

# Machine learning for **Dynamic Social Network Analysis**

## **Applications: Models**

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3. Knowledge acquisition

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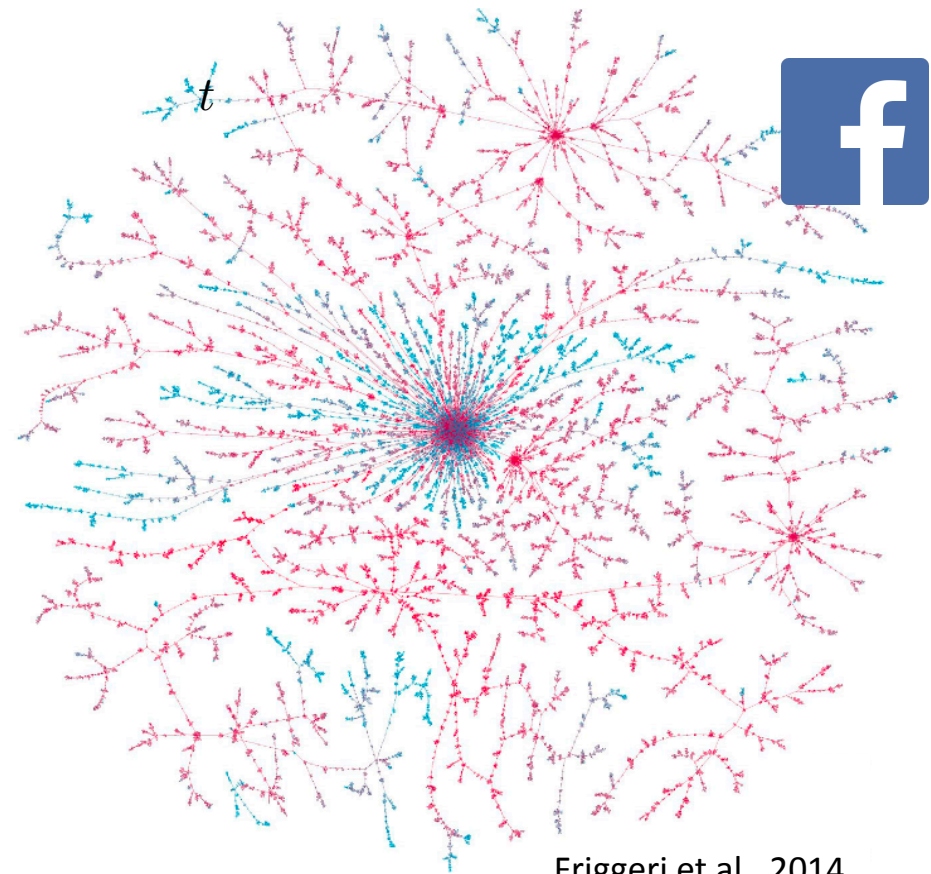
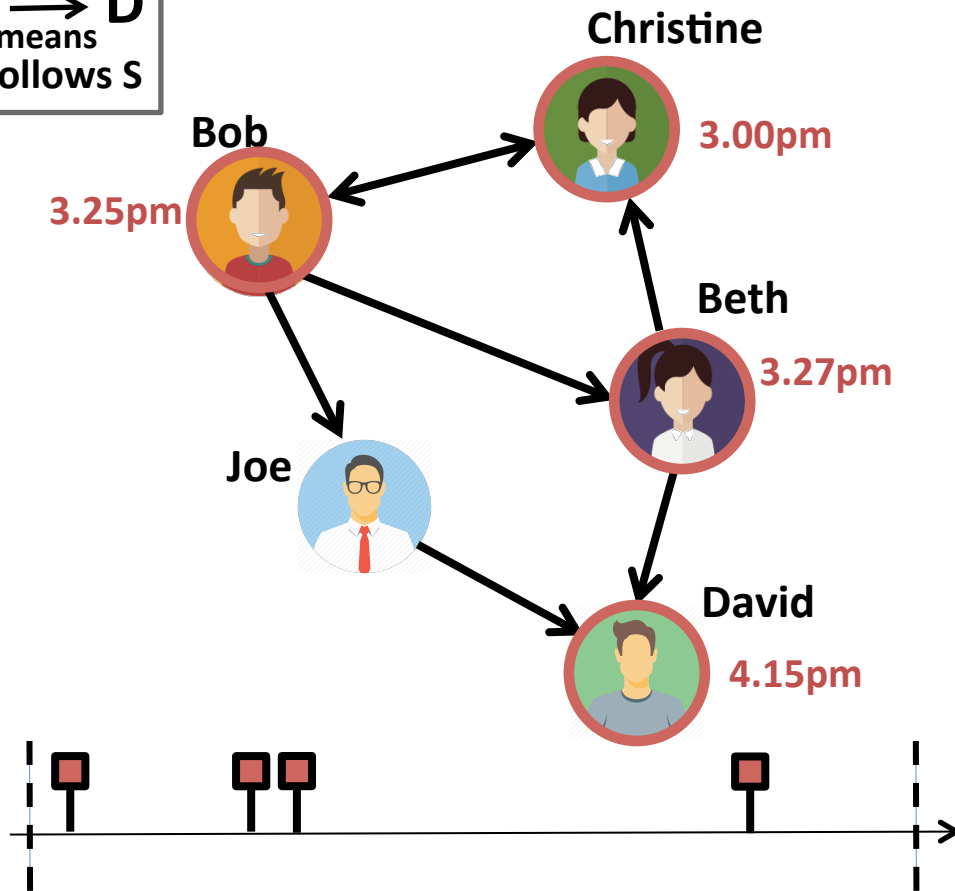
1. Activity shaping
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# Applications: Models

