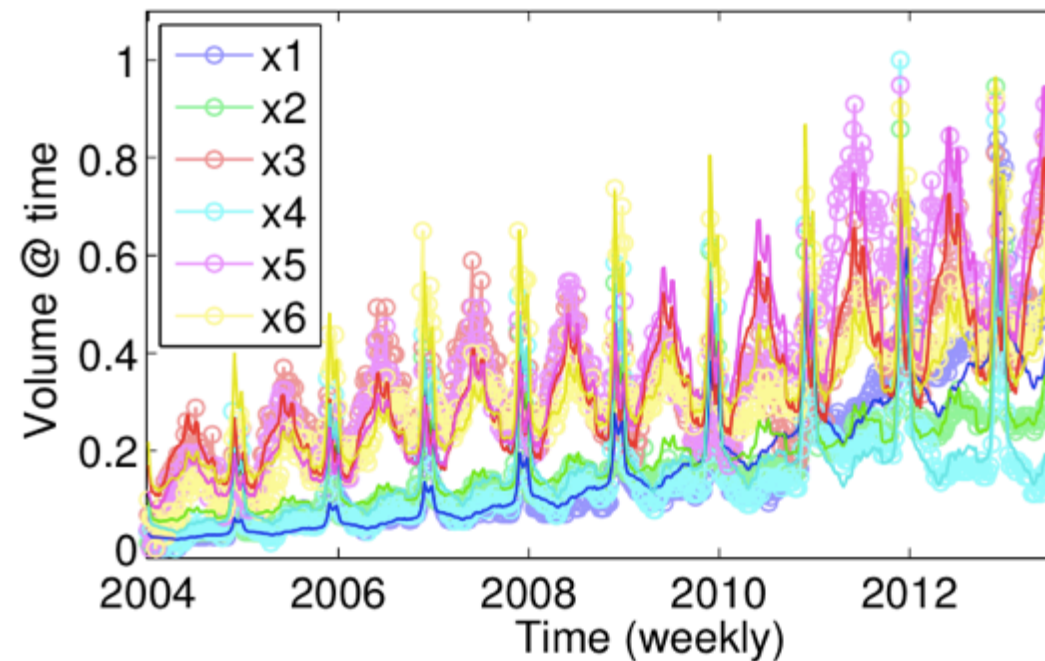


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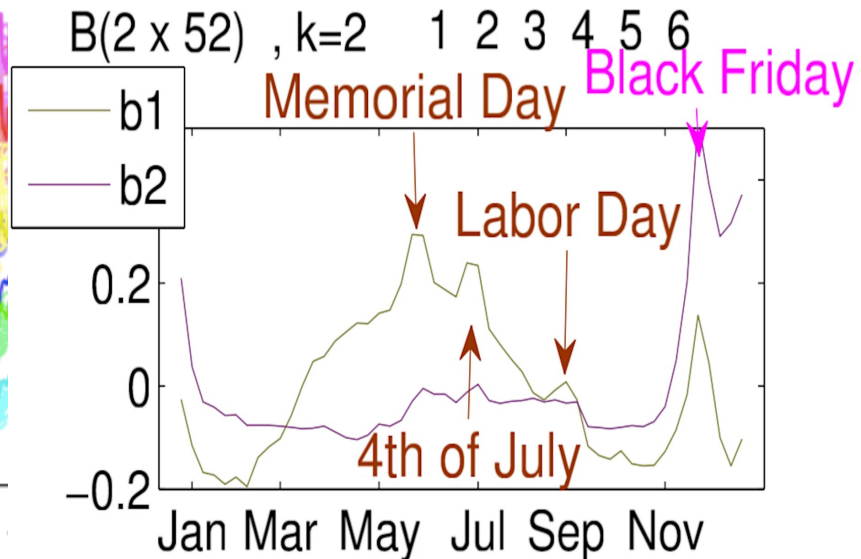
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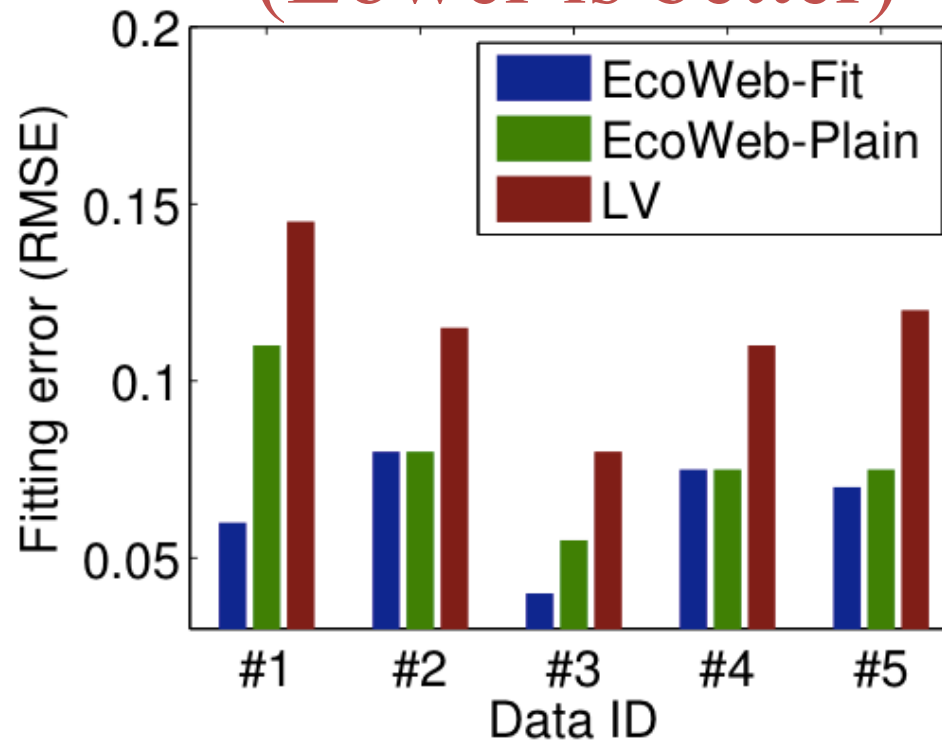




## Q2. Accuracy

RMSE between original and fitted volume

(Lower is better)



**EcoWeb consistently wins!**

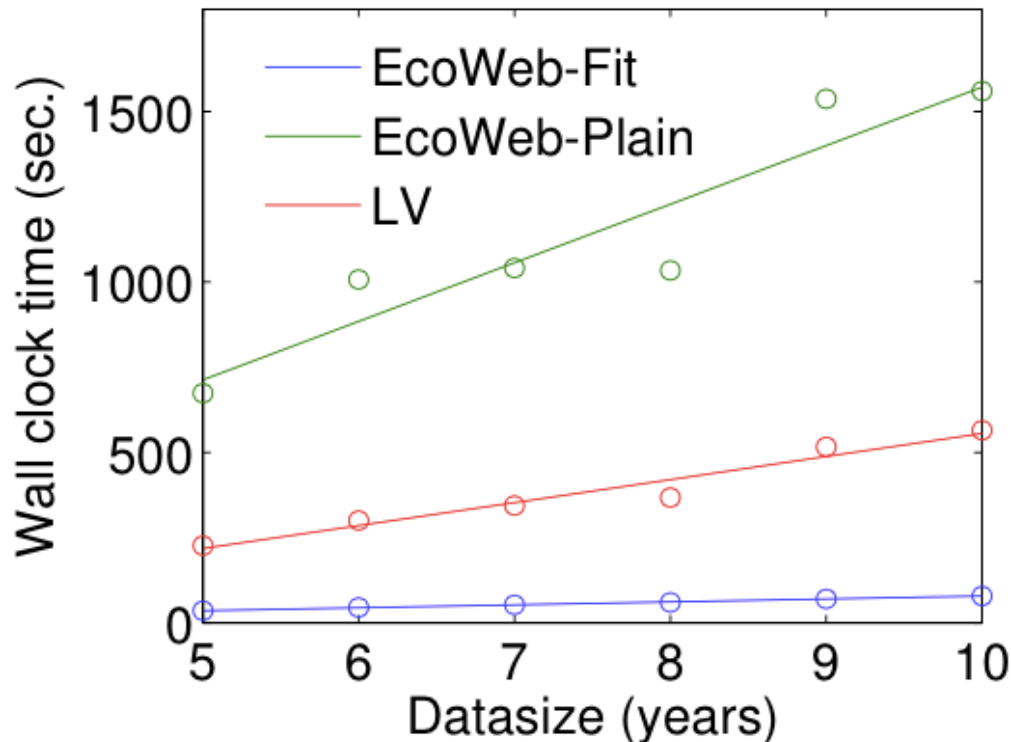




# Q3. Scalability

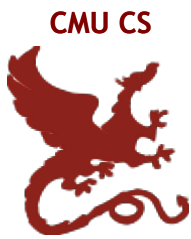
Wall clock time vs. dataset size (years)

EcoWeb-Fit scales linearly, i.e.,  $O(n)$



7x faster than **LV**, 20x faster than **EcoWeb-Plain**

# EcoWeb at work - forecasting

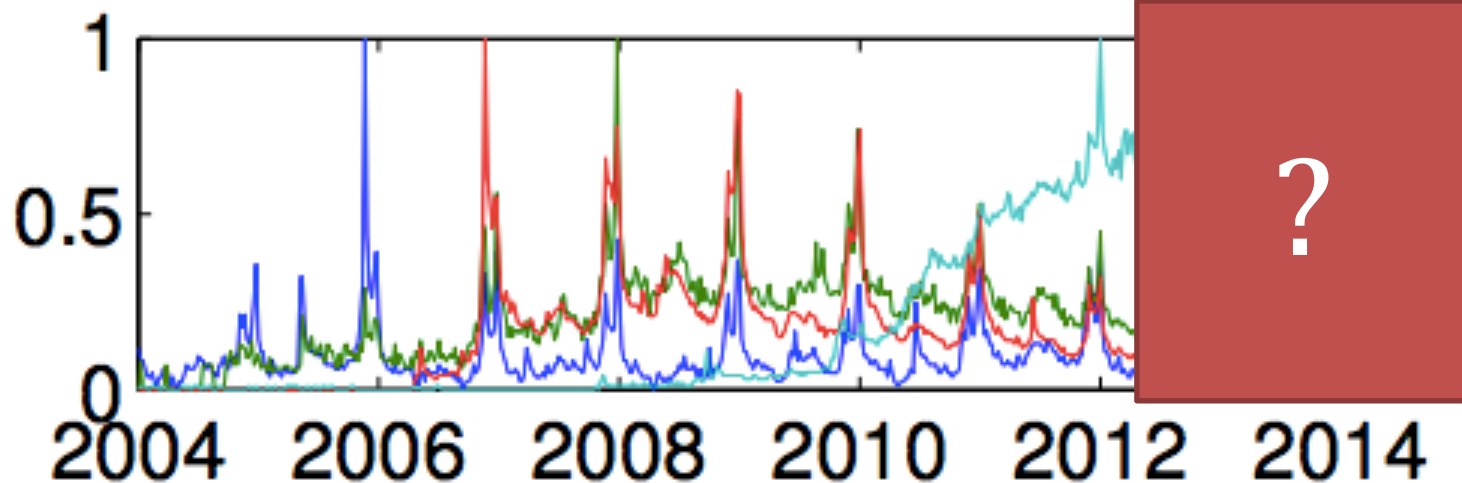


Forecasting future activities

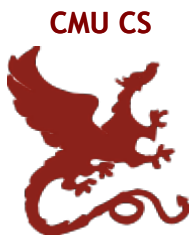
Train:  
**2/3** sequences

Forecast:  
**1/3** following years

Original sequences



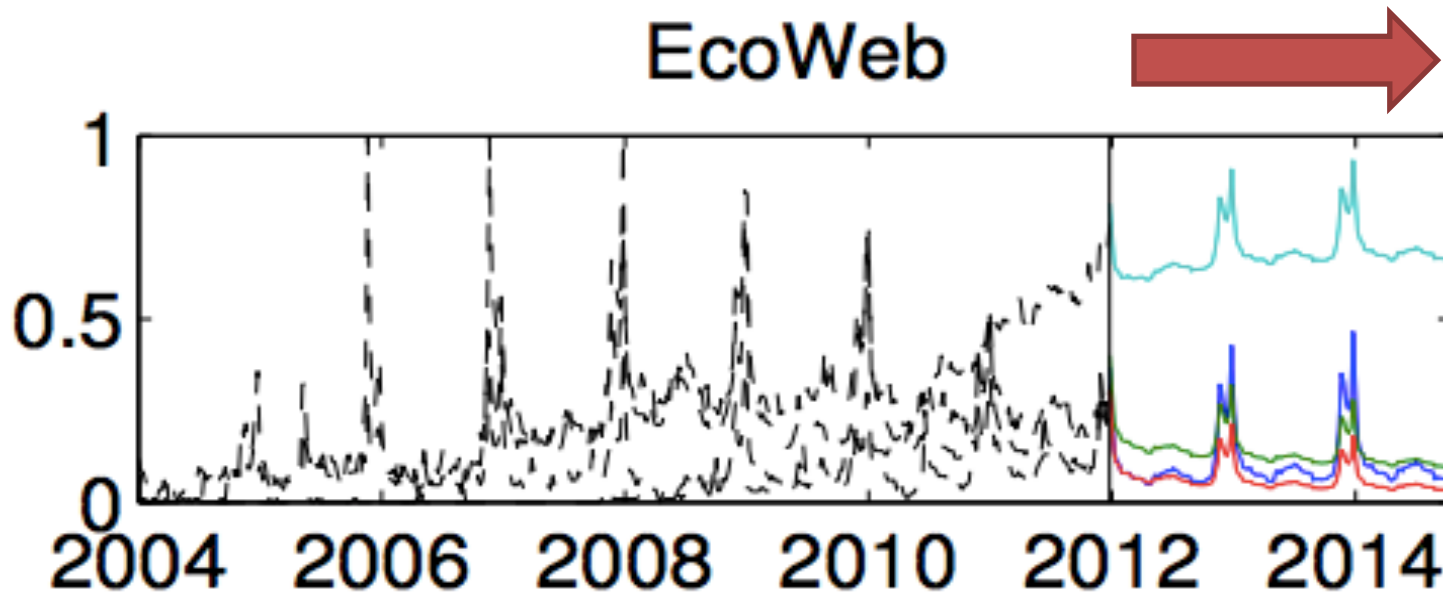
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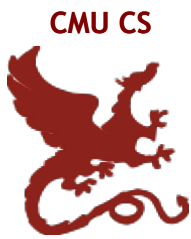
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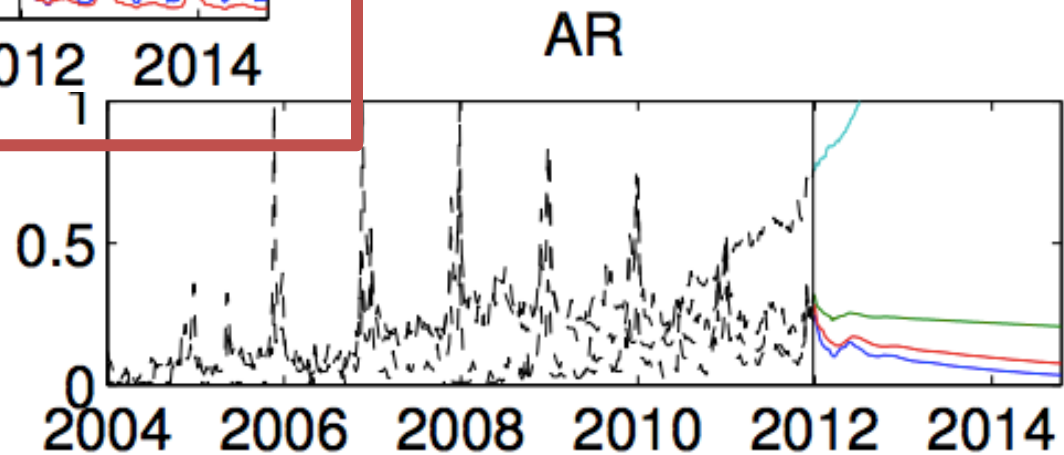
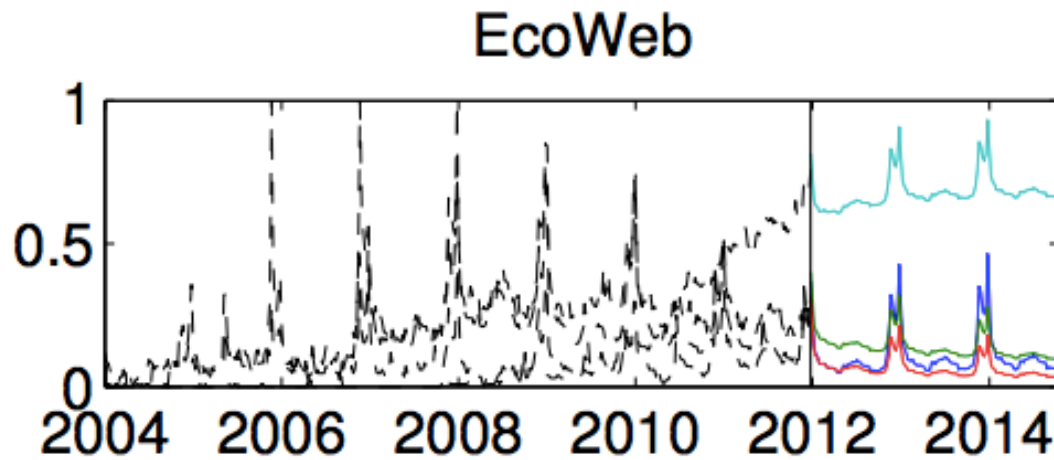


**EcoWeb** can capture future patterns

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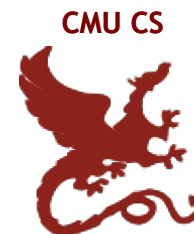


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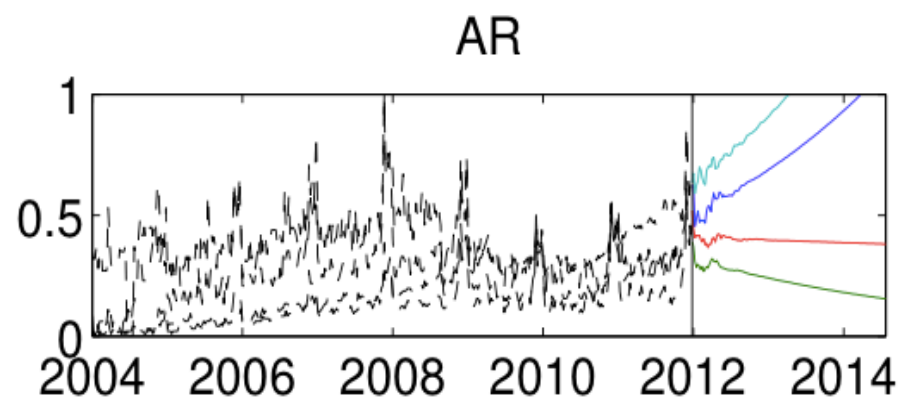
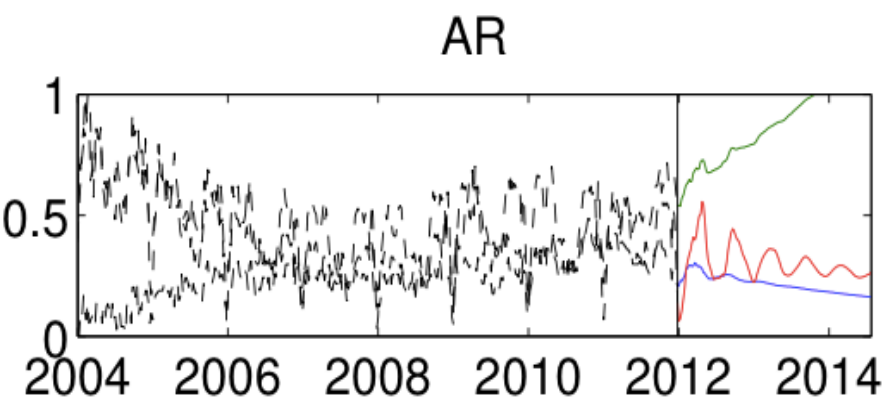
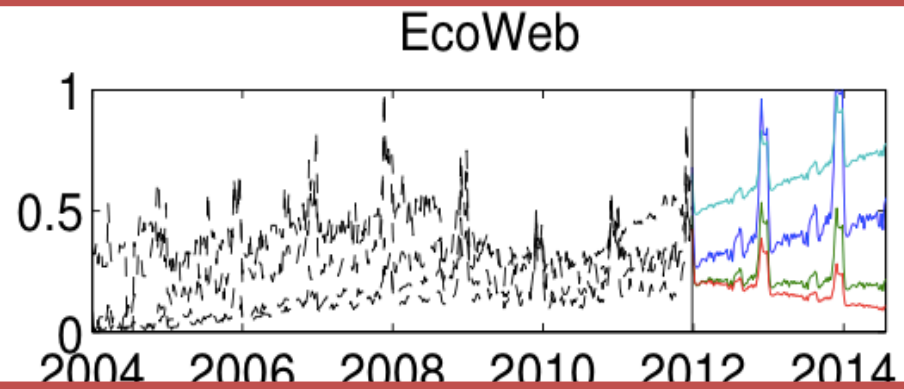
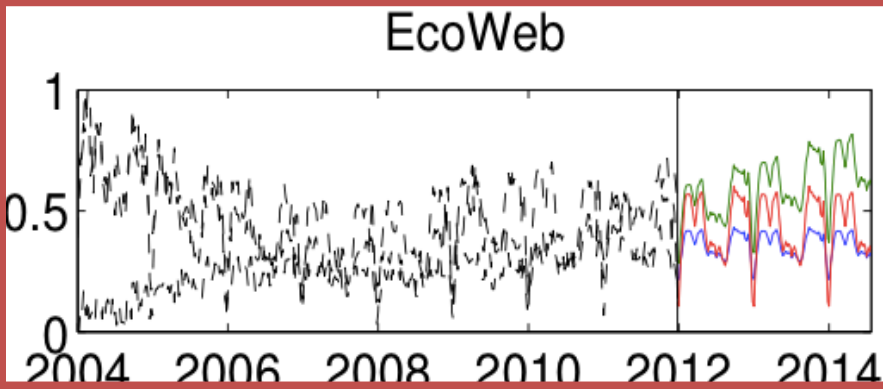


**EcoWeb** can capture future patterns!

# EcoWeb at work - forecasting



## Forecasting future activities



(b) Programming languages (#2)

(c) Apparel companies (#4)

**EcoWeb** can capture future patterns!



# Part 2 Roadmap







## Problem

- ✓ Why: “non-linear” modeling

## Fundamentals

- ✓ Non-linear (grey-box) models

## Applications

- ✓ Epidemics 
- ✓ Information diffusion 
- ✓ Online competition  vs. 