- 1. Idea adoption**
2. Information reliability
3. Knowledge acquisition

# Idea adoption: an example

S → D  
means  
D follows S



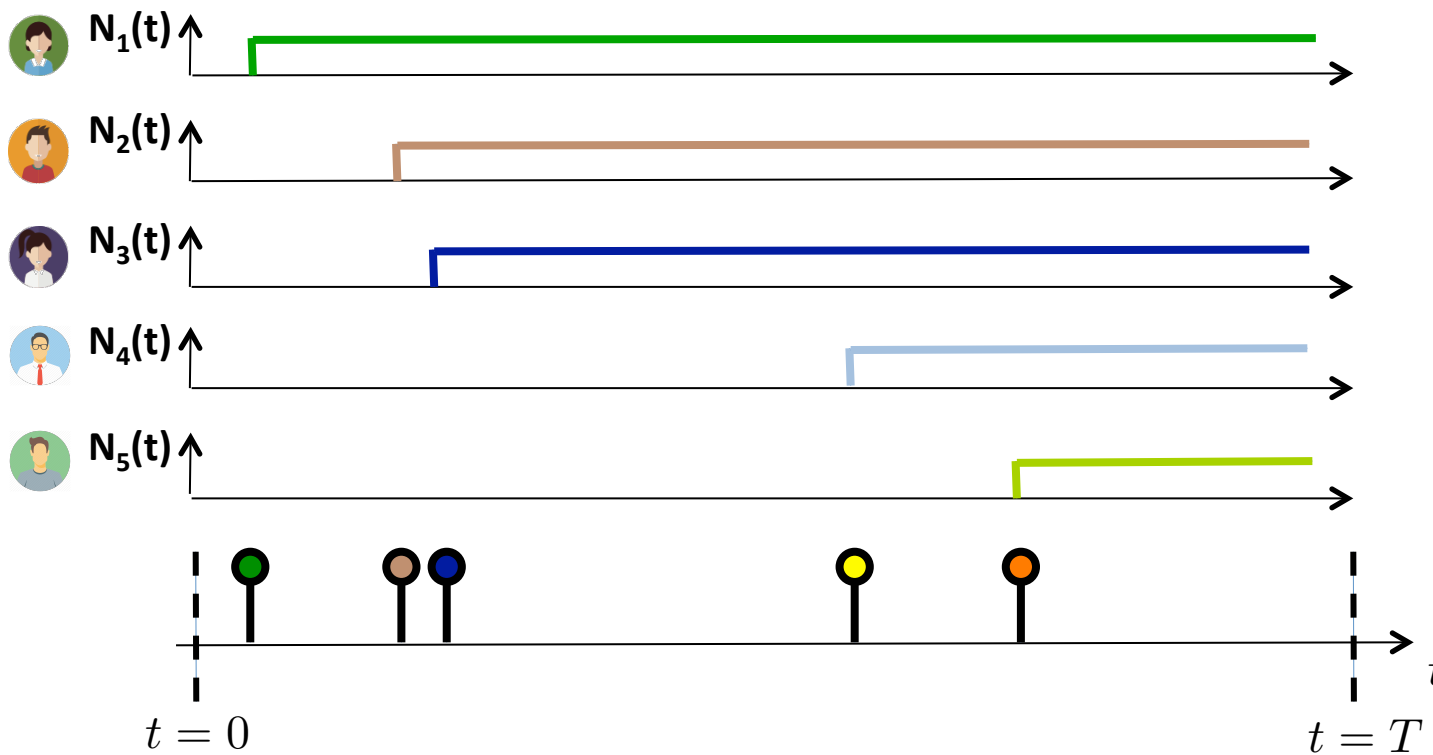
They can have an impact  
in the off-line world

**theguardian**

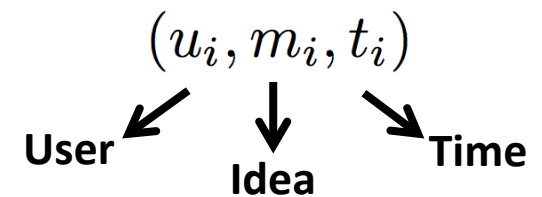
Click and elect: how fake news helped Donald Trump win a real election

# Idea adoption representation

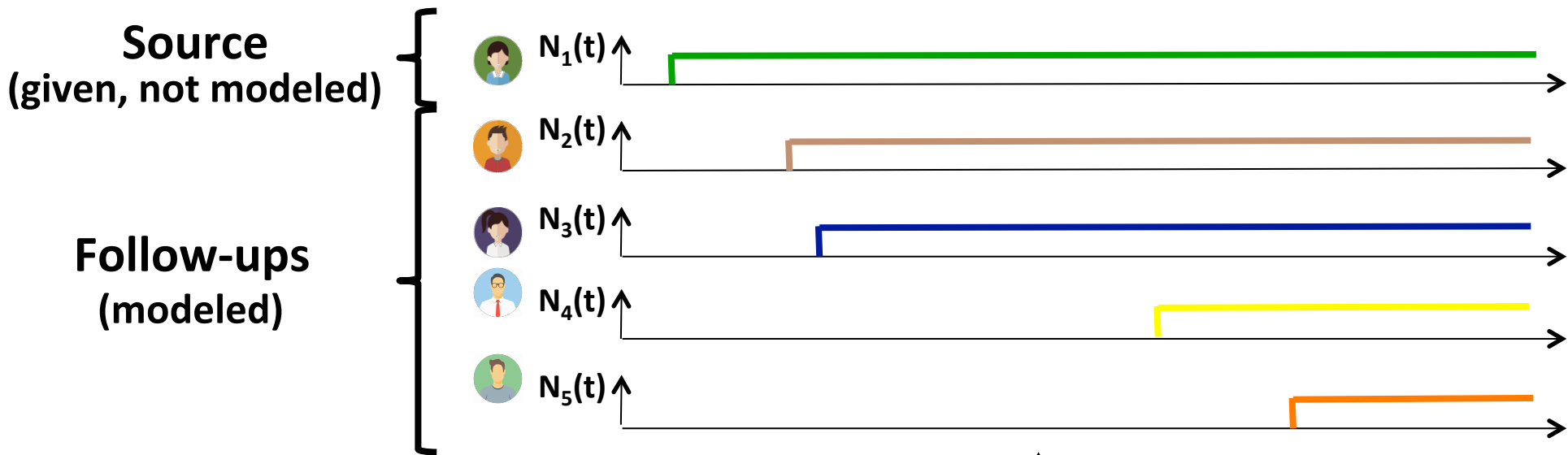
We represent an idea adoptions using **terminating temporal point processes**:



**Idea adoption:**



# Idea adoption intensity



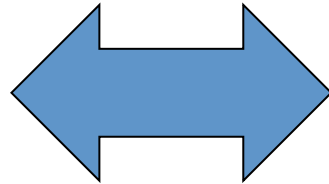
$$\lambda_u^*(t) = \underbrace{(1 - N(t))}_{\text{Adopt idea only once}} \sum_{v \in [m]} b_{vu} \underbrace{\kappa(t - t_v)}_{\substack{\text{Time of} \\ \text{message by user } v}}$$

The diagram includes a 'Memory' graph showing a decaying curve starting at time  $t_v$ . An arrow points from the  $\kappa(t - t_v)$  term in the equation to this graph, indicating that the influence from user  $v$  decays over time.

# Model inference from multiple adoptions

Conditional intensities

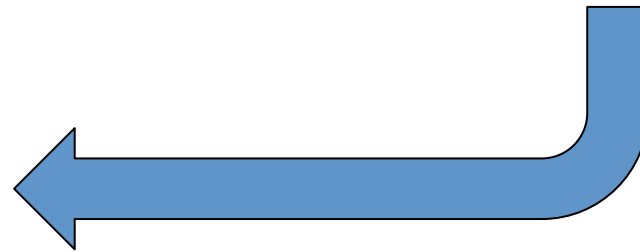
$$\lambda_u^*(t)$$



Idea adoption log-likelihood

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{u=1}^n \log \lambda_u^*(t_u) - \int_0^T \lambda_u^*(\tau) d\tau$$

Maximum likelihood approach to find model parameters!



Sum up log-likelihoods of multiple ideas!

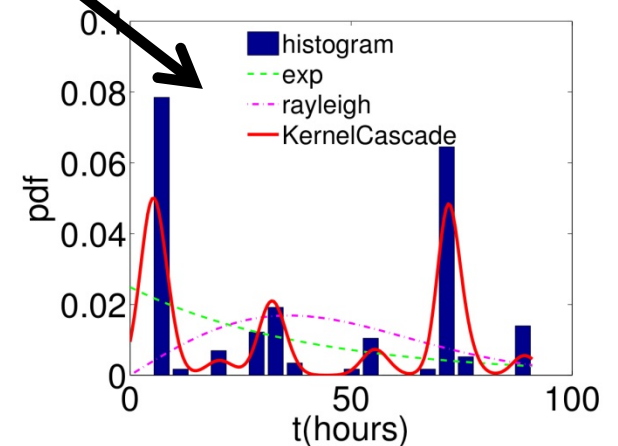
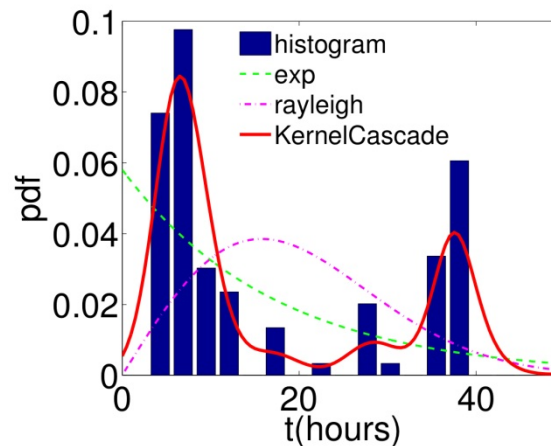
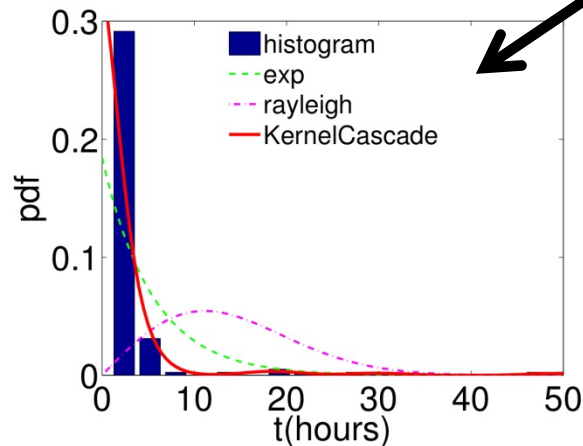
**Theorem.** For any choice of parametric memory, the maximum likelihood problem is **convex in B**.

# Nonparametric kernels

## Multimodal influence/memory:

$$\lambda_u^*(t) = (1 - N(t)) \sum_{v \in [m]} \kappa(t - t_v)$$

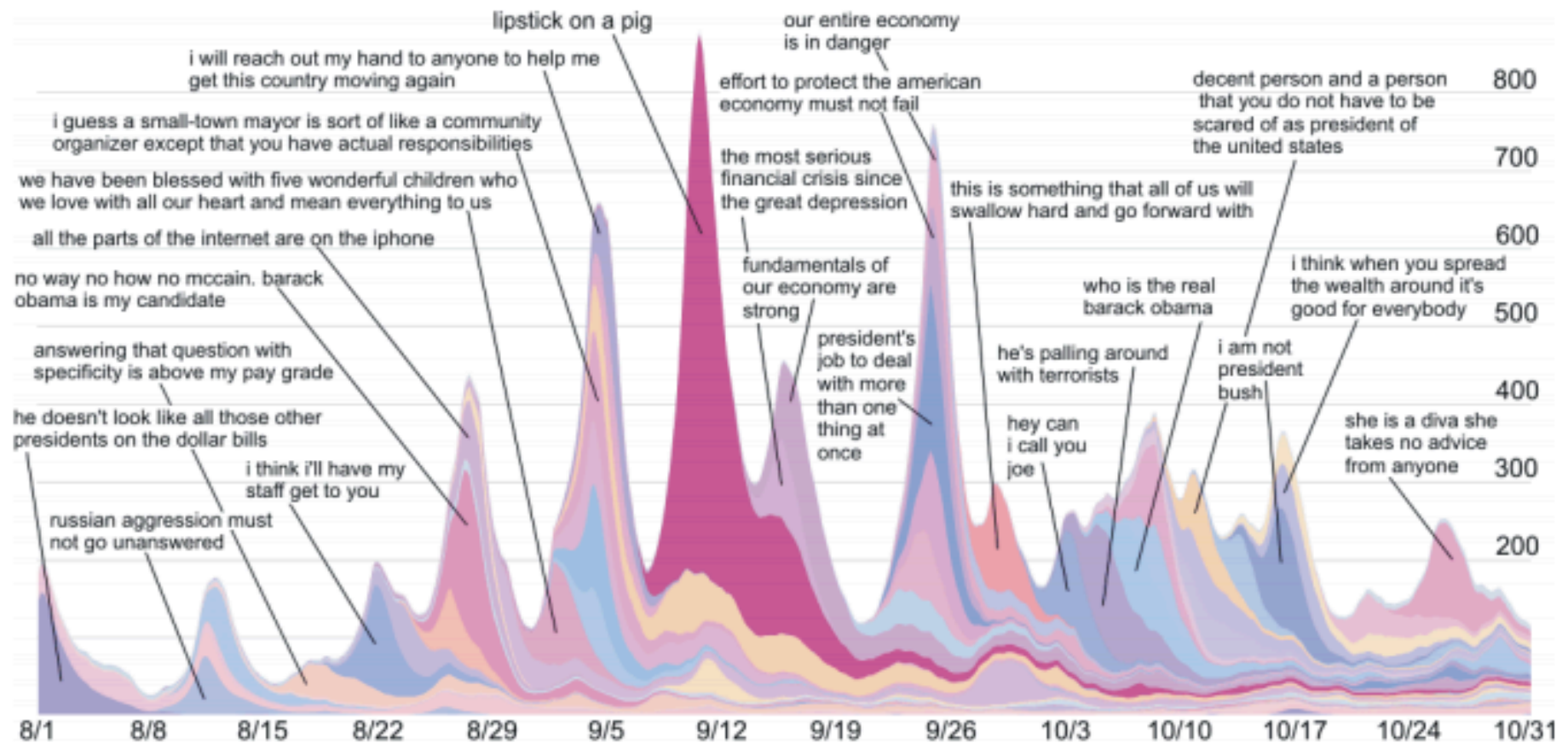
Mixture of kernels





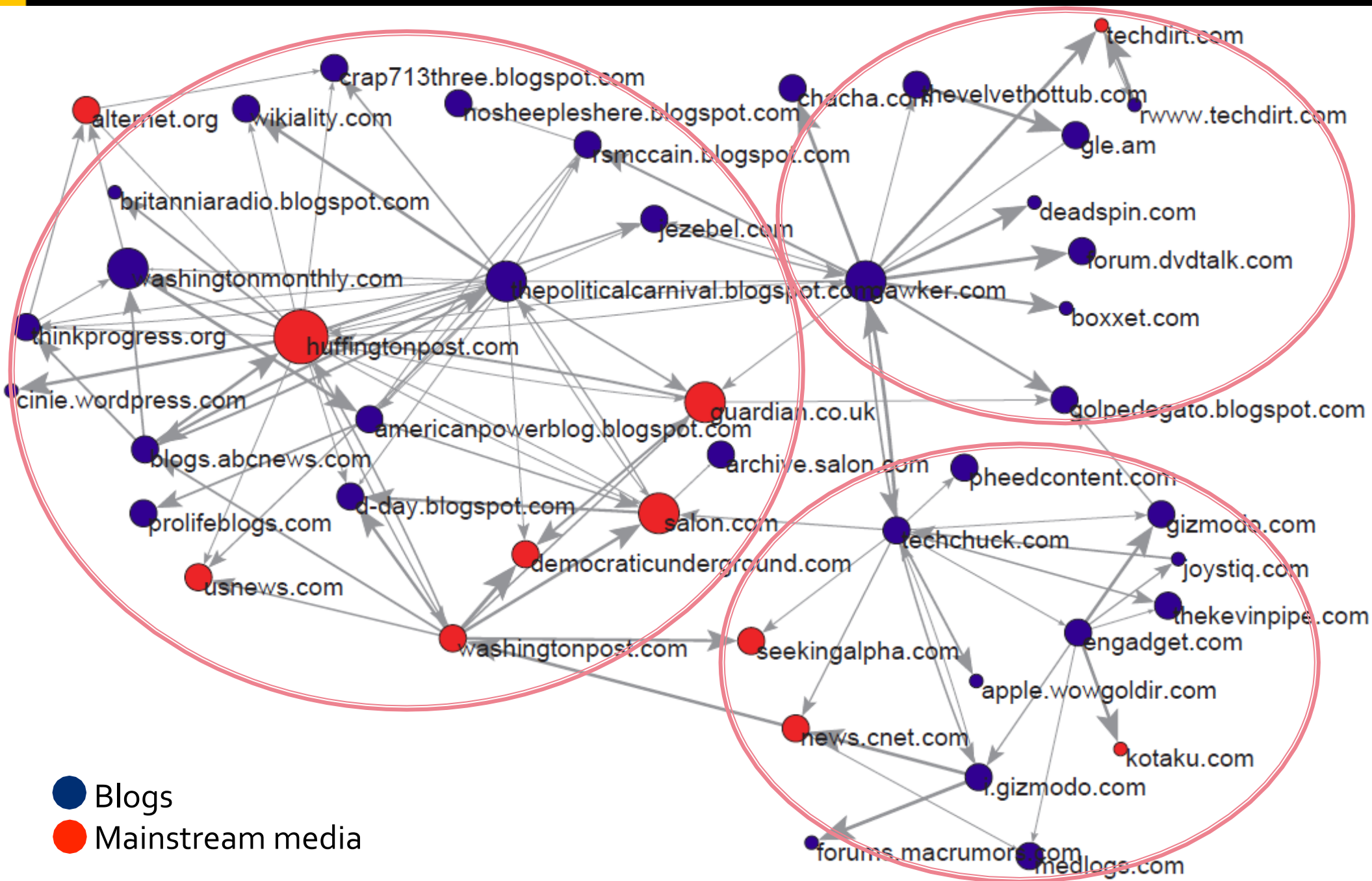


# Memetracker



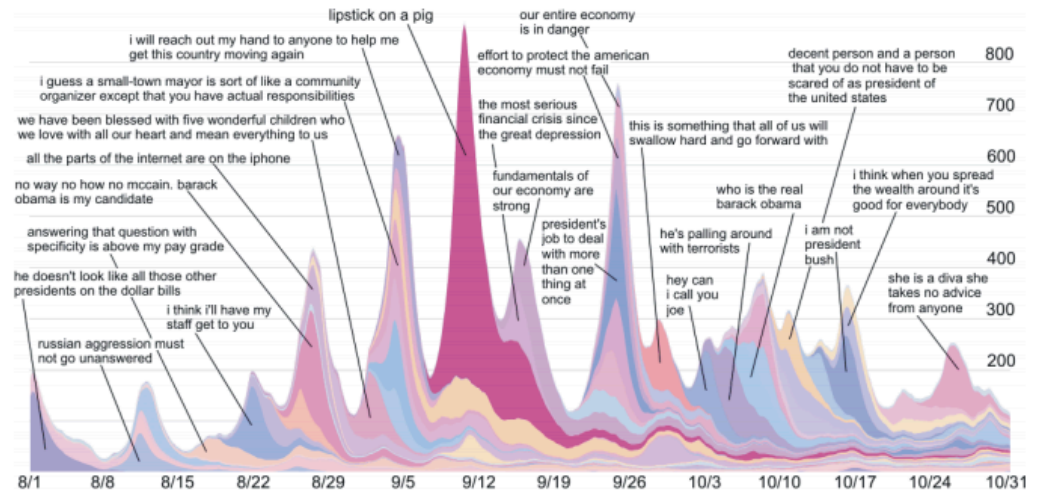
[Leskovec et al., KDD '09]

# Diffusion Network (small part)



# Recurrent events: beyond cascades

Up to this point, we have assumed we can map each event to a cascade



In general, especially in social networks:

Difficult to distinguish cascades in event data

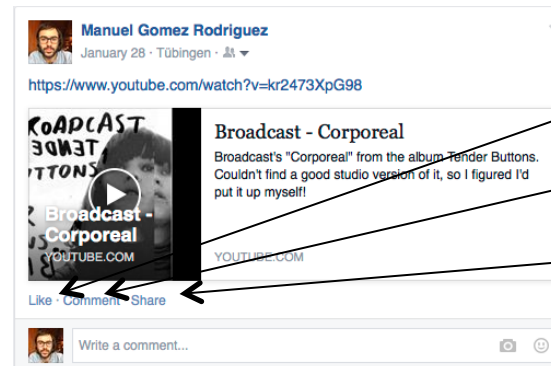
Most cascades are single nodes (or *forests*)

**BUSINESS INSIDER**

He has stuck to his decision so far; his recent Facebook status read, "I just killed a pig and a goat."



Mark Zuckerberg Is Killing Progressively Larger Animals



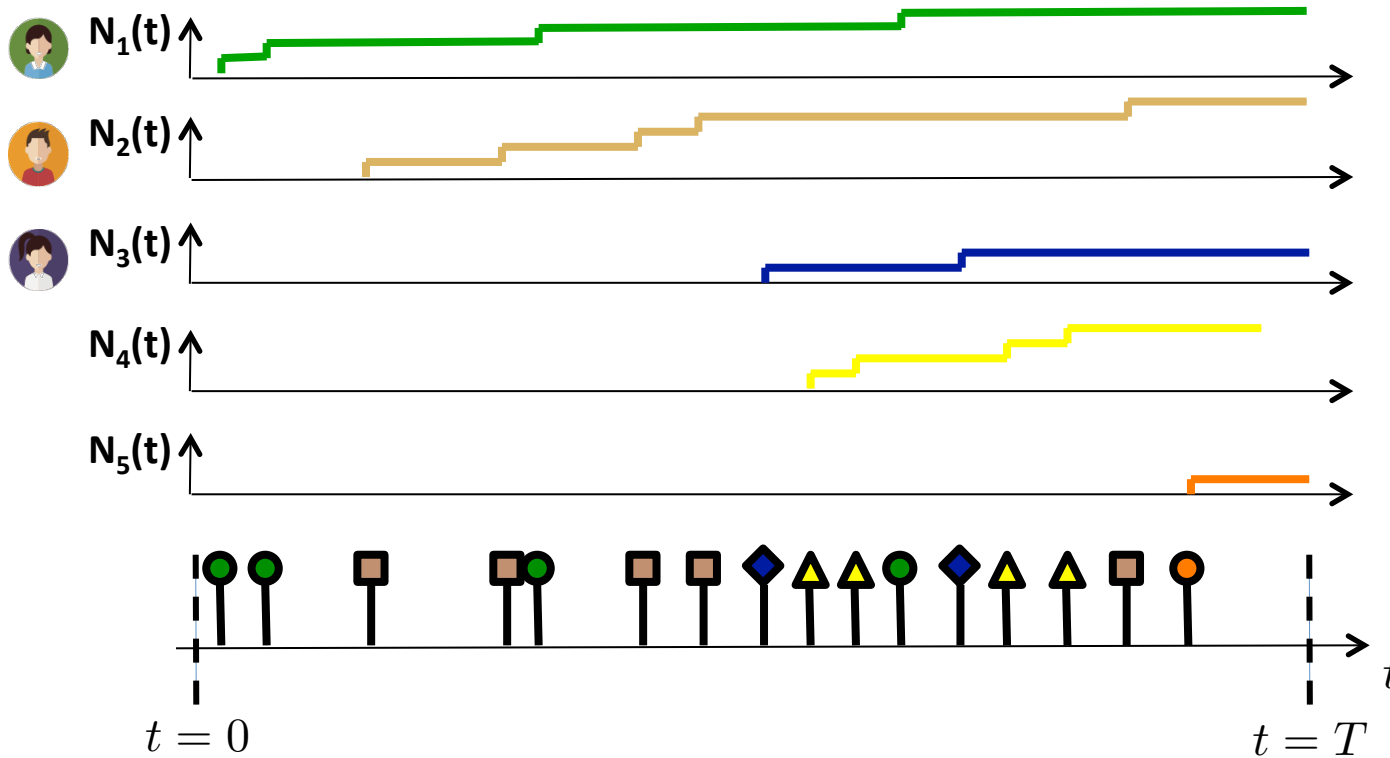
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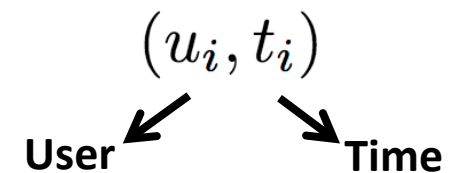
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# Recurrent events representation