Goal!





# Part 2

# Roadmap



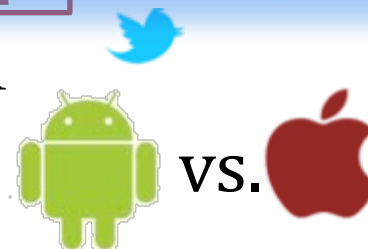
## Problem

✓ Why: “non-linear” modeling

## Extension: Non-linear modeling for data streams

✓ Information diffusion

✓ Online competition

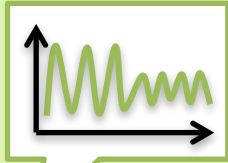




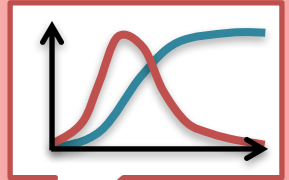
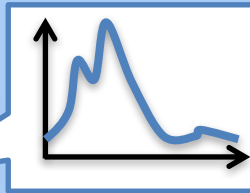
# Big time-series data streams

Social/natural phenomena

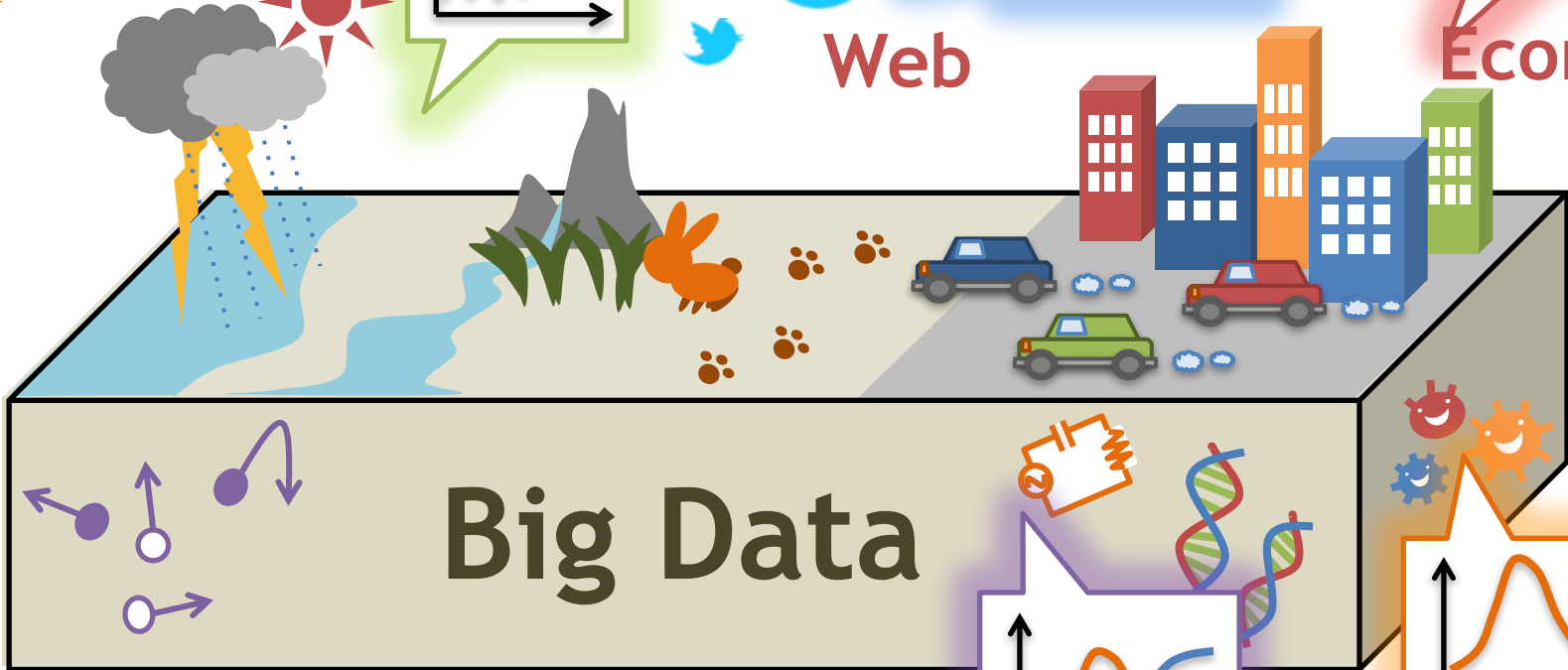
climate



Web

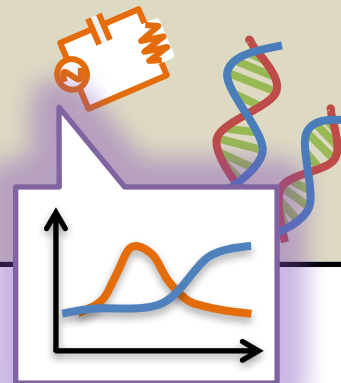


Economy



Big Data

Physical sensors



Epidemic





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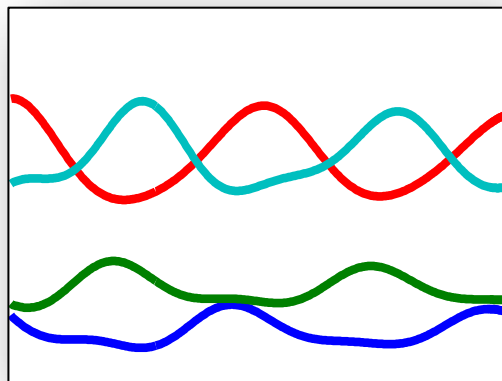
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## Motion sensors

L/R legs

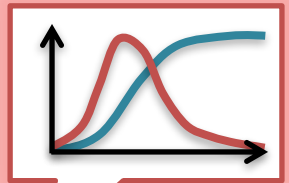
L/R arms



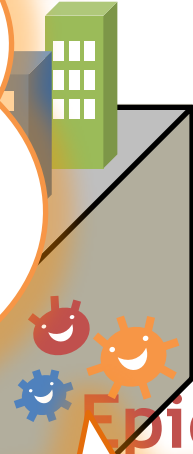
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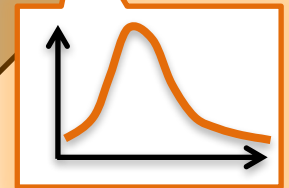
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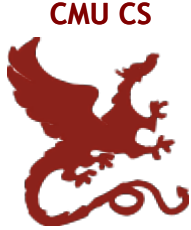


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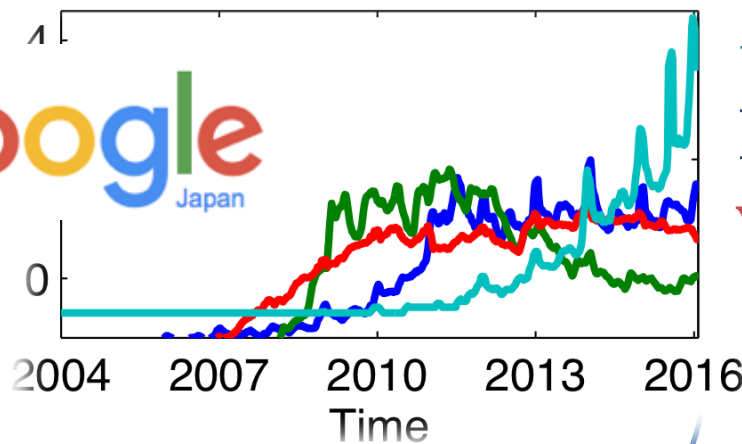
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Online activities

Google Japan



Amazon P

Netflix

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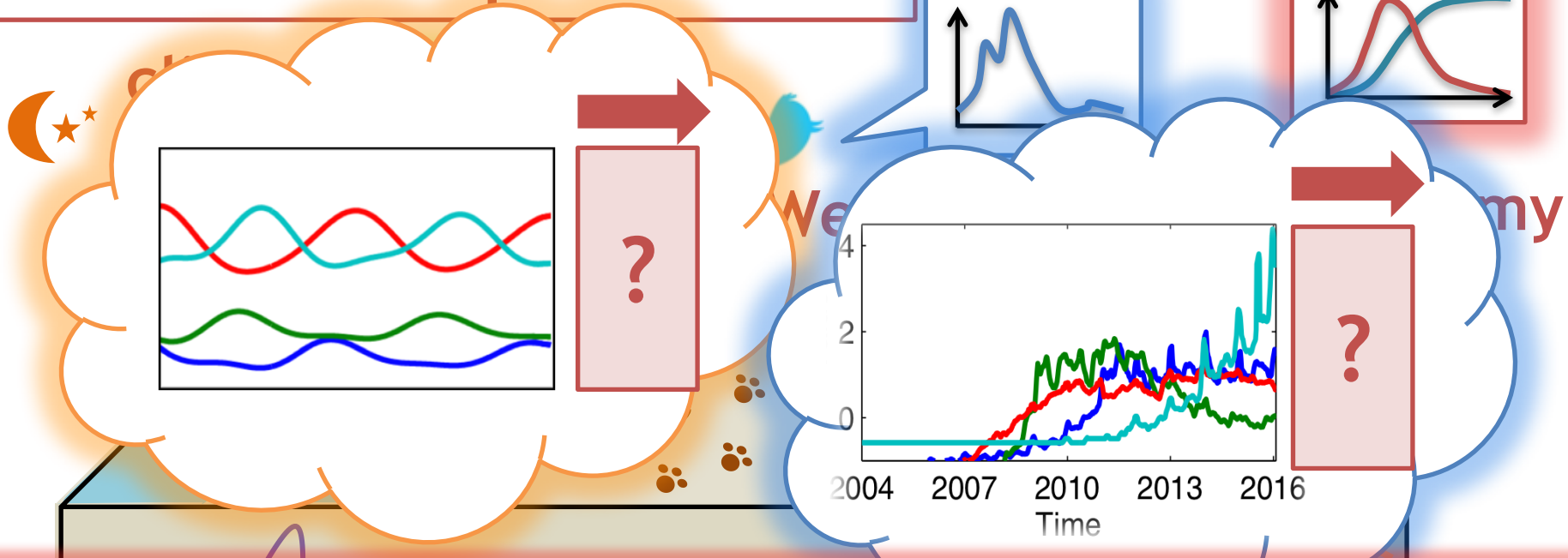
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# Big time-series data streams

Social/natural phenomena



Q. Can we forecast future events?

Physical sensors



[Matsubara+ KDD'16]

# Regime Shifts in Streams: Real-time Forecasting of Co-evolving Time Sequences

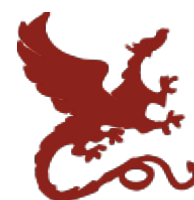
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# Big time-series data streams



- **Given:**

Co-evolving event stream

$$X = \{\mathbf{x}(1), \mathbf{x}(2), \dots, \mathbf{x}(t_c), \dots\}$$

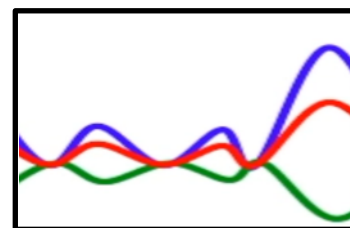
- **Goal:**

Forecast  $l_s$ -steps-ahead

future events,

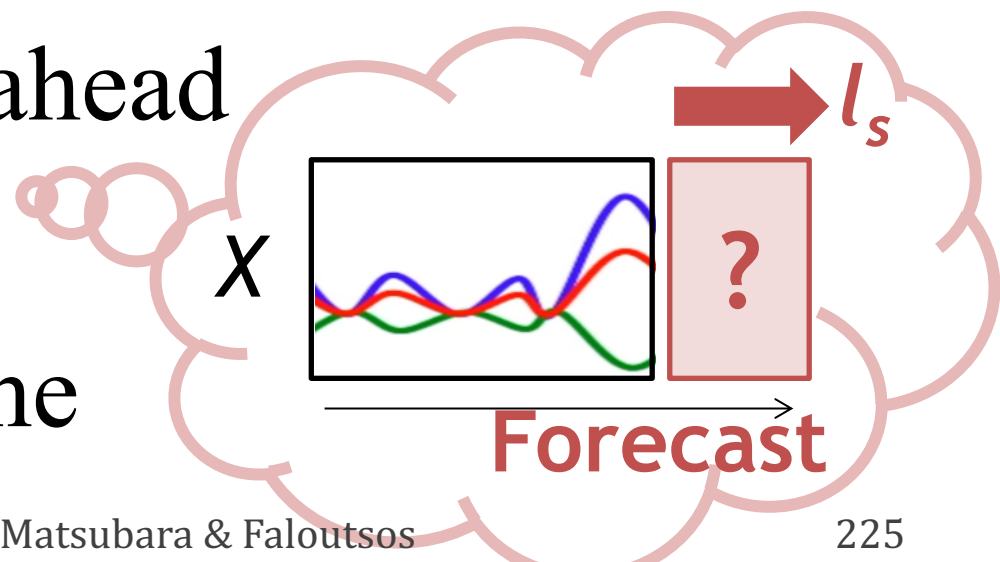
at any point in time

$X$



$l_s$

Forecast





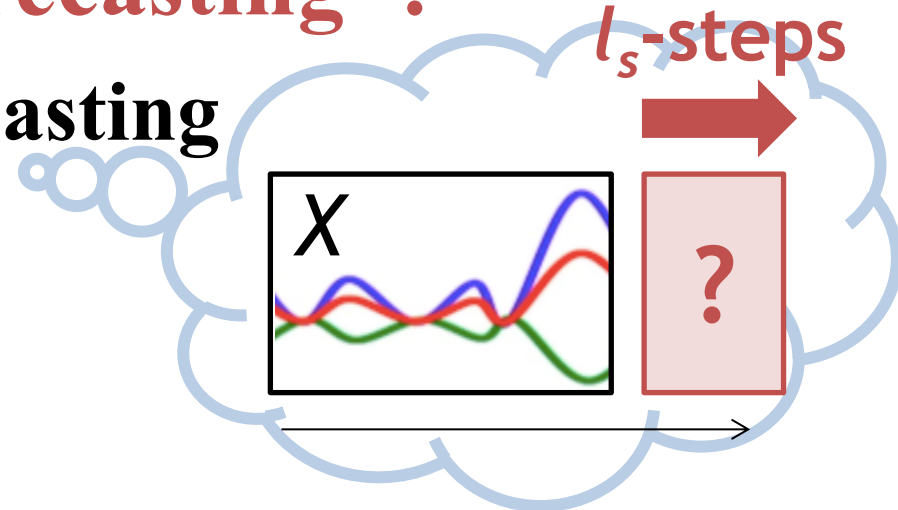
# Overview

## What is “Real-time forecasting”?

### (a) $l_s$ -steps-ahead forecasting

Long-term

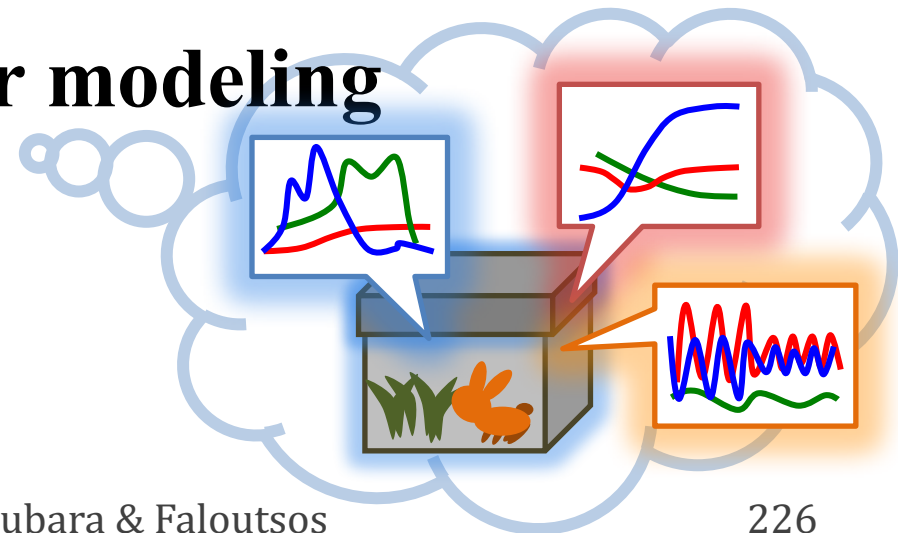
Continuous



### (b) Adaptive non-linear modeling

Non-linear

Adaptive

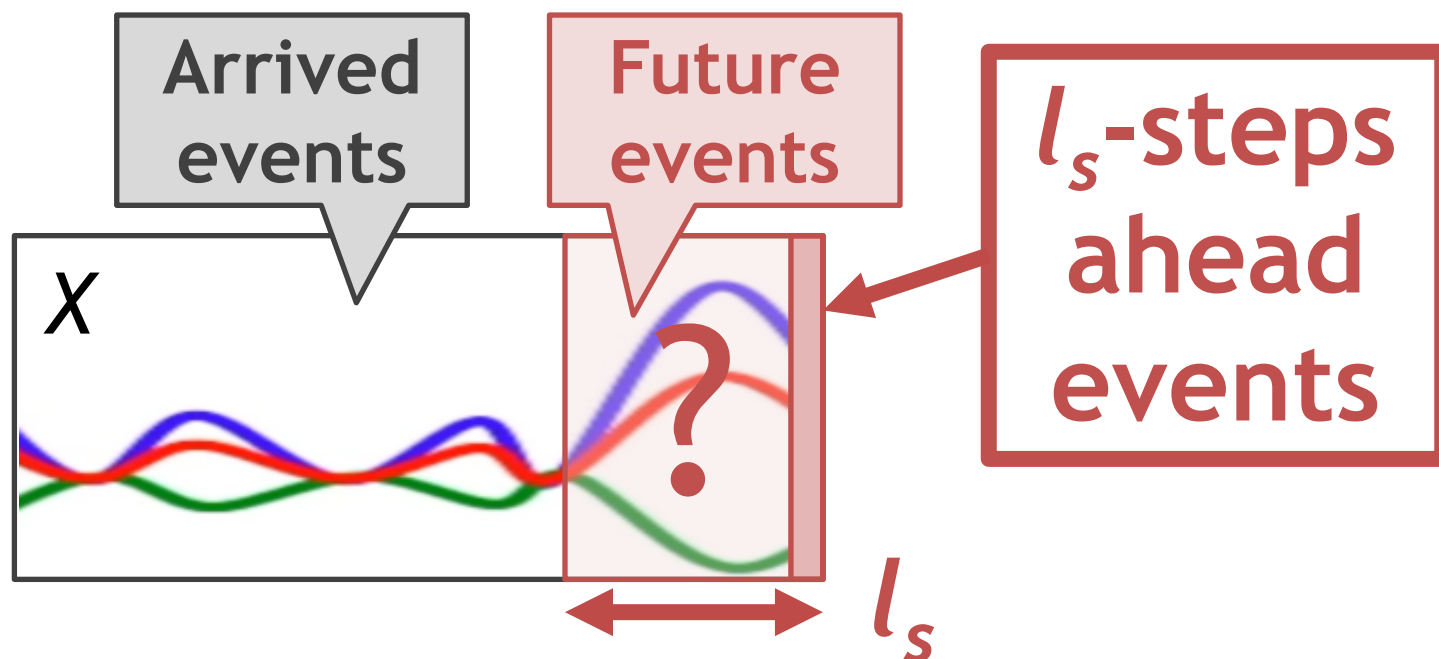




# (a) $l_s$ -steps-ahead forecasting

**Long-term** : Predict  $l_s$ -steps ahead events

**Continuous** : Capture dynamic patterns





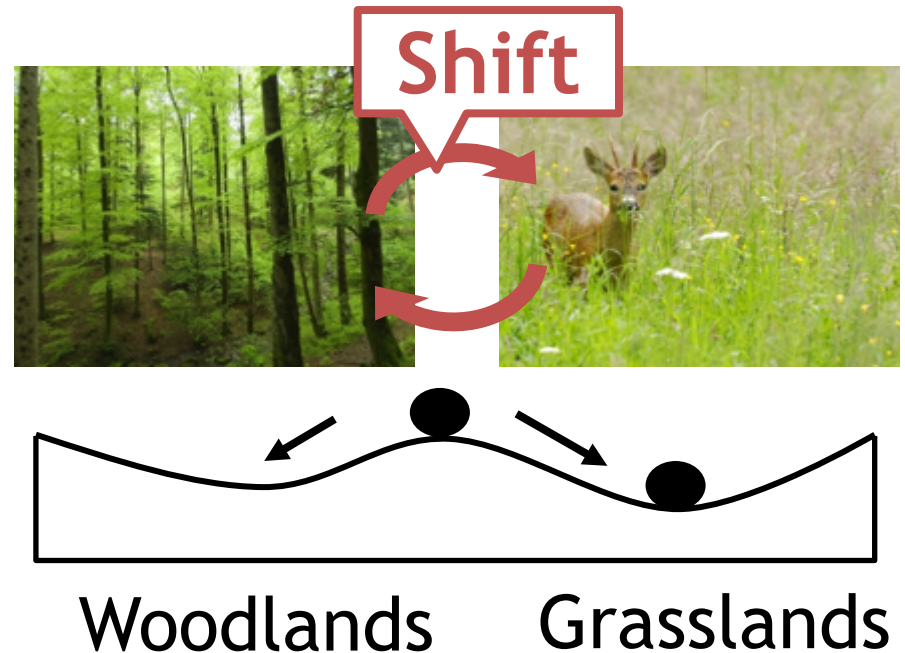
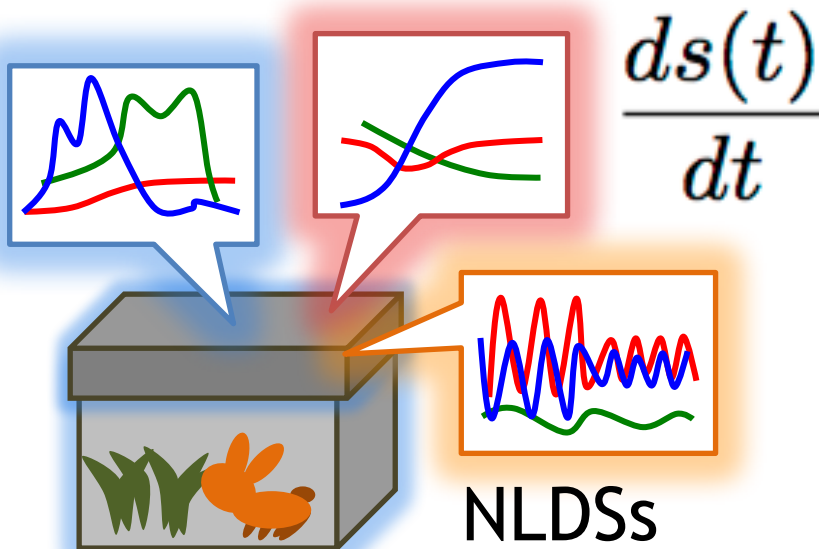
# (b) Adaptive non-linear modeling

**Non-linear**

: Non-linear dynamical systems

**Adaptive**

: Regime shifts (ecosystems)





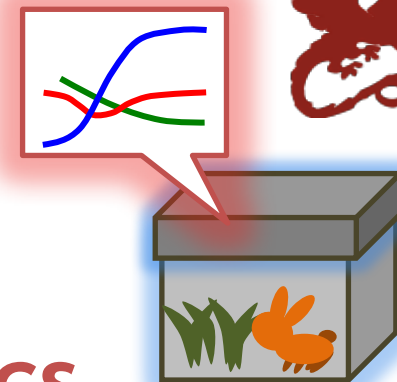


# Proposed model

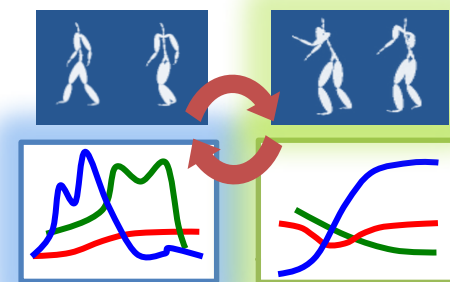


Main ideas

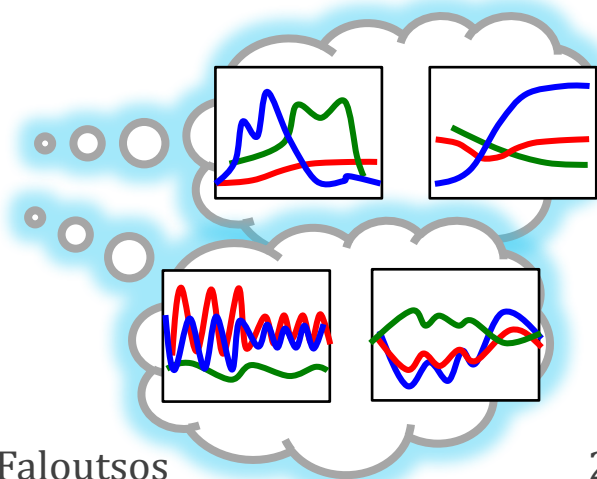
**P1** Latent non-linear dynamics



**P2** Regime shifts in streams



**P3** Nested structure

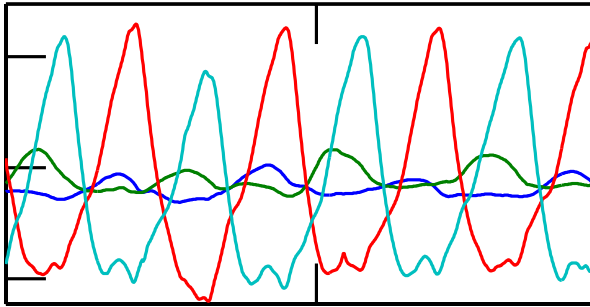




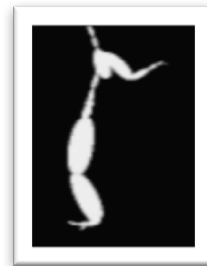
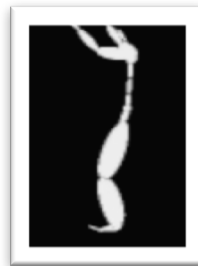
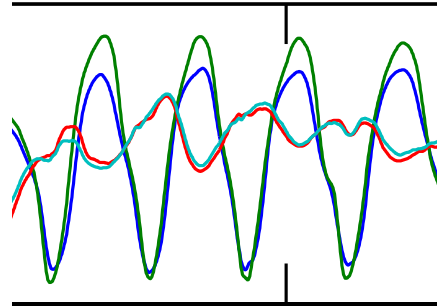
# Latent non-linear dynamics

Various patterns (“**regimes**”) in streams

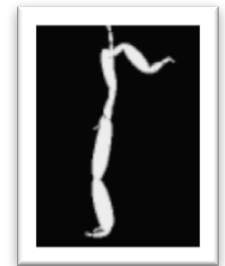
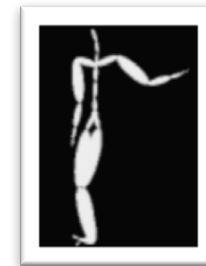
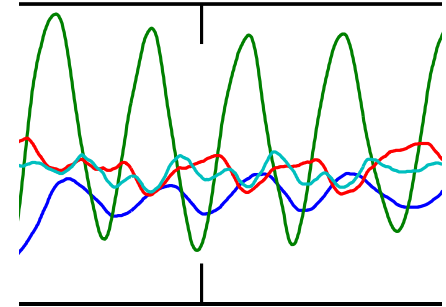
walking



stretching



(right)



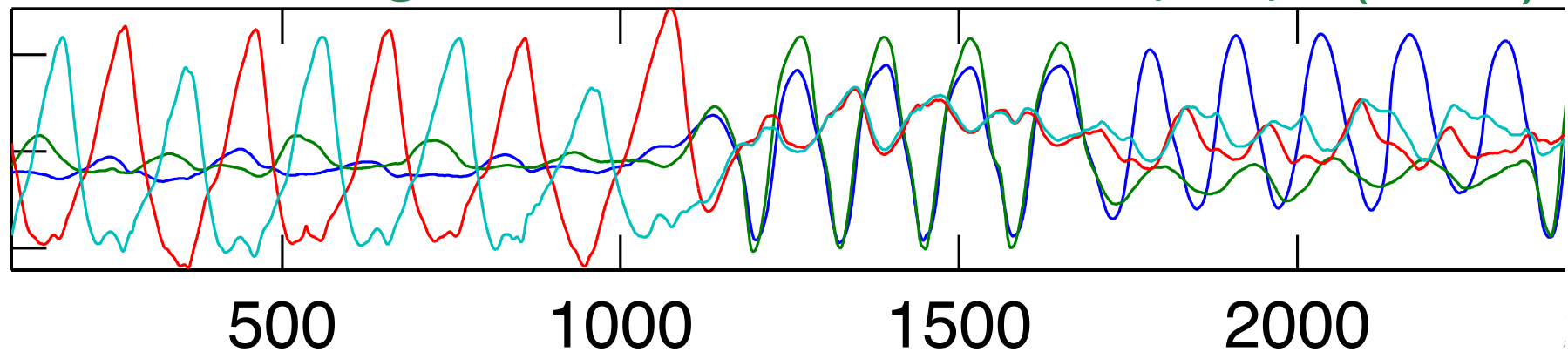


# Regime shifts in streams

Various patterns (“**regimes**”) in streams

walking

stretching (left) (both)



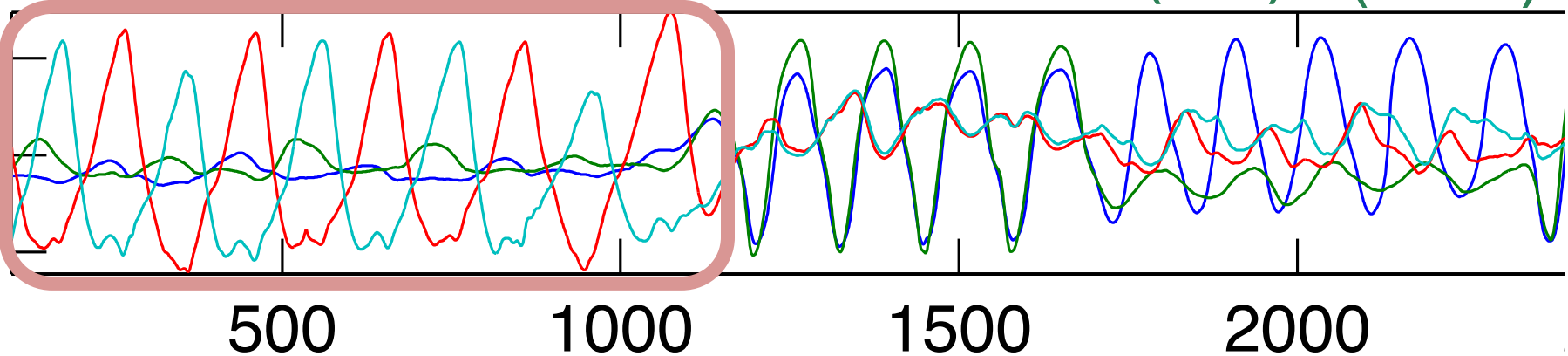


# Regime shifts in streams

Various patterns (“**regimes**”) in streams

walking

stretching (left) (both)



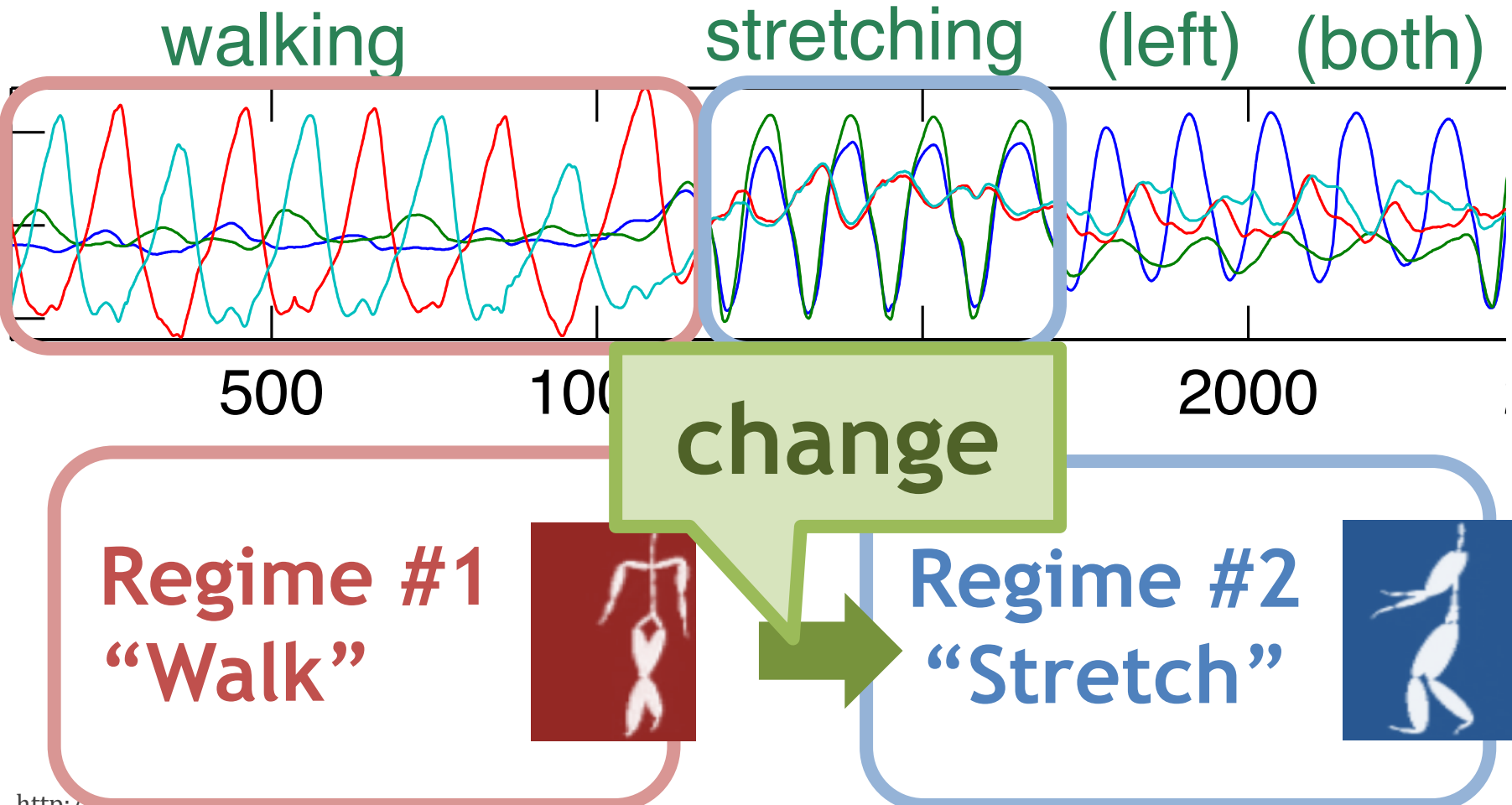
Regime #1  
“Walk”





# Regime shifts in streams

Various patterns (“**regimes**”) in streams



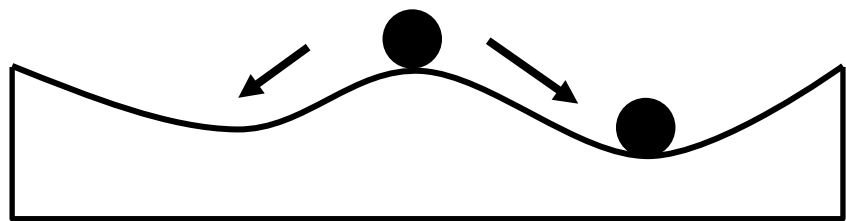
# Regime shifts in natural systems

Abrupt changes in the structure of complex systems



## Examples:

- Woodland vs. grassland
- Coral vs. macro algae
- Desert vs. vegetation

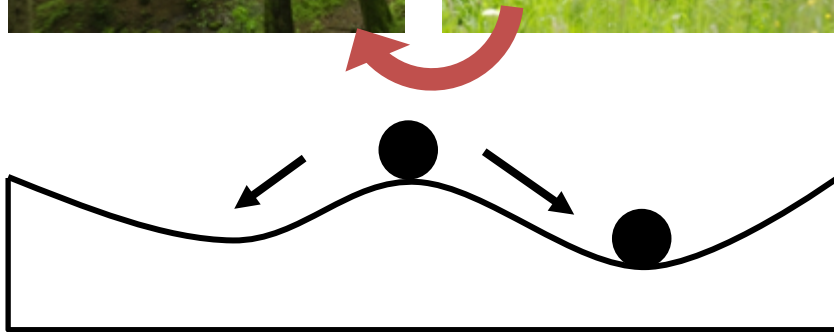


Woodlands      Grasslands

## Ecological system

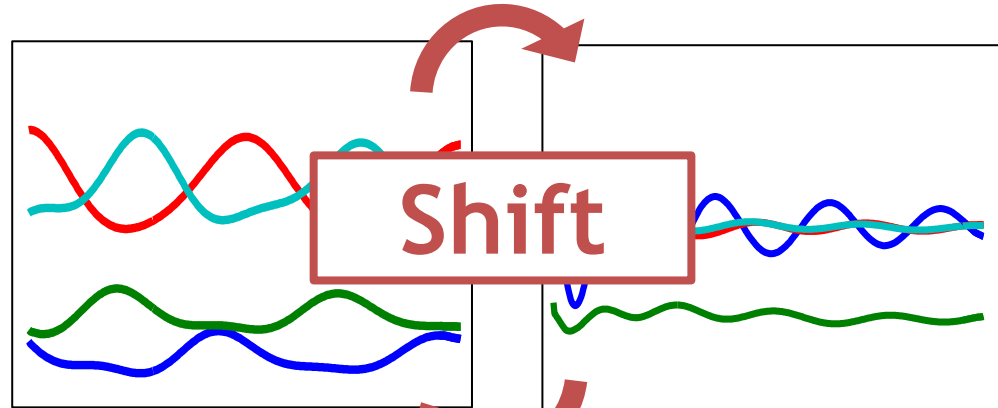
# Regime shifts in event streams

Abrupt changes in the structure of complex systems



Woodlands      Grasslands

**Ecological system**



Walking



Wiping

**Motion sensors**

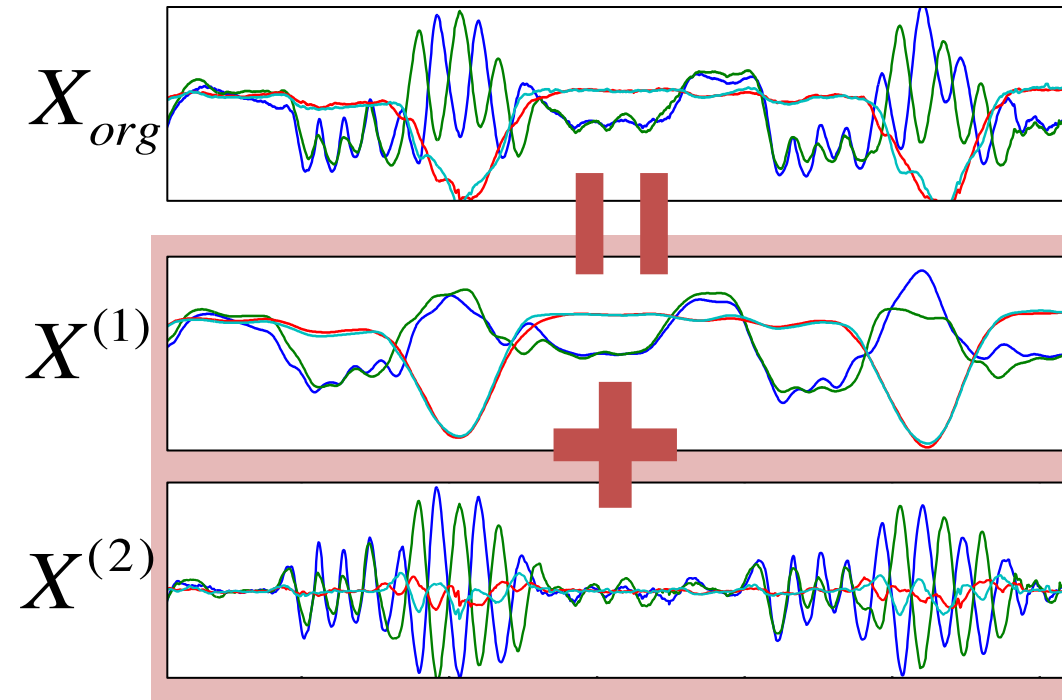


# Nested structure

Nested, multi-scale dynamical activities



Chicken  
dance



Original events  
 $X^{(1)}$  : Long-term  
 +  
 $X^{(2)}$  : Short-term





# Nested structure

Nested, multi-scale dynamical activities

beaks

wings

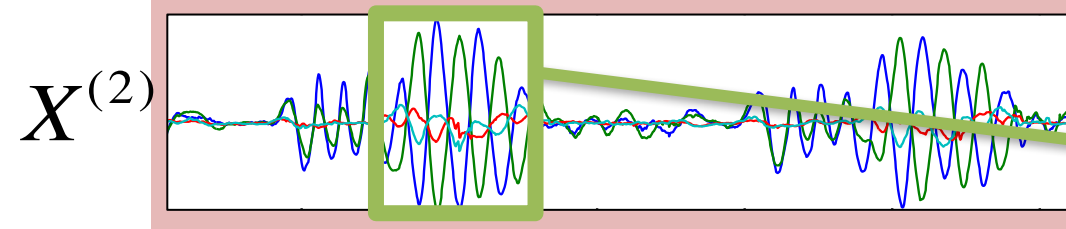
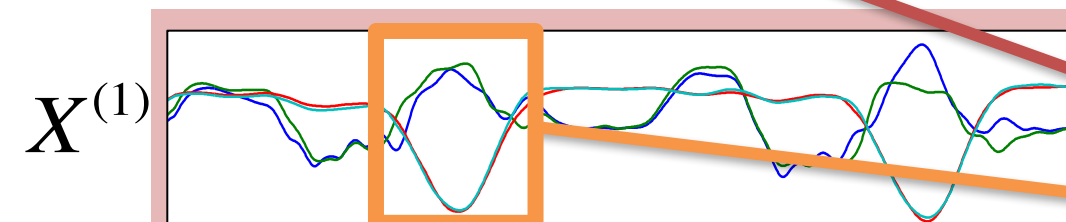
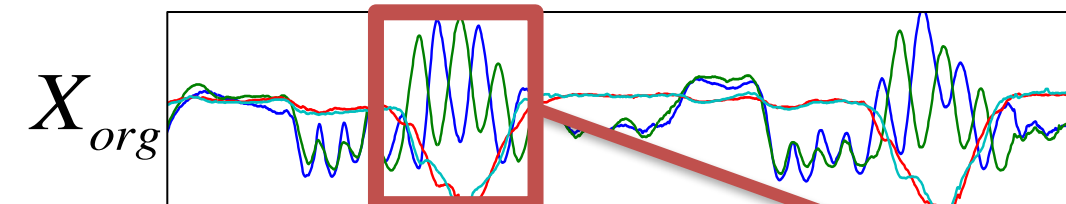
tail feathers