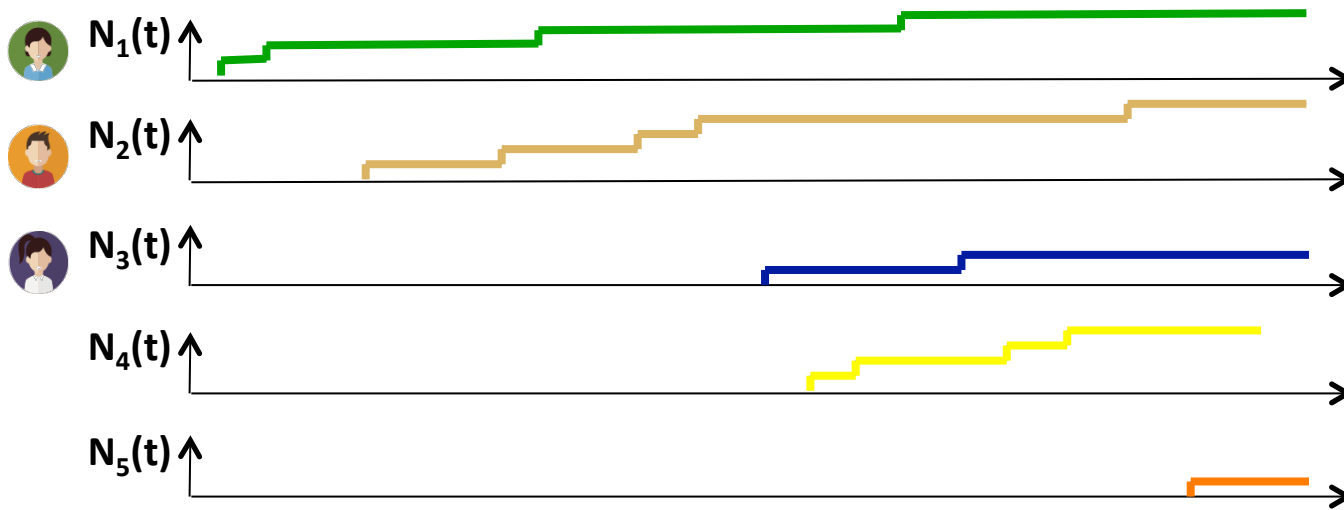
We represent messages using **nonterminating temporal point processes**:



**Recurrent event:**



# Recurrent events intensity



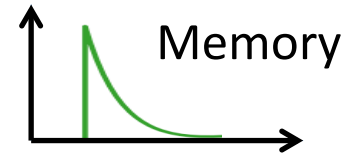
**Cascade sources!**



$\underbrace{\lambda_u^*(t)}_{\text{User's intensity}}$

$= \underbrace{\mu_u}_{\text{Messages on her own initiative}} +$

$\sum_{v \in [m]} \underbrace{b_{vu} \sum_{e_i \in \mathcal{H}_v(t)} \kappa(t - t_i)}_{\text{Influence from user v on user u}}$



$\underbrace{\sum_{e_i \in \mathcal{H}_v(t)} \kappa(t - t_i)}_{\text{Previous messages by user v}}$

**Hawkes process**

# Applications: Models

1. Information propagation
- 2. Information reliability**
3. Knowledge acquisition

# Information reliability: an example

Learning from the crowd ('crowdlearning') has become very popular:

Users learn from the  
know

Knowledge is reviewed

Refutations and verifications depend on the source trustworthiness



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## Barack Obama

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**Barack Hussein Obama II** (US /bɑːrəkˈhuːseinˈoʊbɑːmɑː/<sup>ⓘ</sup><sup>Ⓘ</sup>) born August 4, 1961) is an American politician who is the 44th and current President of the United States. He is the first African American to be elected to the office. He was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, Obama was president of the *Harvard Law Review*. He was a civil rights attorney and taught constitutional law at the University of Chicago. He represented the 13th District in the Illinois Senate from 2004 to 2006 and the United States House of Representatives in 2000 against incumbent

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is a **Kenyan** politician



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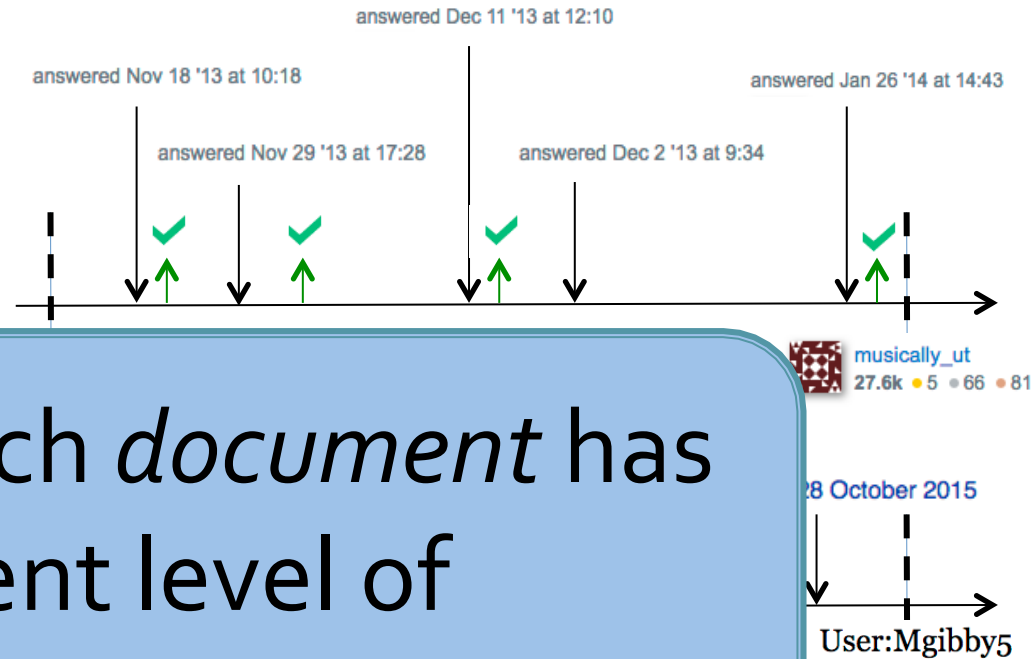
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# Information reliability: key, simple idea