claps



Chicken  
dance

$$X_{org} = X^{(1)} + X^{(2)}$$



Tail feathers =  
bending knees, once  
+  
moving arms, quickly

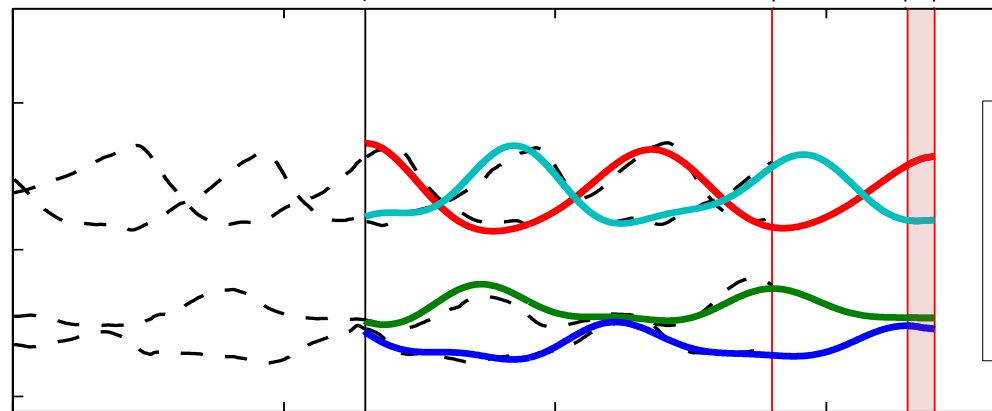




# Problem definition

## • RegimeSnap

Current window  $X_C$

Forecast window  $V_F$



 Event stream  $X$   
 Estimated events  $V_E$

Time

$t_m$

$t_c$

$t_s$   $t_e$

Arrived events

Future (unknown) events

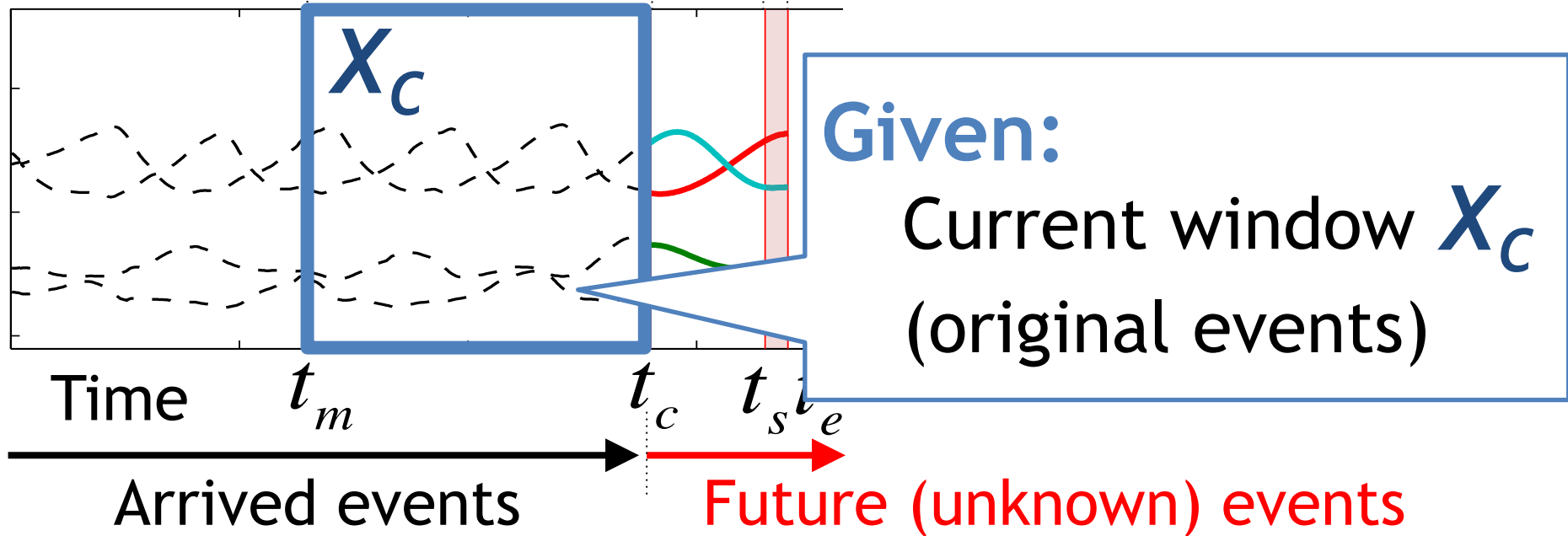


# Problem definition

- RegimeSnap

Current window  $X_C$

Forecast window  $V_F$





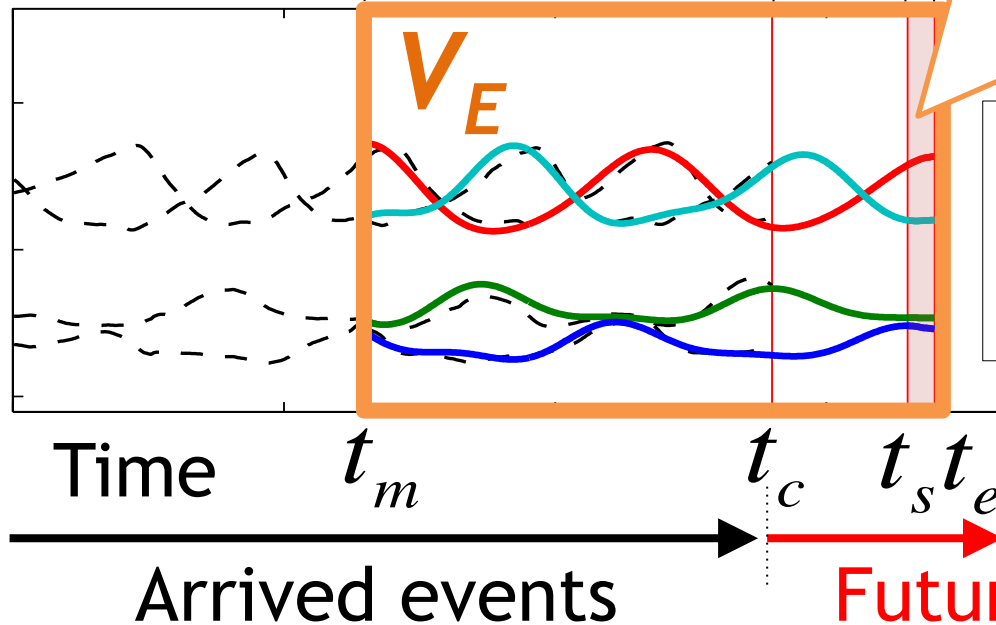
# Problem definition



## • RegimeSnap

Current window

Find:

Estimated events  $V_E$



 Event stream  $X$   
 Estimated events  $V_E$



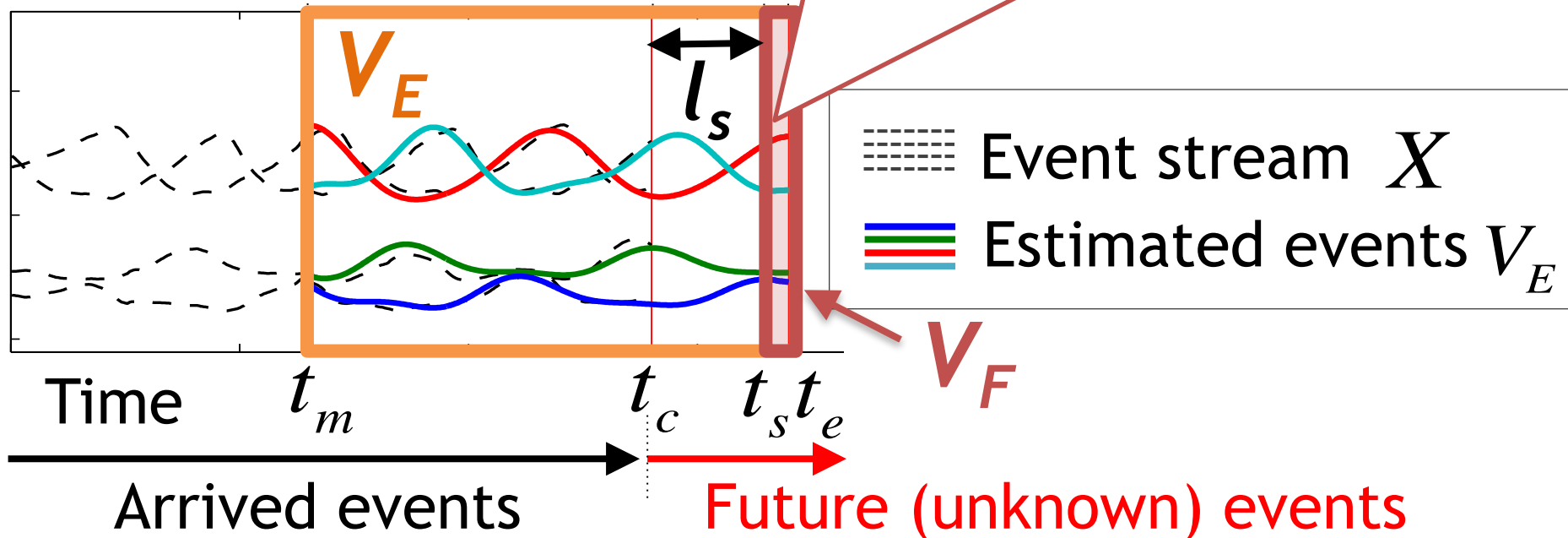
# Problem definition

## • RegimeSnap

Current window

Report:

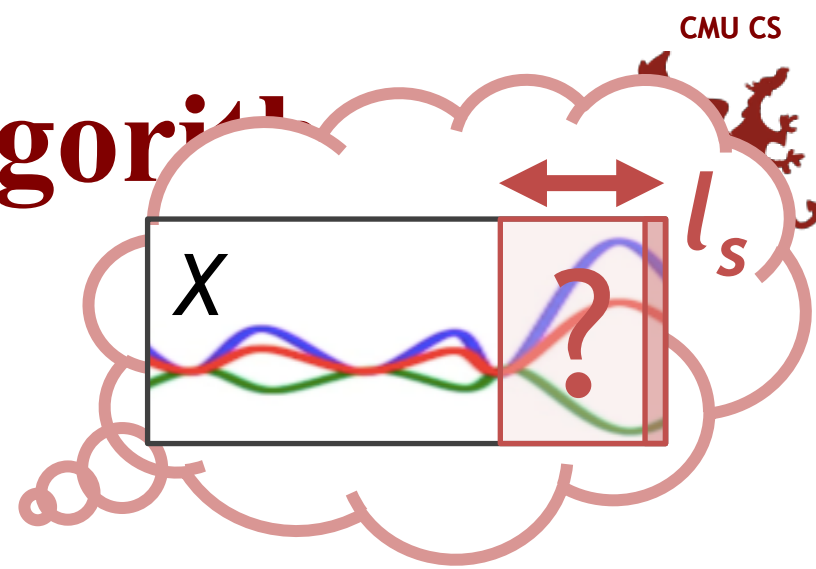
Forecast window  $V_F$   
( $l_s$ -steps-ahead)





# Streaming algorithms

- Proposed algorithms



A1

## RegimeCast

Report  $l_s$ -steps-ahead future events

A2

## RegimeReader

Identify current regime dynamics

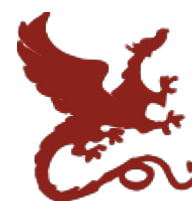
A3

## RegimeEstimator

Estimates regime parameter set  $\theta$

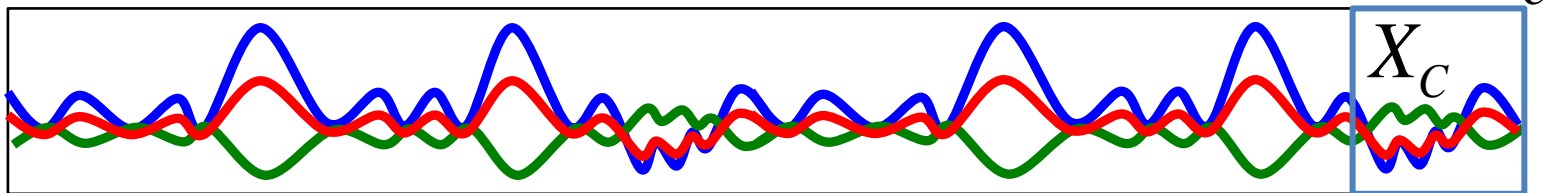


# RegimeCast



Event stream  $X$

Time  $\longrightarrow t_c$



Report

$V_F$

Forecast window

Model DB

Regime Reader

Regime Estimator

$\theta_1^{(1)}$

$\theta_2^{(1)}$

$\Theta^{(1)}$

$\theta_1^{(2)}$

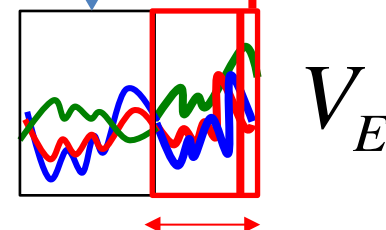
$\theta_2^{(2)}$

$\Theta^{(2)}$

$V_E^{(1)}$

$V_E^{(2)}$

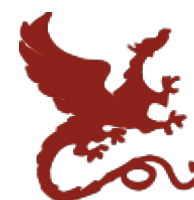
$\dots \approx$



$V_E$

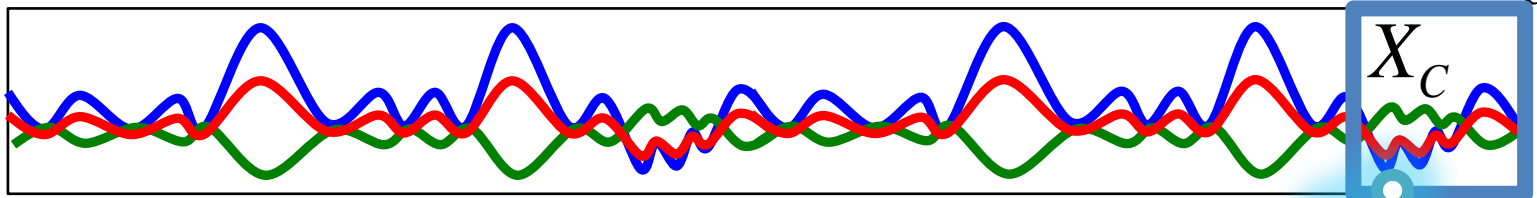


# RegimeCast



Event stream  $X$

Time  $\longrightarrow t_c$



Report

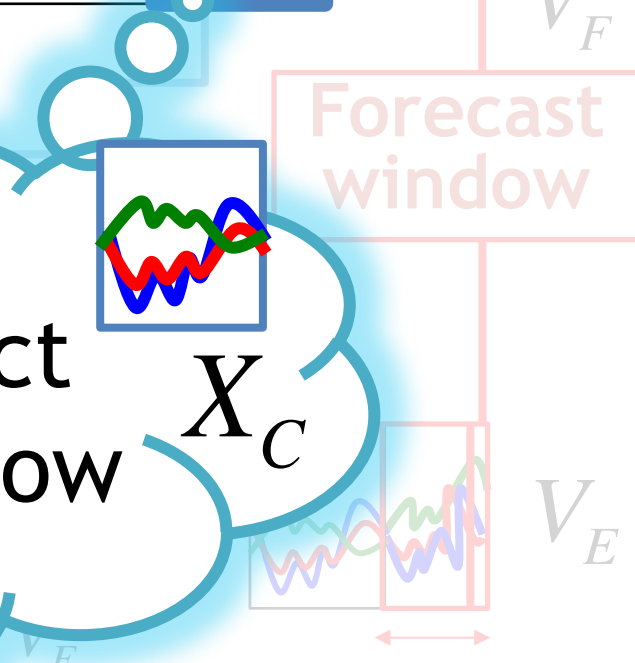
$V_F$

Forecast window

**Step 1: Extract current window**

$X_C$

$V_E$

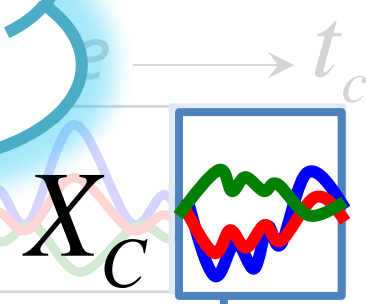






# RegimeCast

**Step 2: Find optimal regimes**



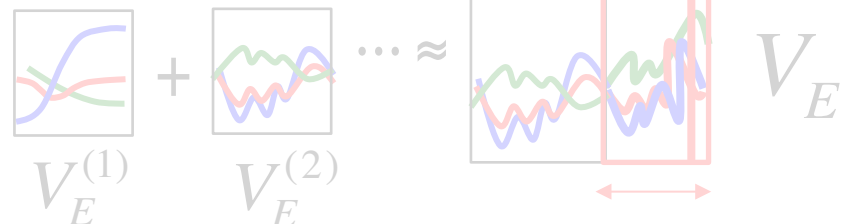
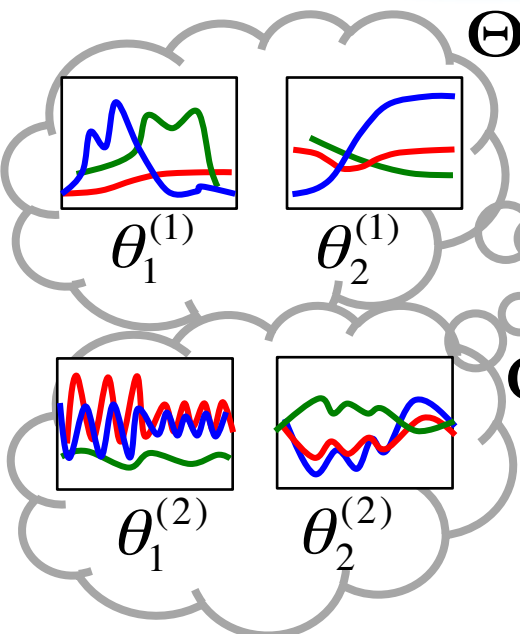
Report  $V_F$

Forecast window

**Regime Reader**

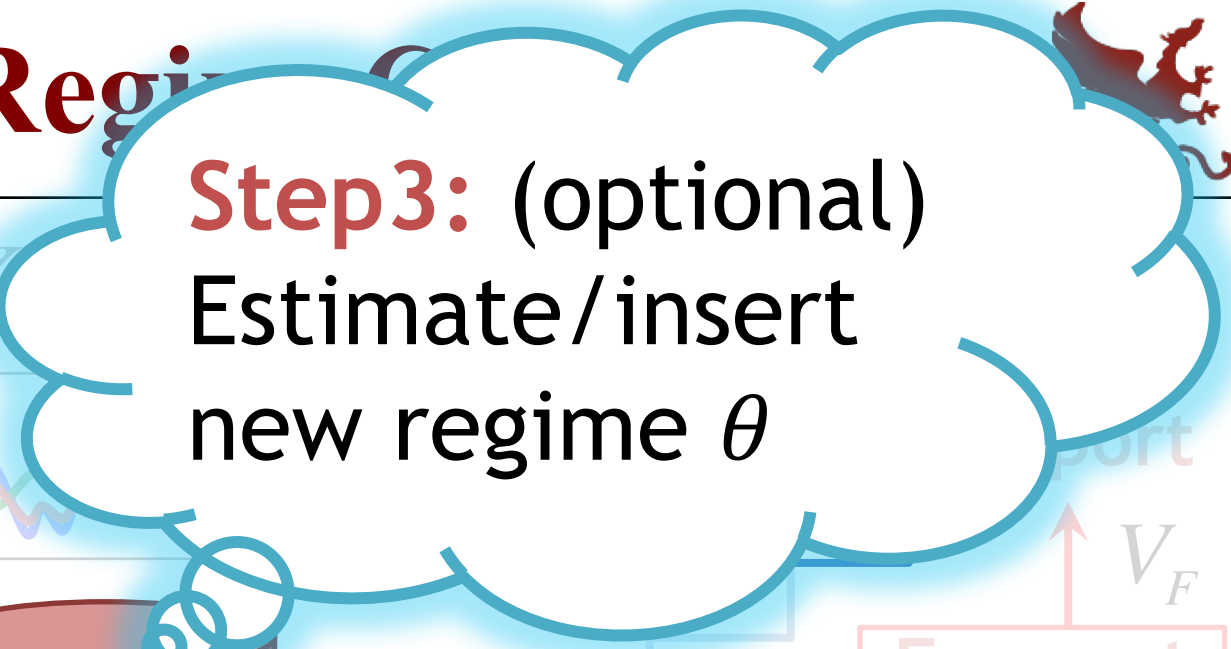
Model DB

Regime Estimator

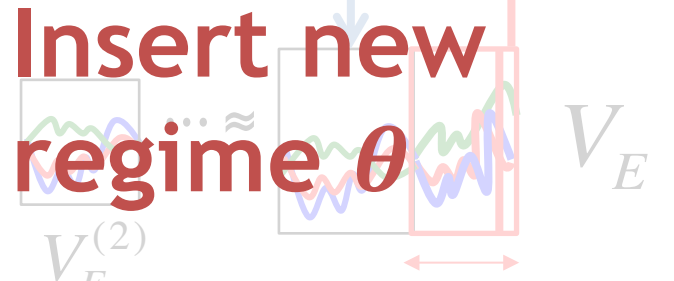
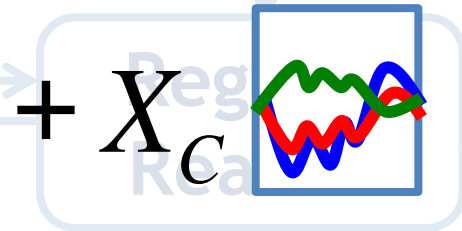
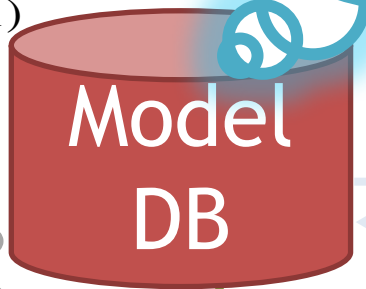
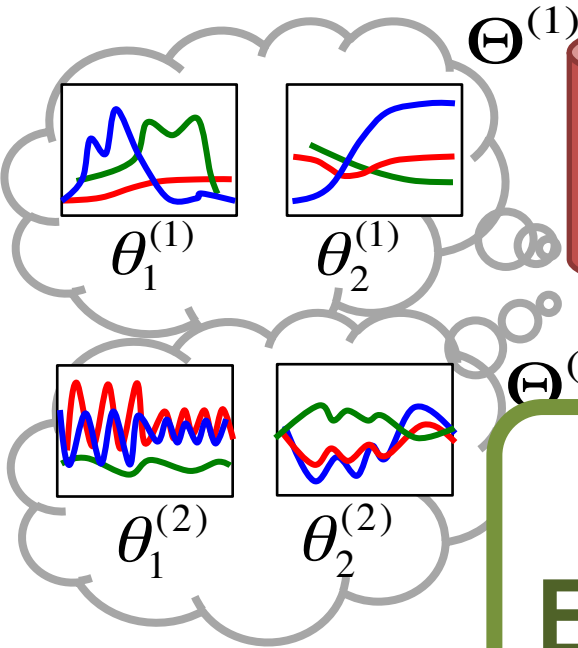
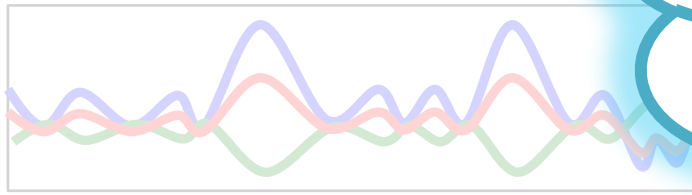




# Regime



Event stream  $X$

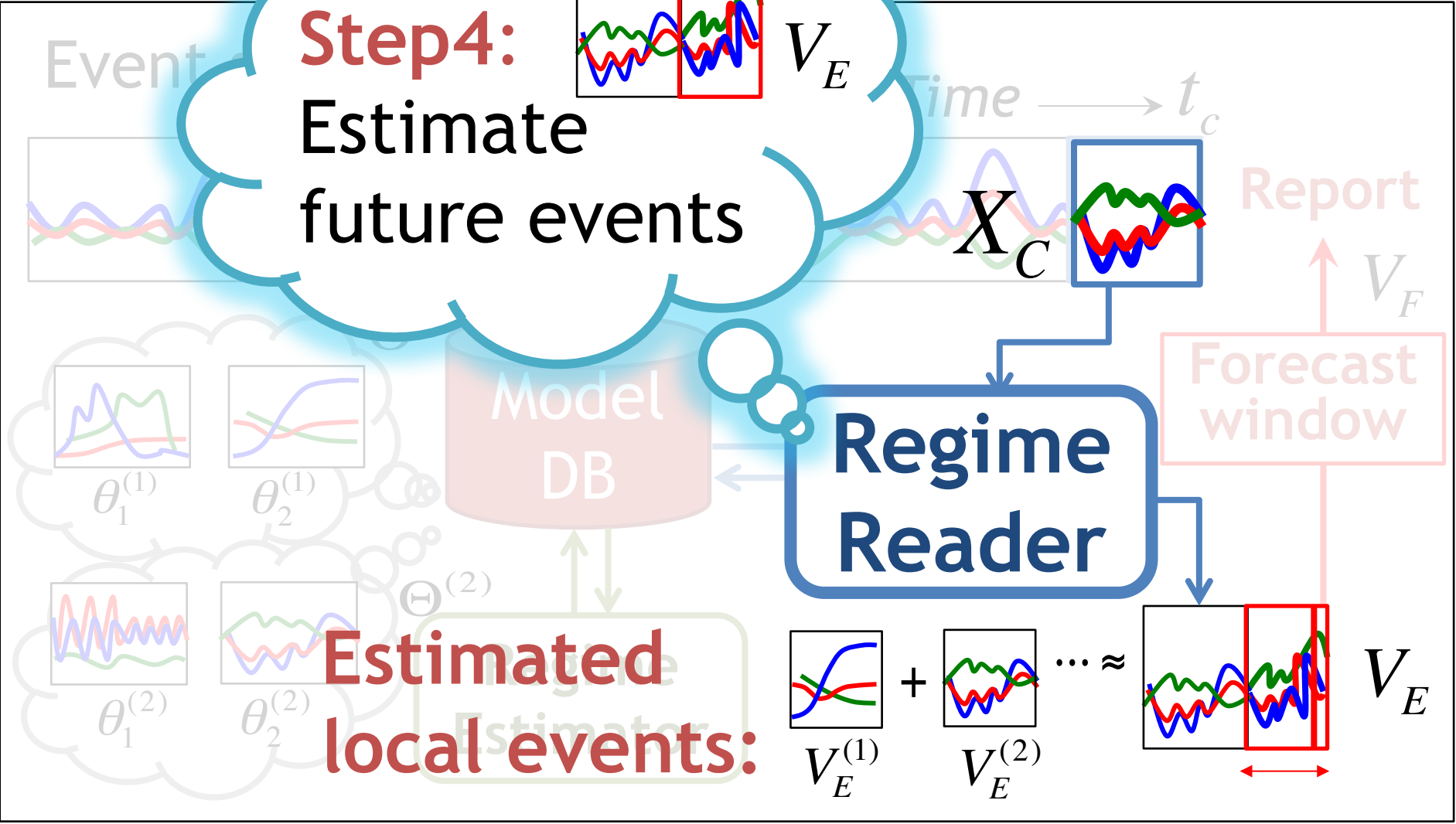


$V_F$

$V_E$



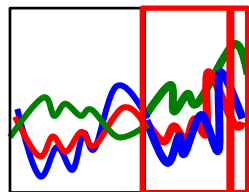
# Decision Cast





# RegimeCast

**Step 5:**  
Report  
future events



$V_F$

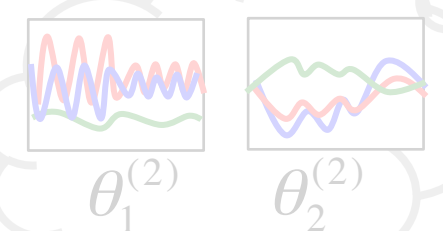
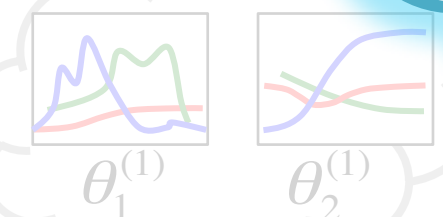
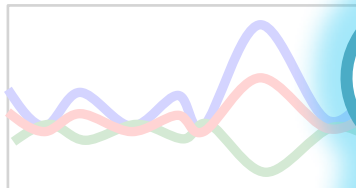
**Report**

$V_F$

**Forecast window  $V_F$**

$V_F$

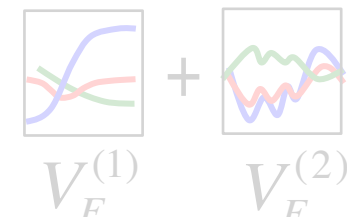
Event stream



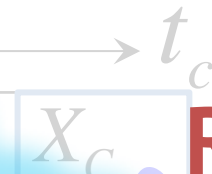
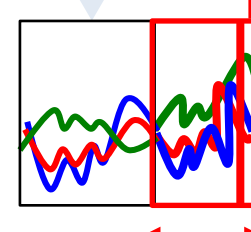
DB

Regime Estimator

Regime Reader

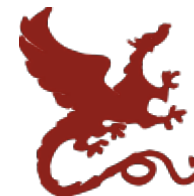


$V_{\tilde{E}}$



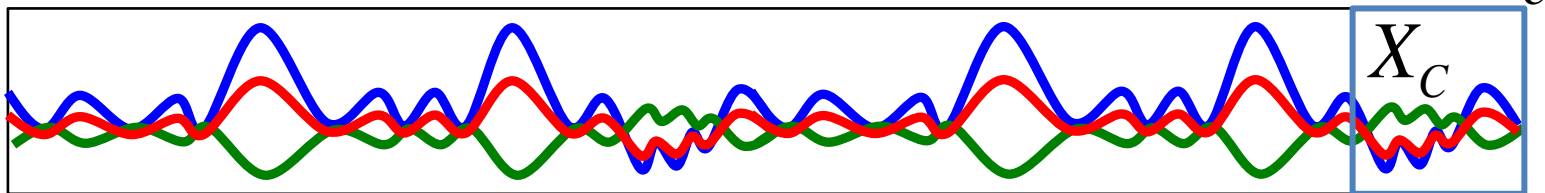


# RegimeCast



Event stream  $X$

Time  $\longrightarrow t_c$



Report

$V_F$

Forecast window

Model DB

Regime Reader

Regime Estimator

$\theta_1^{(1)}$

$\theta_2^{(1)}$

$\Theta^{(1)}$

$\theta_1^{(2)}$

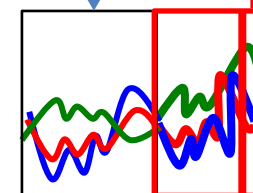
$\theta_2^{(2)}$

$\Theta^{(2)}$

$V_E^{(1)}$

$V_E^{(2)}$

$\dots \approx$

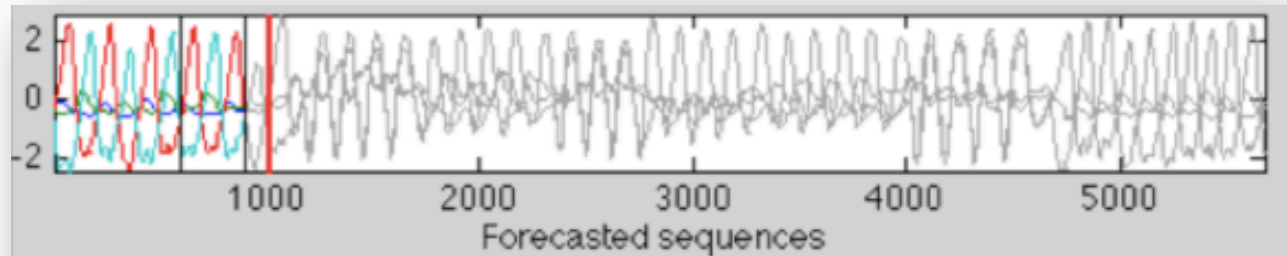


$V_E$

# Forecasting power of RegimeCast

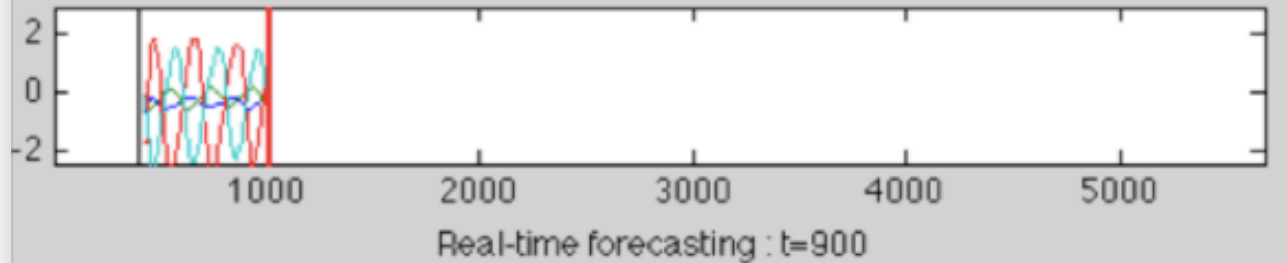
## Real-time forecasting over data streams

Original



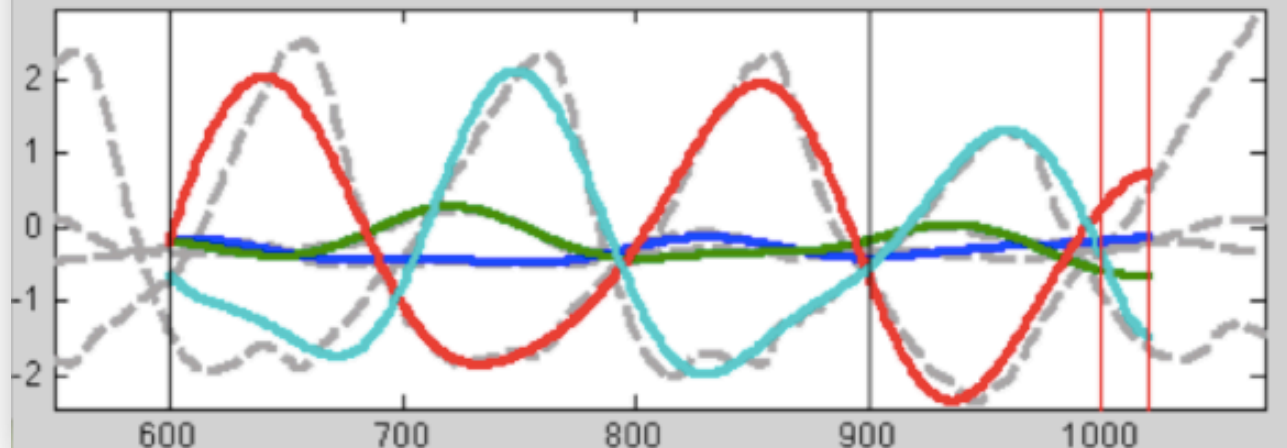
Forecast

(100-steps  
-ahead)



Snap-Shot

(Current  
window)



# Forecasting power of RegimeCast

## Real-time forecasting over data streams

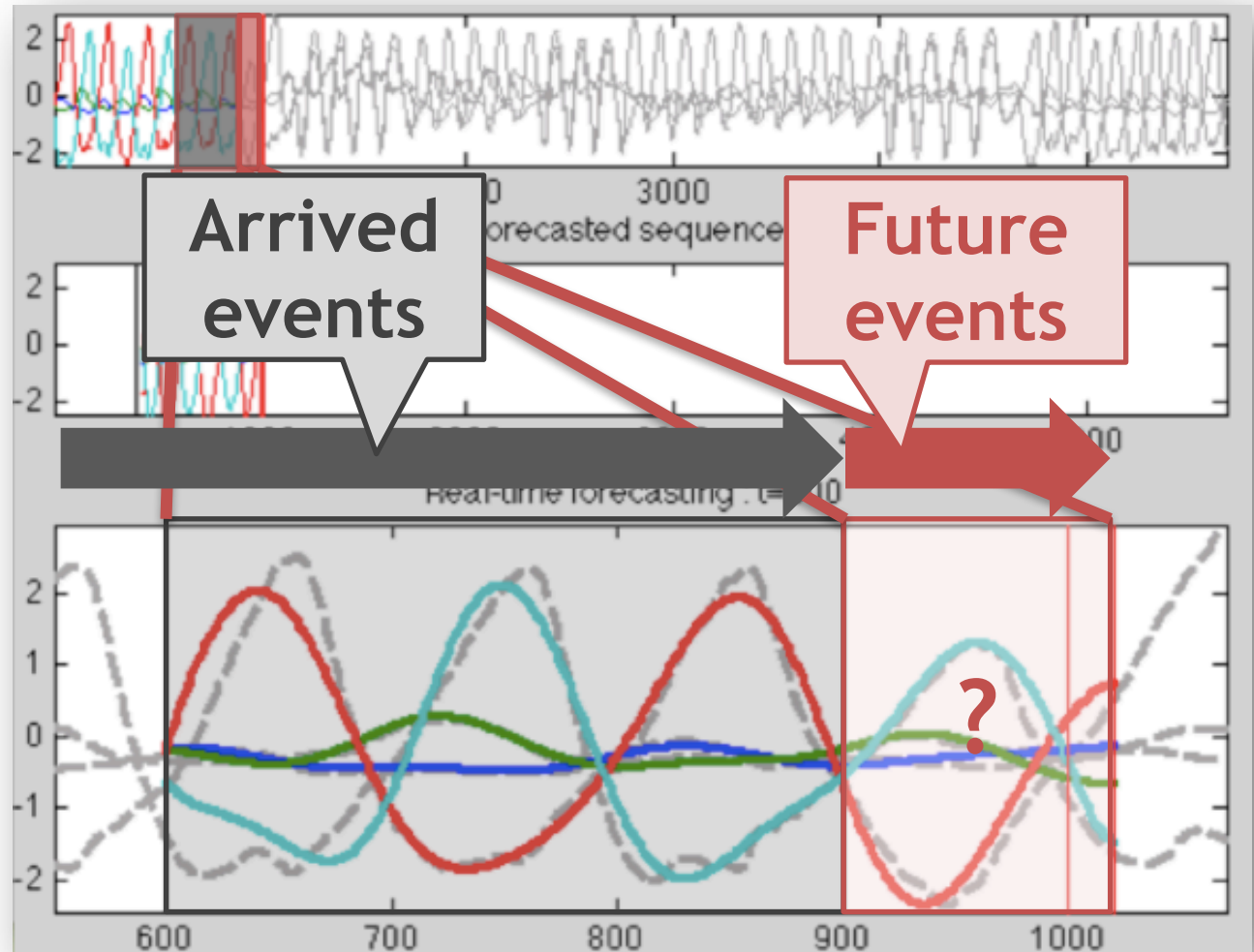
Original

Forecast

(100-steps-ahead)

Snap-Shot

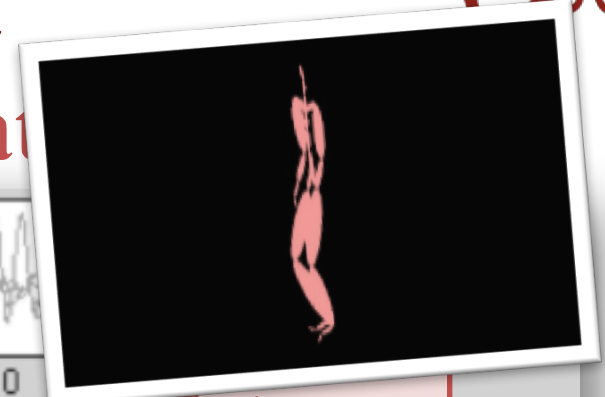
(Current window)