A source is trustworthy if:

Its contributions are  
**verified more frequently**

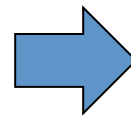


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Over time, each *document* has  
a different level of  
***inherent unreliability***

## Challenge

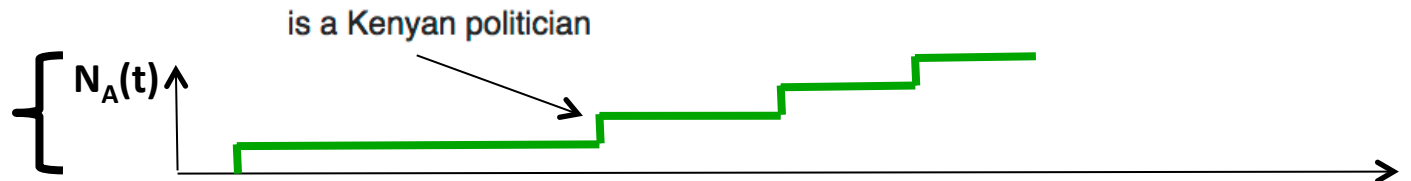
At a time  $t$ , a *document*  
may be *disputed*



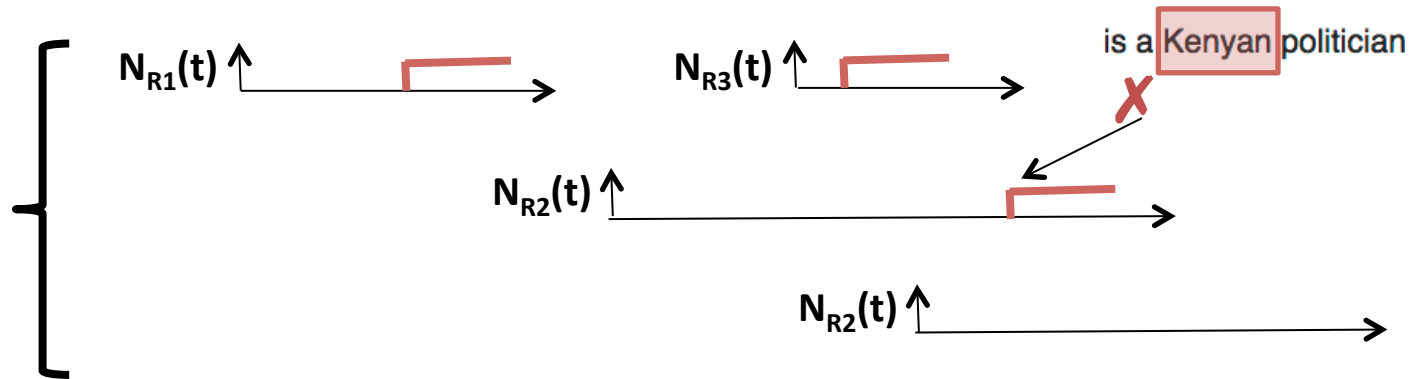
Verifications: rarer  
Refutations: more frequent

# Representation: temporal point processes

Statement additions  
(one process per document)



Statement refutations  
(one process per statement)



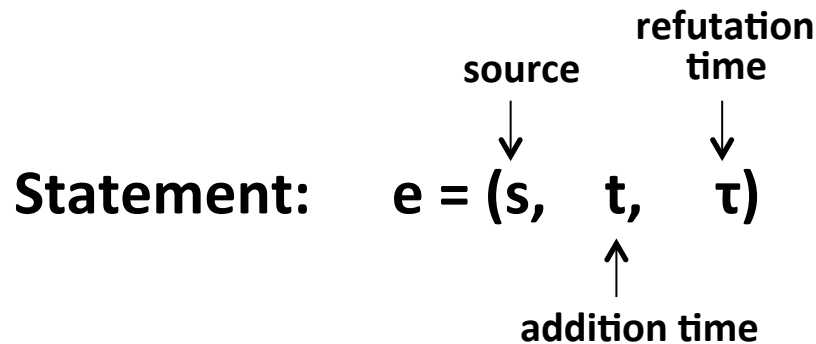
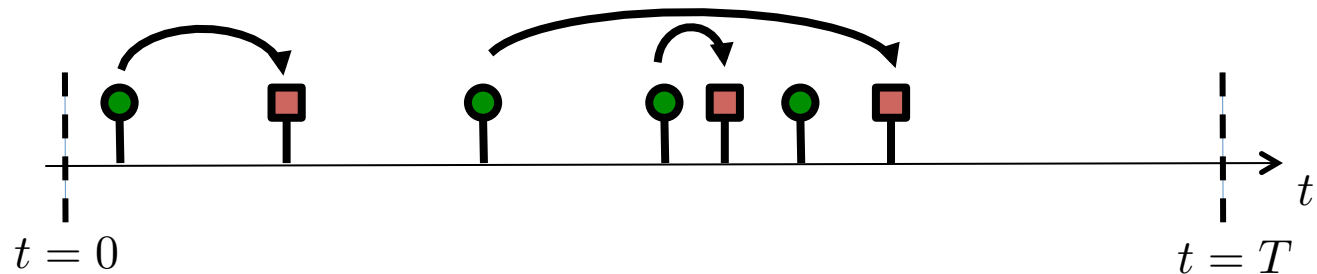
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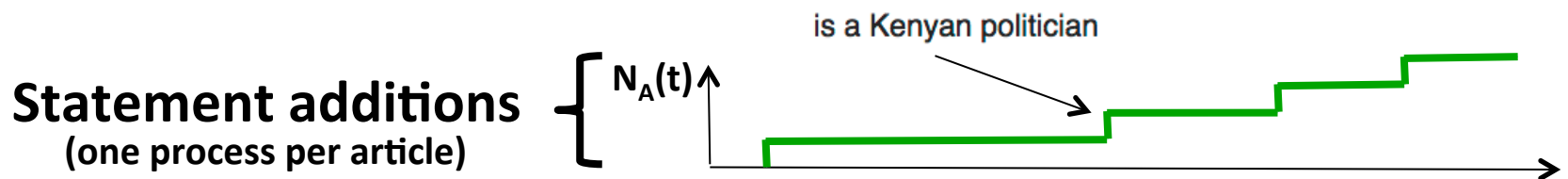
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# Intensity of statement additions