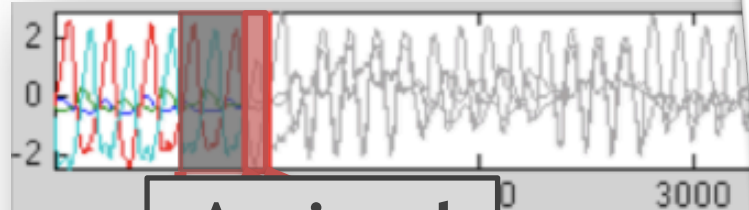


# Forecasting power of RegimeCast

## Real-time forecasting over data



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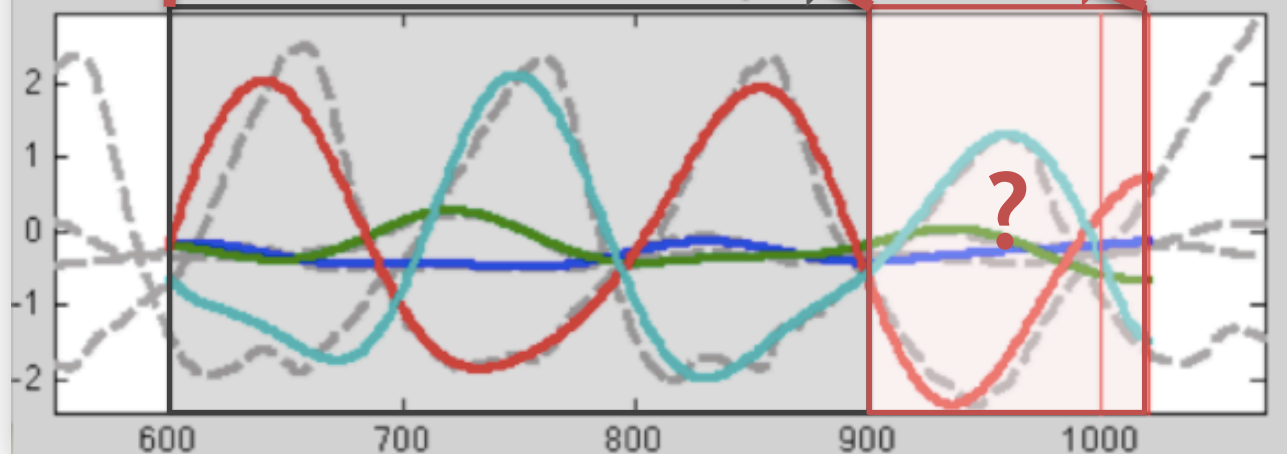
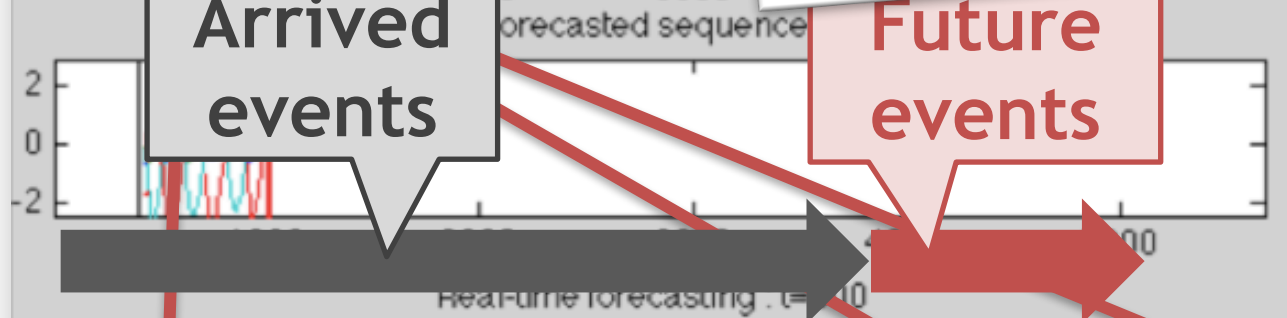


Forecast

(100-steps-ahead)

Snap-Shot

(Current window)





# Forecasting power of RegimeCast

## Real-time forecasting over data streams

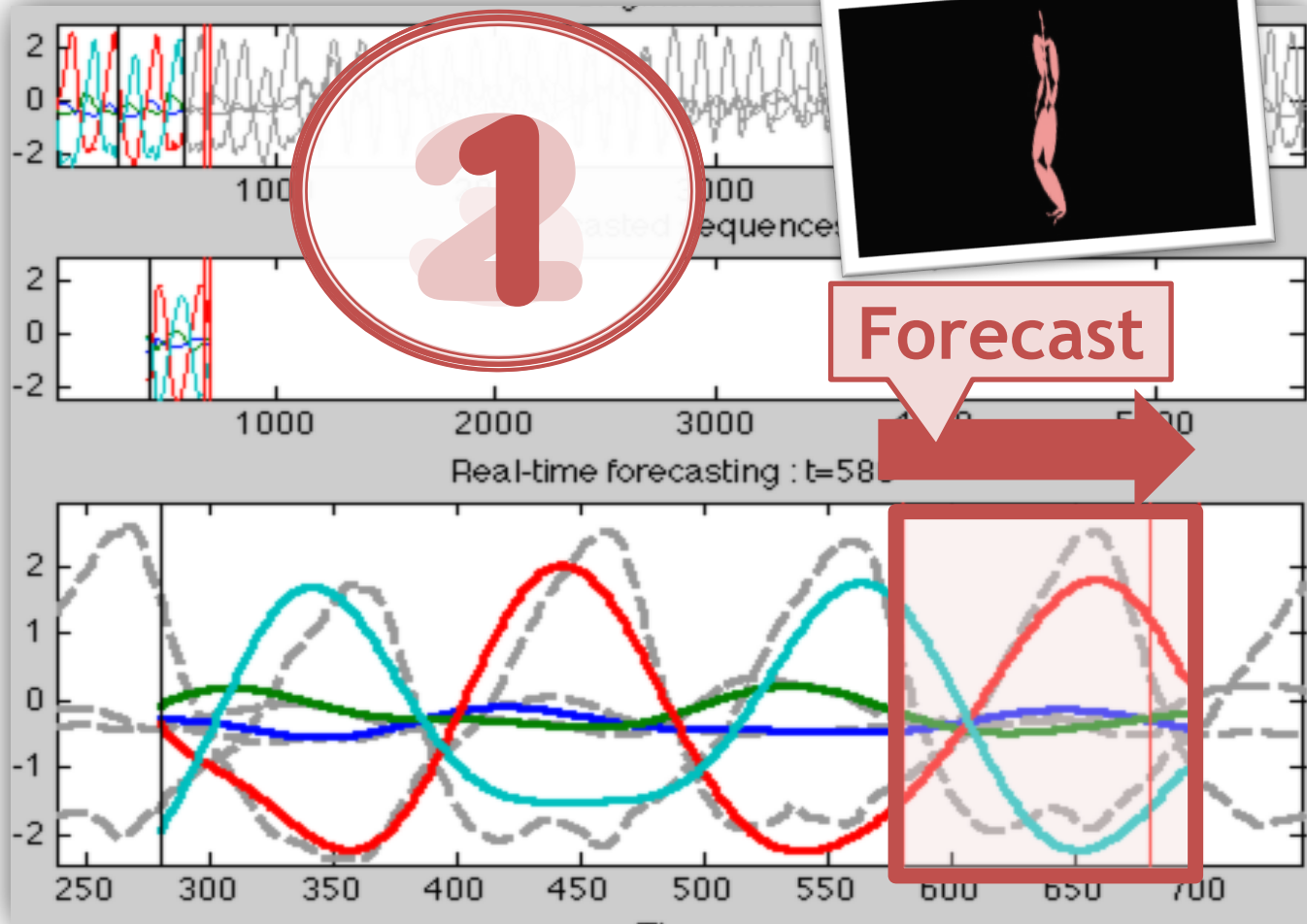
Original

Forecast

(100-steps-ahead)

Snap-Shot

(Current window)



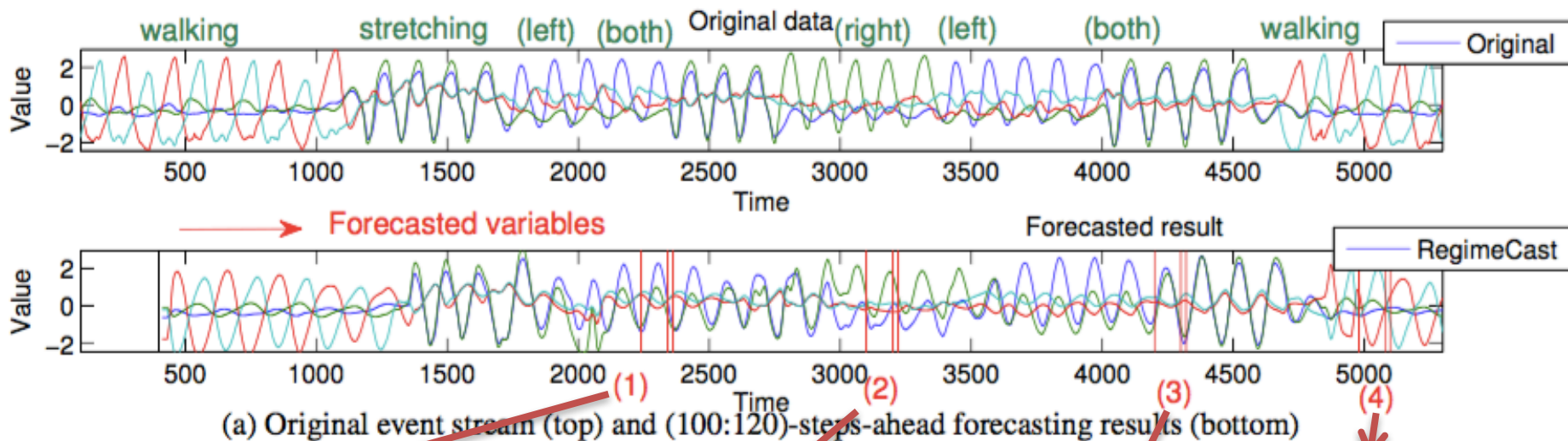


# Q1. Effective – MoCap #1



“Exercise”

(100-120)-steps ahead

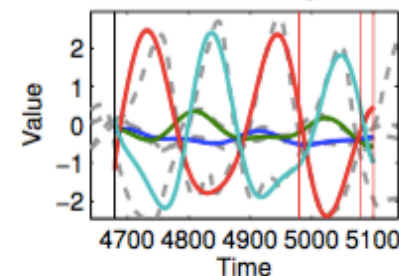
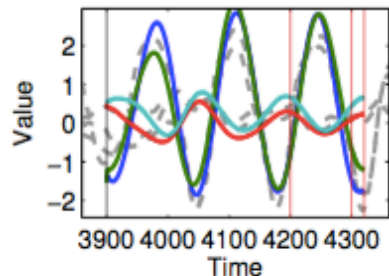
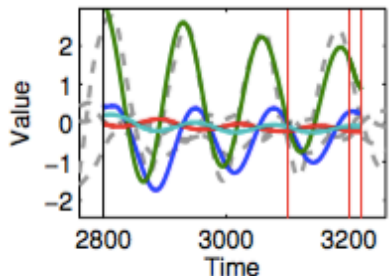
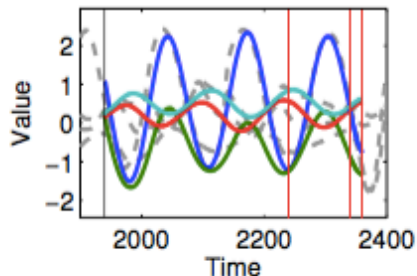


Real-time forecasting :  $t=2240$

Real-time forecasting :  $t=3100$

Real-time forecasting :  $t=4200$

Real-time forecasting :  $t=4980$



(b-1) Stretch/left ( $t_c = 2240$ )

(b-2) Stretch/right ( $t_c = 3100$ )

(b-3) Stretch/both ( $t_c = 4200$ )

(b-4) Walking ( $t_c = 4980$ )

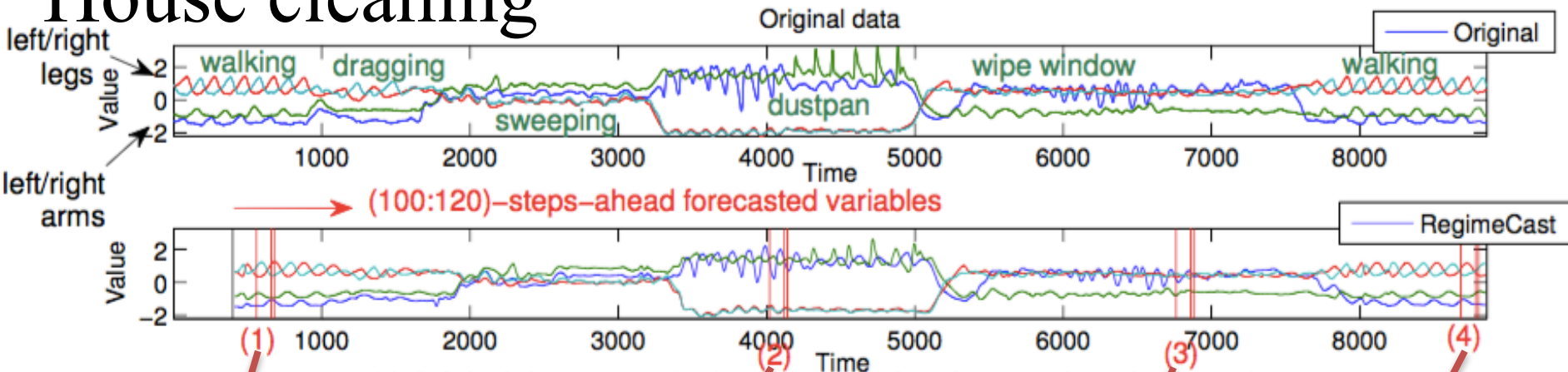


# Q1. Effective – MoCap #2

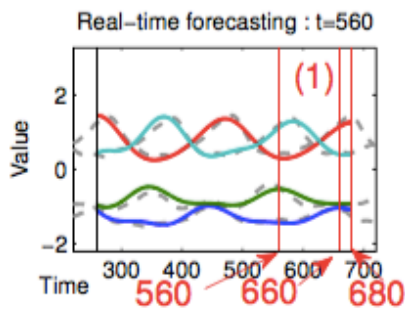


(100-120)-steps ahead

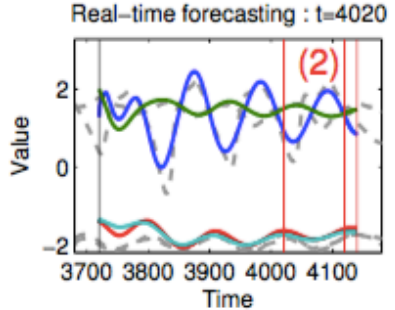
“House cleaning”



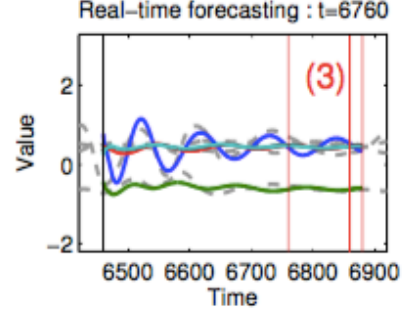
(a) Original data stream (top) and our real-time forecasted result (bottom)



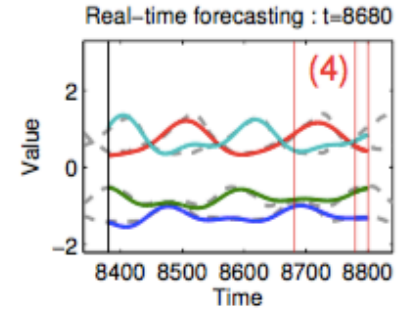
(b-1) Walking ( $t_c = 560$ )



(b-2) Dustpan ( $t_c = 4020$ )



(b-3) Wipe a window ( $t_c = 6760$ )



(b-4) Walking ( $t_c = 8680$ )

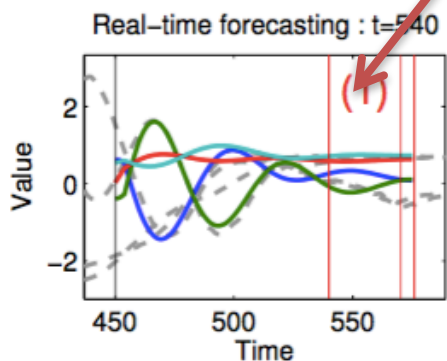
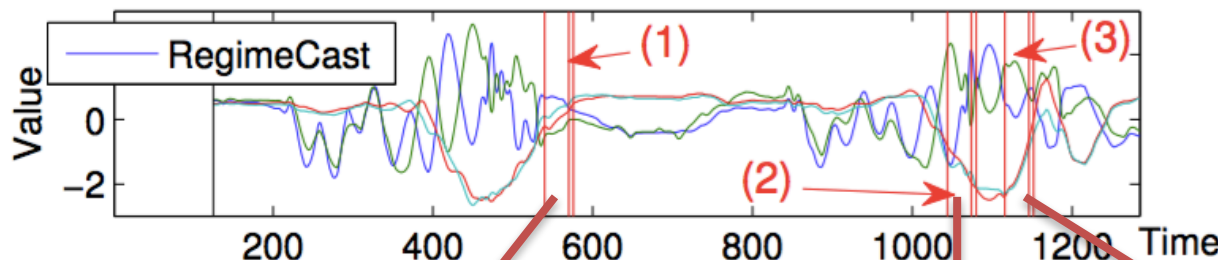
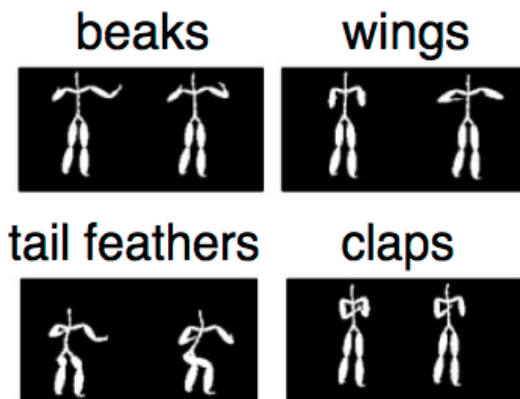
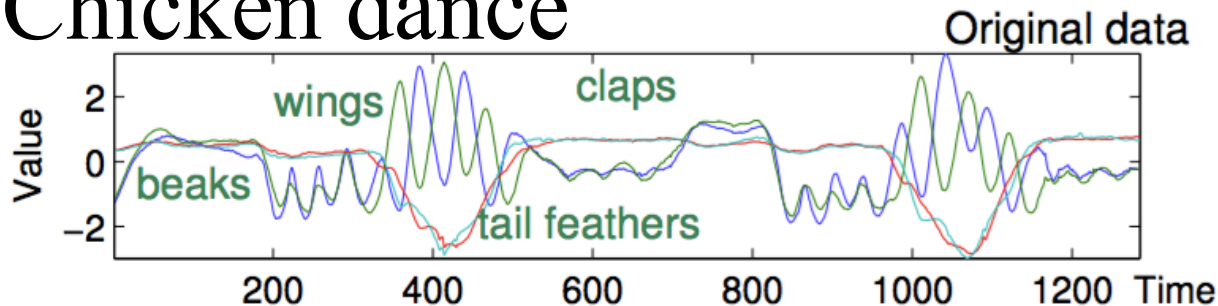


# Q1. Effective – MoCap #3

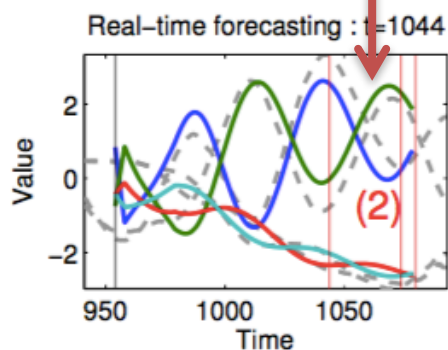


(30-35)-steps ahead

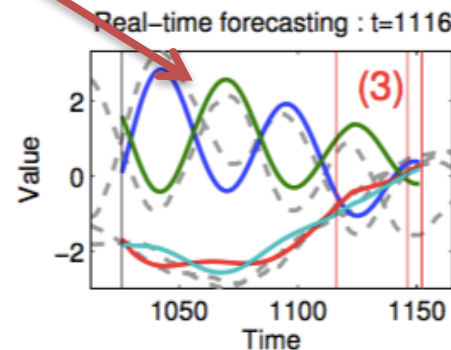
“Chicken dance”



(c-1)  $t_c = 540$



(c-2)  $t_c = 1044$

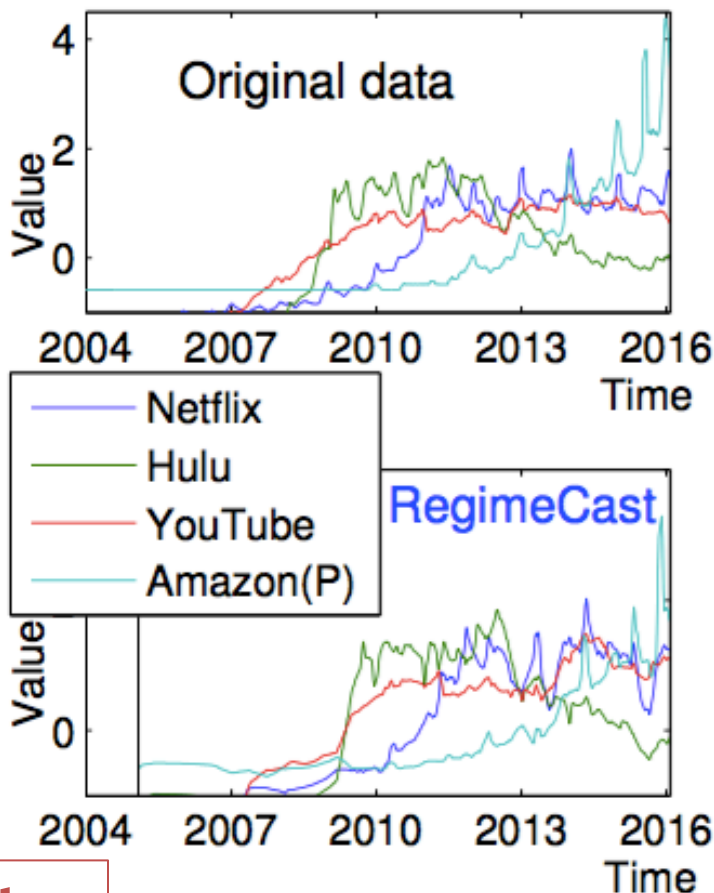


(c-3)  $t_c = 1116$

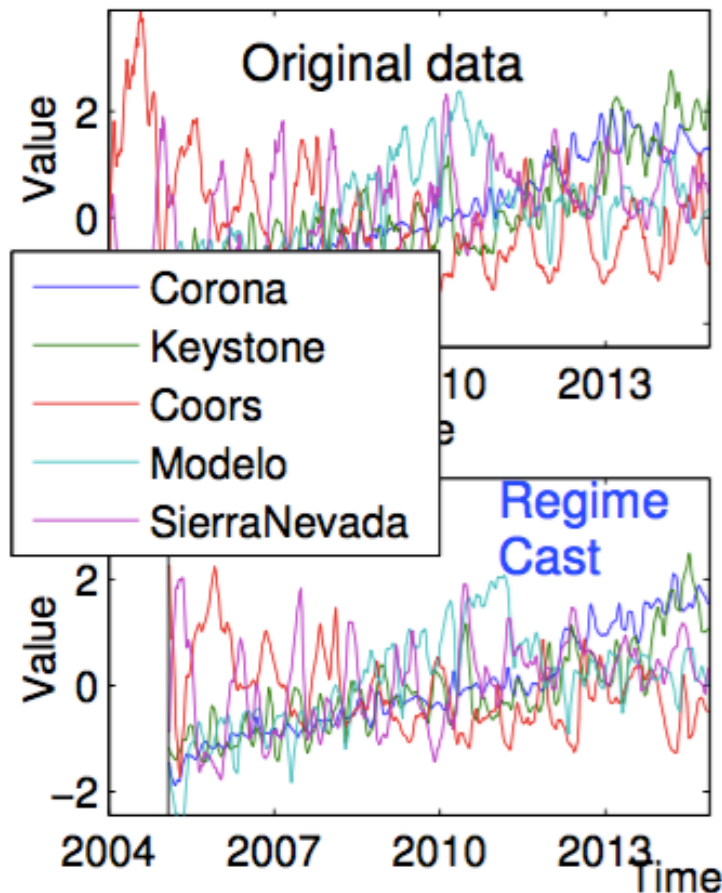




# Q1. Effective – Google Trend



(a) Online TV

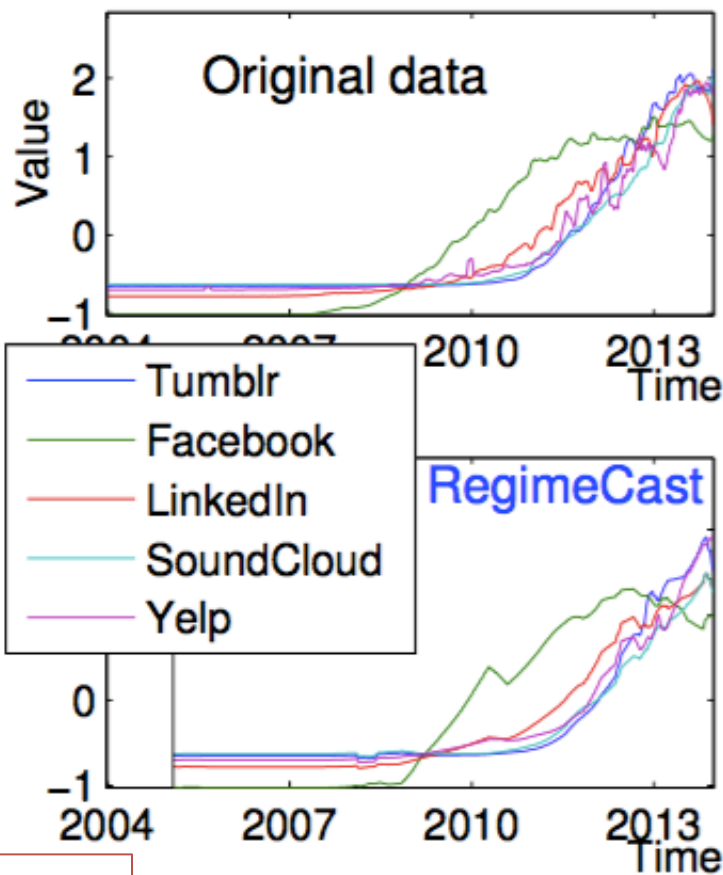


(b) Beers

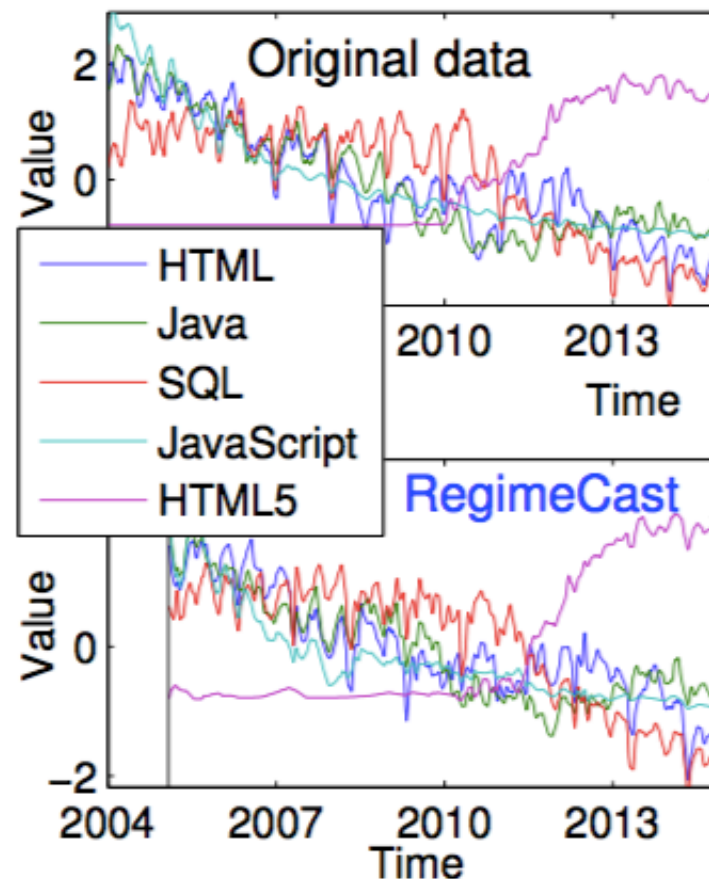
**3-months ahead**



# Q1. Effective – Google Trend



(c) Social media



(d) Software

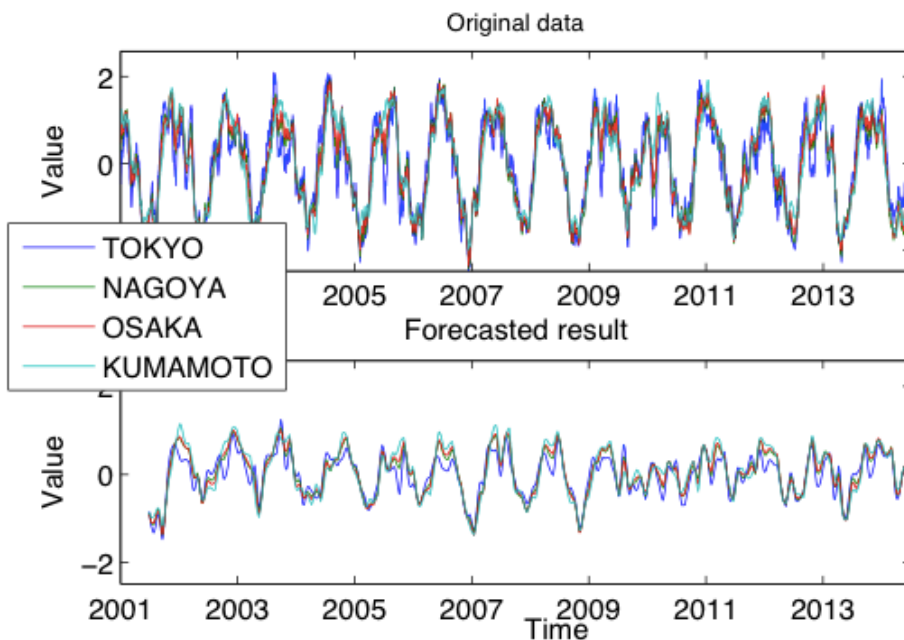
**3-months ahead**



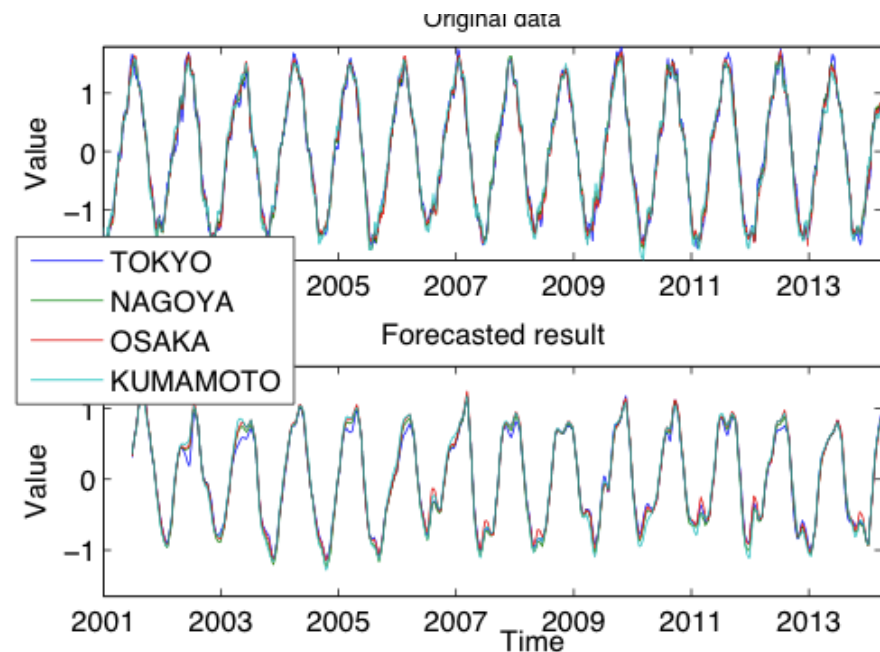
# Q1. Effective – others



## Atmospheric pressure & temperature



**3-months  
ahead**



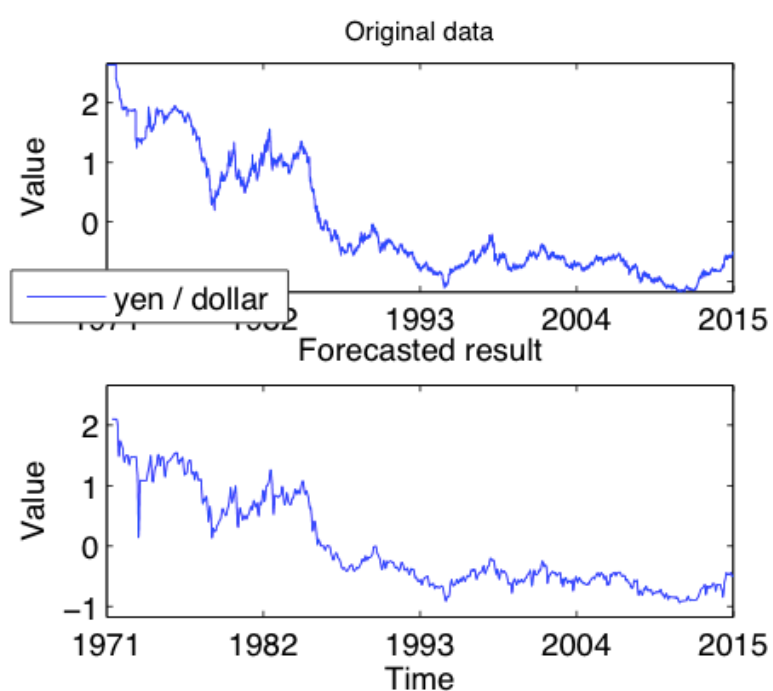
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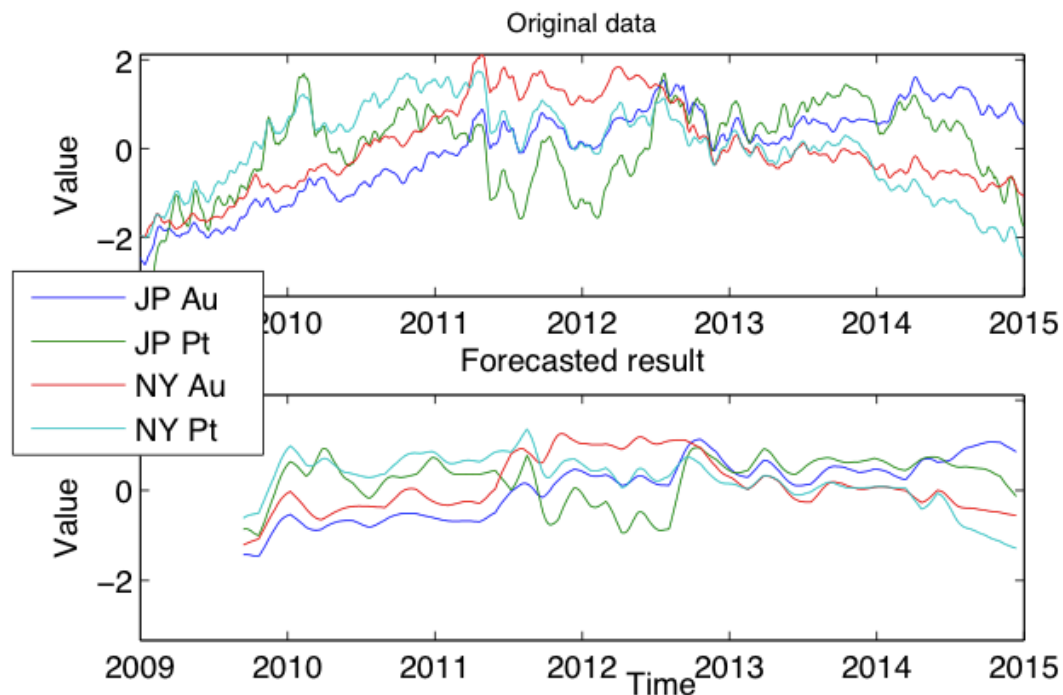
# Q1. Effective – others



## Yen vs. dollar & AU vs. PT

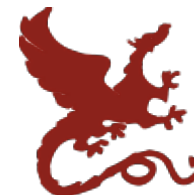


**6-weeks  
ahead**



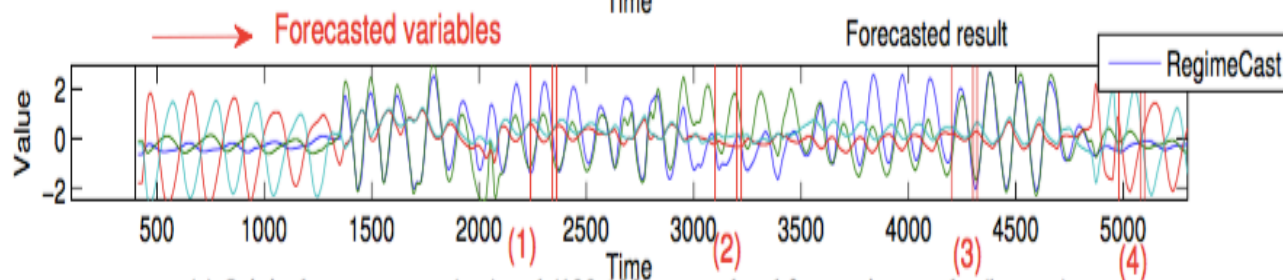
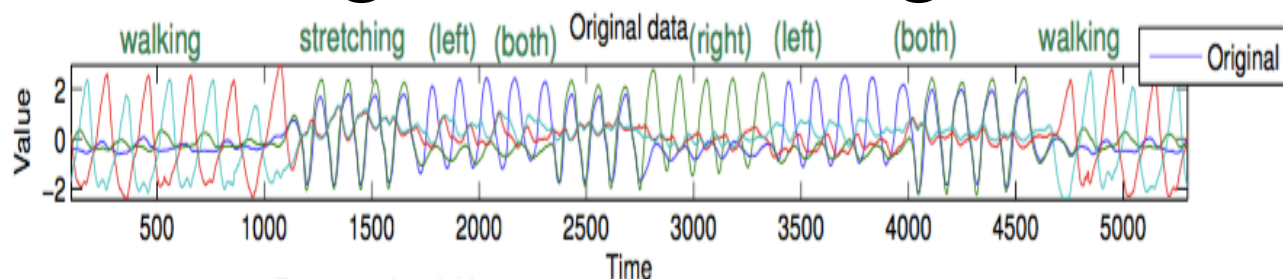
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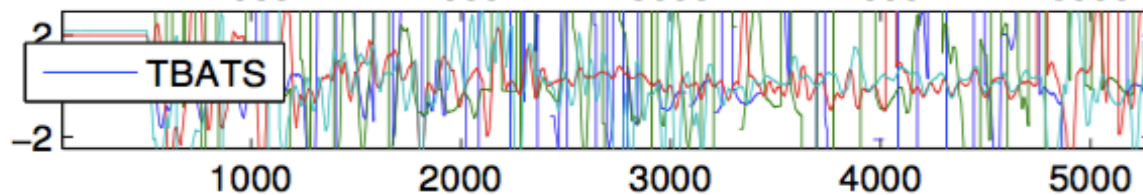
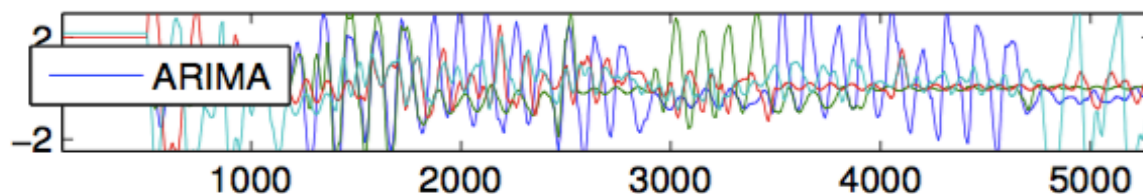


# Q2. Accuracy

## Forecasting results of RegimeCast vs. others



(a) Original event stream (top) and (100:120)-steps-ahead forecasting results (bottom)



Original  
stream

Regime  
Cast

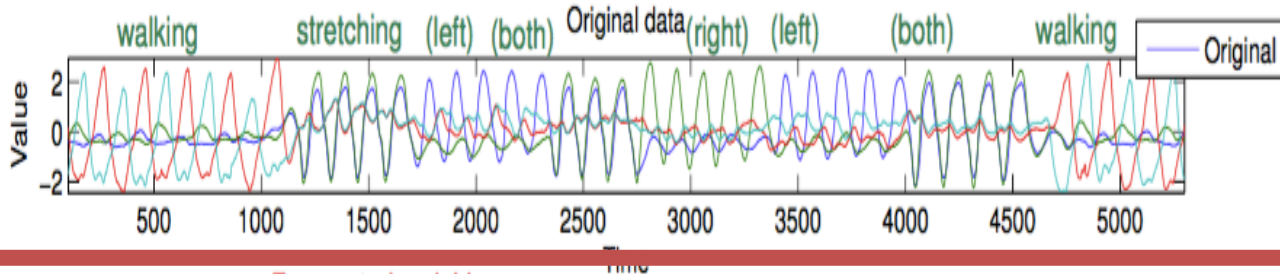
ARIMA

TBATS

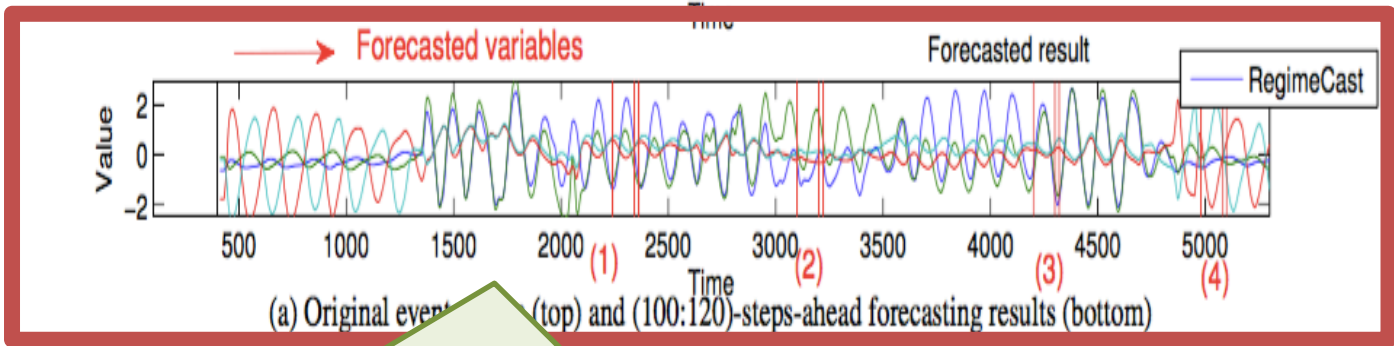


# Q2. Accuracy

## Forecasting results of RegimeCast vs. others



Original stream



Regime Cast

(a) Original event (top) and (100:120)-steps-ahead forecasting results (bottom)

ARIMA

TBATS

**RegimeCast can identify regime-shift dynamics, immediately**

1000 2000 3000 4000 5000



## Q2. Accuracy

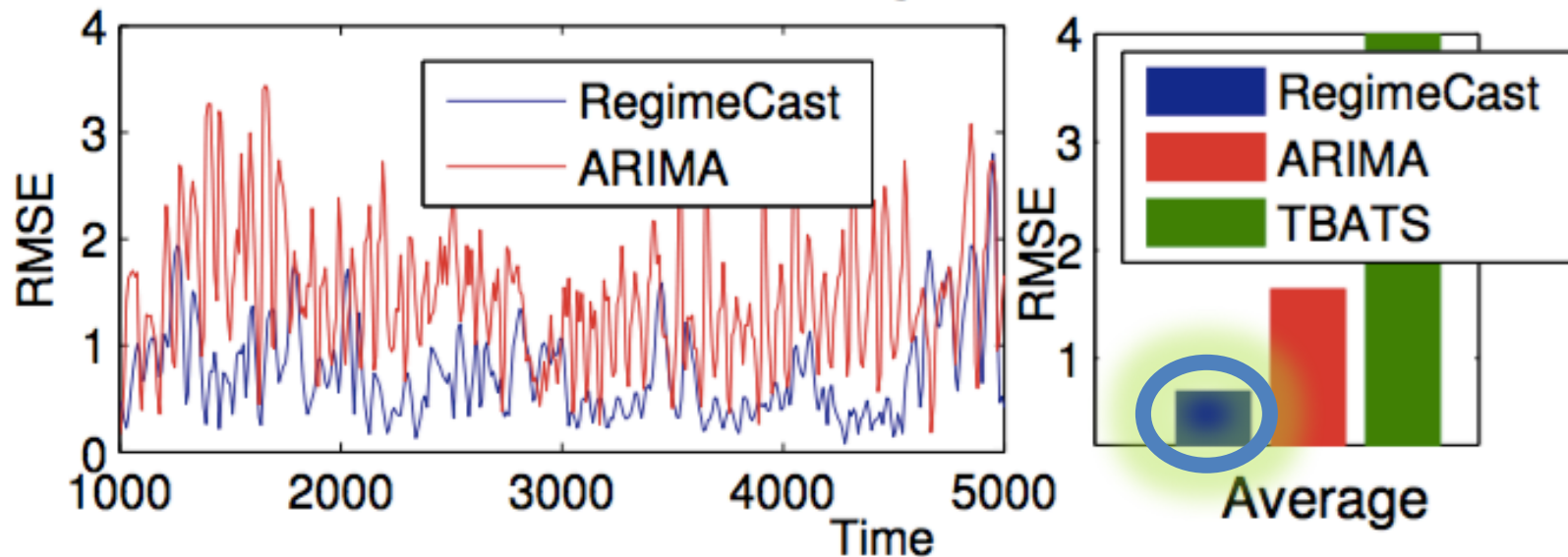
Forecasting error (RMSE), lower is better

RegimeCast

ARIMA

TBATS

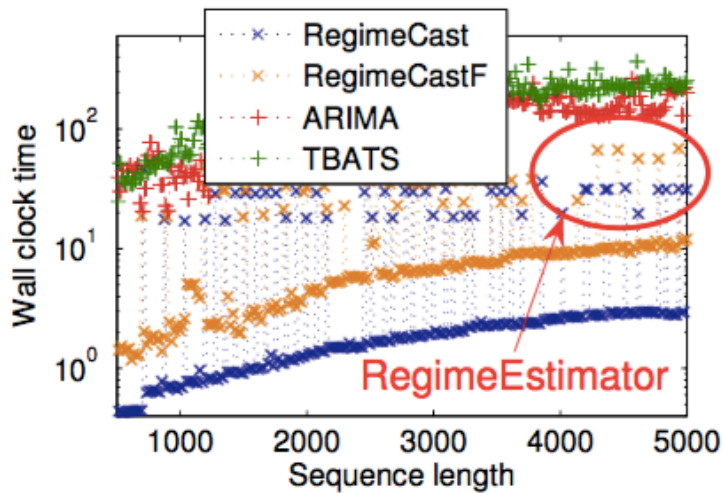
Forecasting error



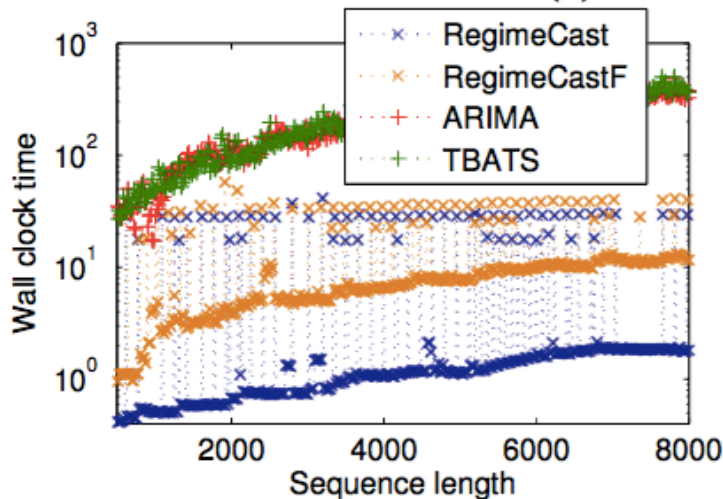
(a) Forecasting error for each time tick (left) and average (right)



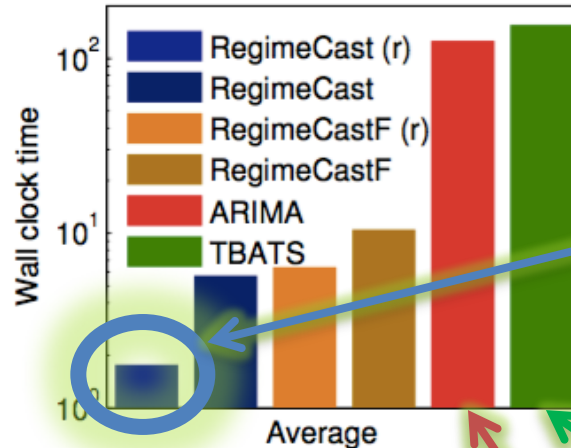
# Q3. Scalability



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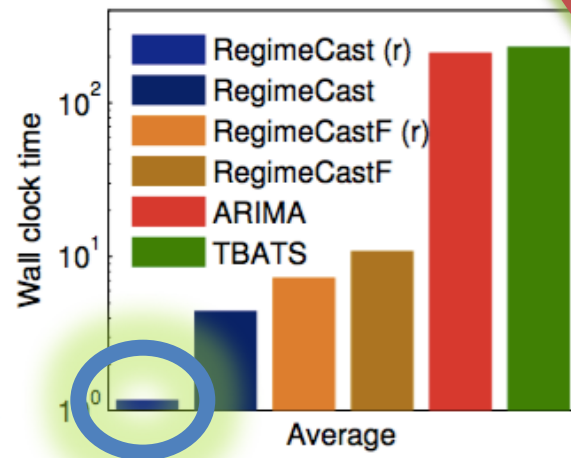
(b) "House-cleaning"



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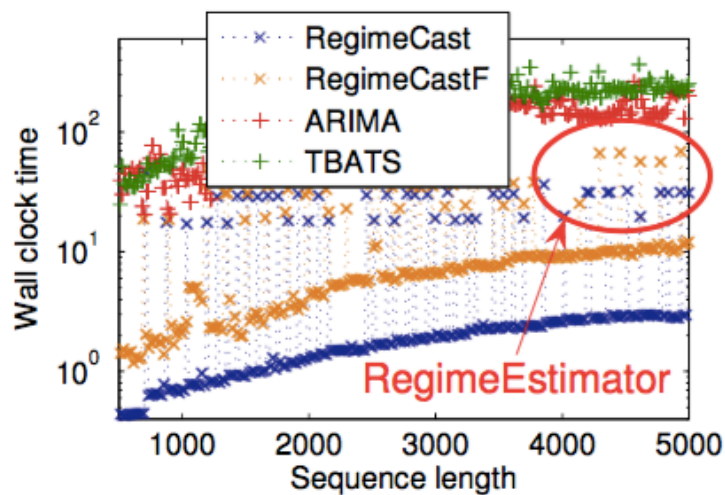
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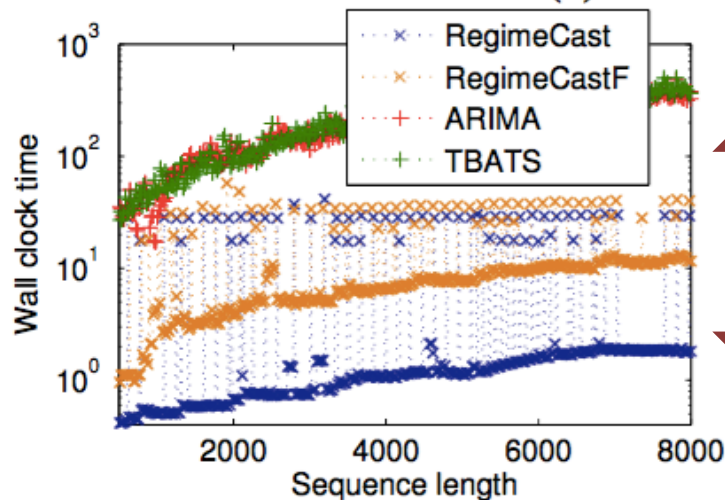




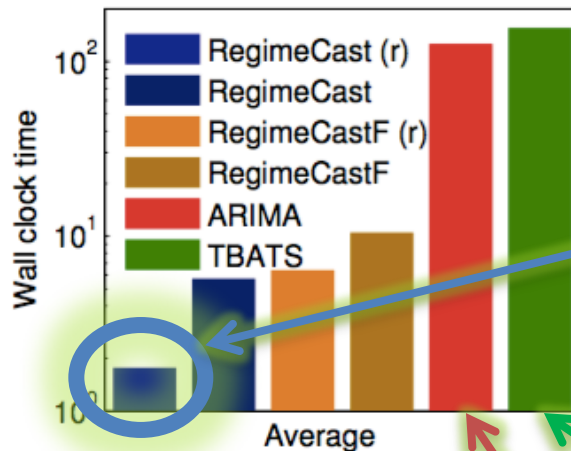
# Q3. Scalability



(a) "Exercise"



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Regime Cast

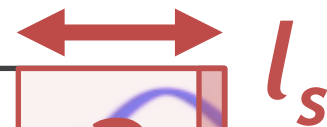
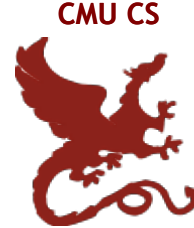
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Up to 270x faster than ARIMA/TBATS

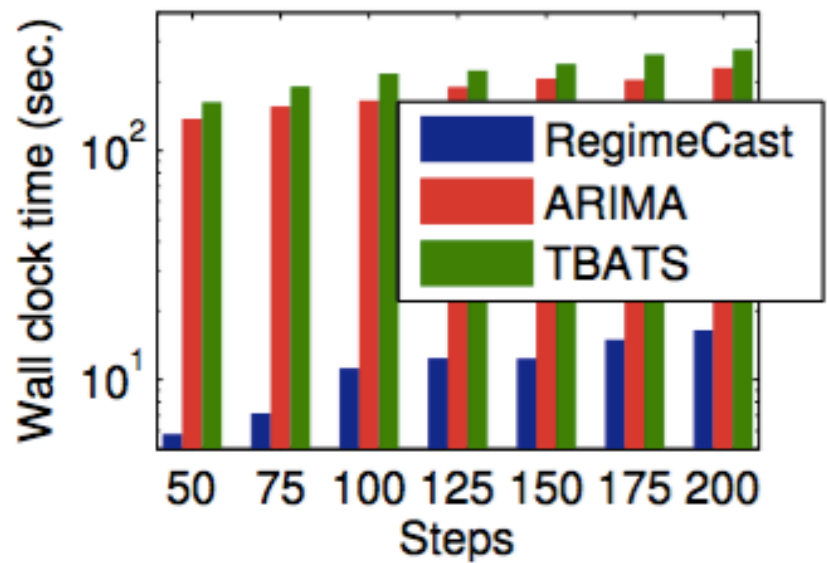
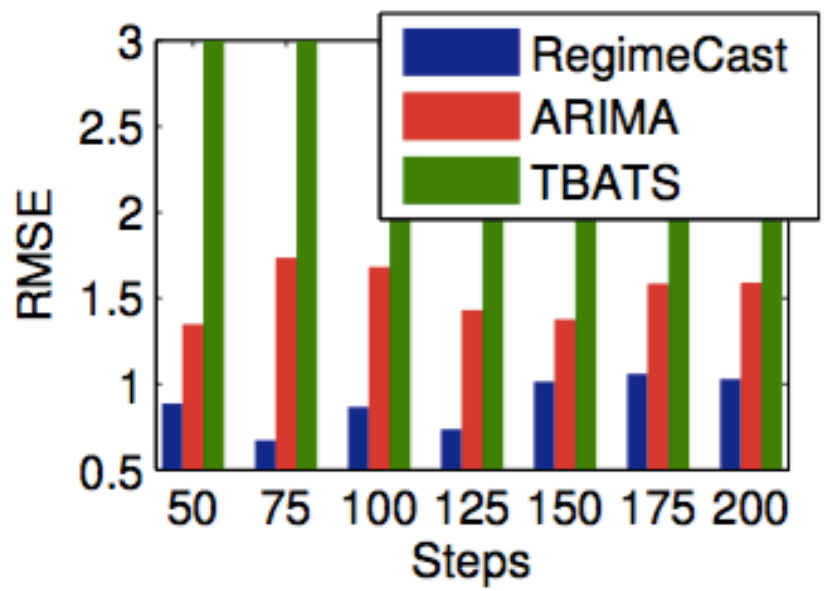
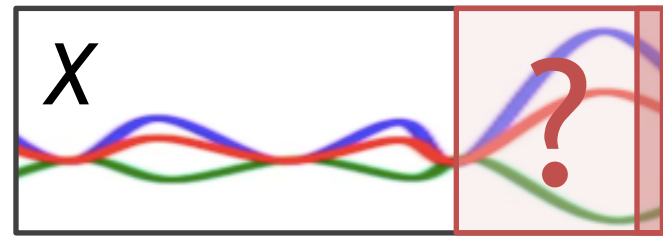
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# Q. Discussion



Q. How long ahead can it forecast?



$l_s$ -steps vs. error

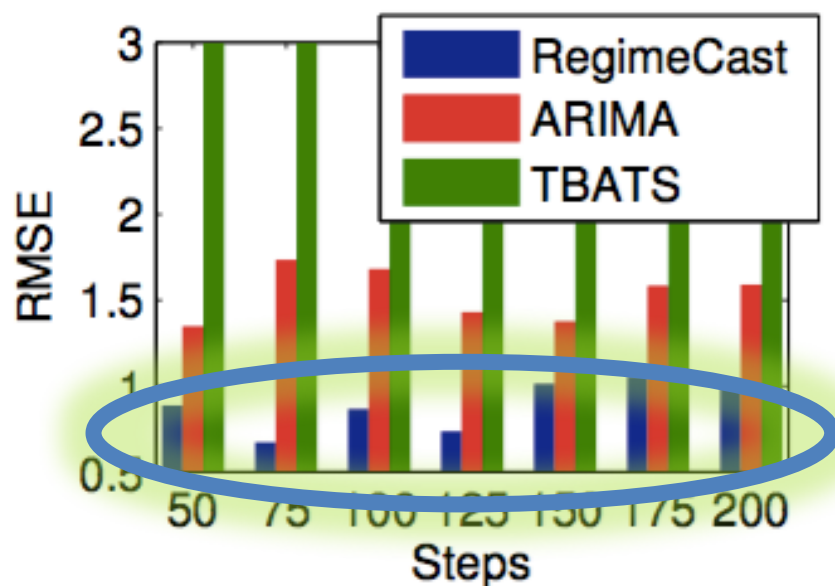
$l_s$ -steps vs. speed



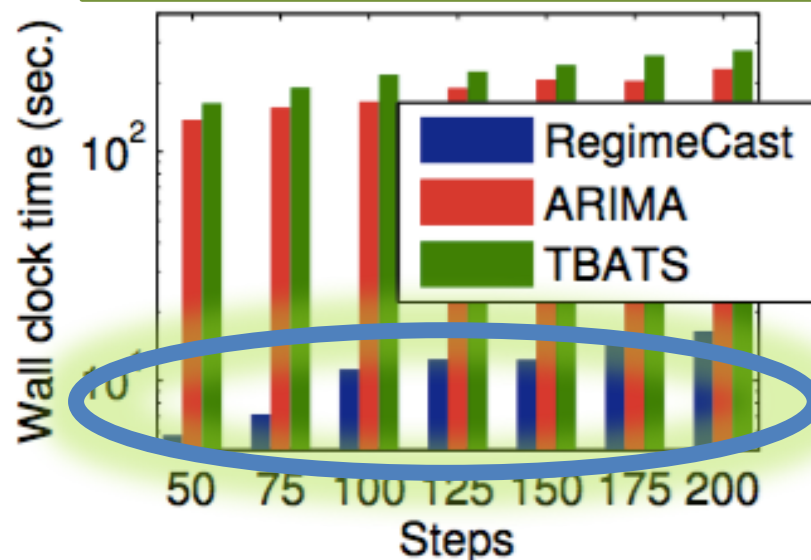
# Q. Discussion

Q. How long ahead can it forecast?

A. It can forecast future events for every step  $l_s$



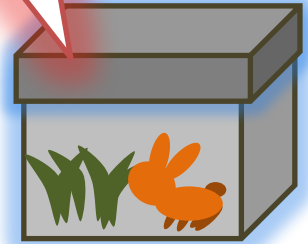
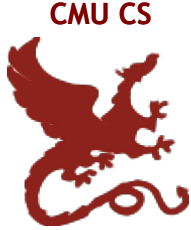
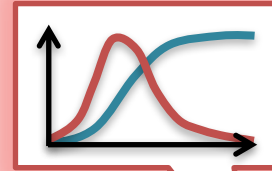
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## Part 2

## Conclusions



## ✓ Why: “non-linear” modeling

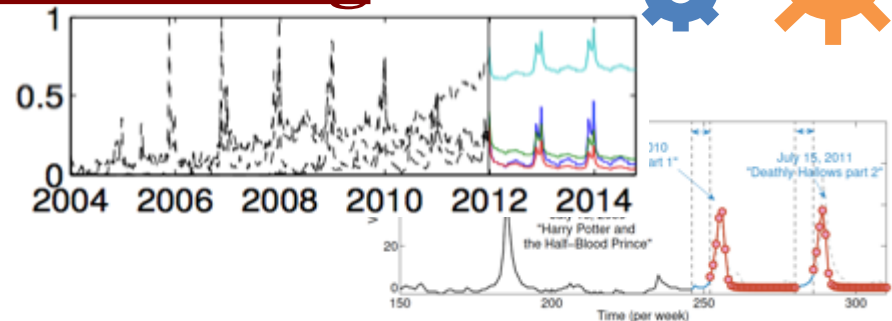
- Black box: lag plots (k-NN search)
- Grey-box: given a model

## ✓ Fundamentals: popular non-linear models

- Logistic function, Lotka-Volterra, Competition, ...
- Epidemics (SI, SIR, SEIR, etc.), ...

## ✓ Applications: non-linear mining

- Epidemics
- Information diffusion
- Online competition





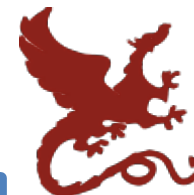


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