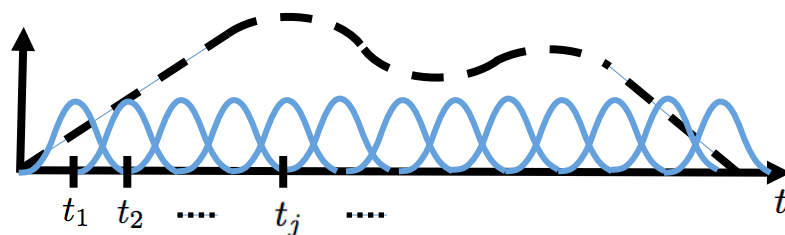
$$\lambda_d(t) = \underbrace{\sum_j \phi_{d,j} k(t - t_j)}_{\text{Article unreliability}} + \underbrace{\sum_{e_i \in \mathcal{H}_d(t)} \mathbf{w}_d^\top \gamma_{s_i} g(t - \tau_i)}_{\text{Effect of past refutations}}$$

**Intensity or rate**  
(Statements per time unit)

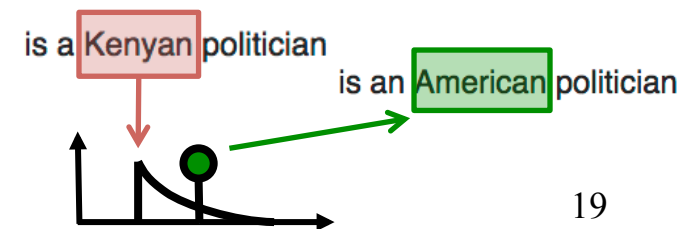
**Article unreliability**  
(Mixture of Gaussians)

**Effect of past refutations**  
(topic dependent; topic weight  $w_d$ )

Temporal evolution of the  
*intrinsic* reliability of the article

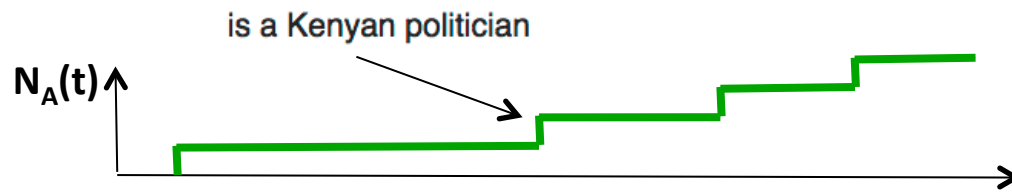


Refuted statements trigger the arrival  
of new statements to replace them

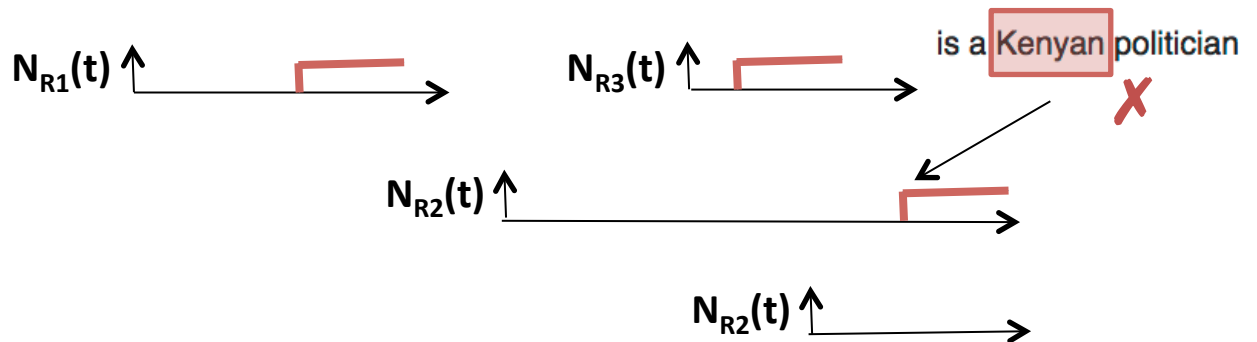


# Intensity of statement refutations

Statement additions  
(one process per article)



Statement refutations  
(one process per statement)



$$\mu_i(t) = (1 - N_i(t)) \left[ \sum_j \beta_{d,j} k(t + t_i - t_j) + \mathbf{w}_d^\top \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{s_i} \right]$$

Refutations happen only once

Article unreliability  
(Mixture of Gaussians)

Source trustworthiness  
(topic dependent; topic weight  $w_d$ )

Intensity or rate  
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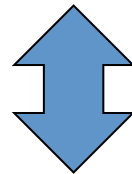
Shared across statements of an article!

The higher the parameter  $\alpha_{s_i}$ , the quicker an article gets refuted

# Model inference from event data

Conditional intensities

$$\{\lambda_d(t)\} \quad \{\mu_i(t)\}$$

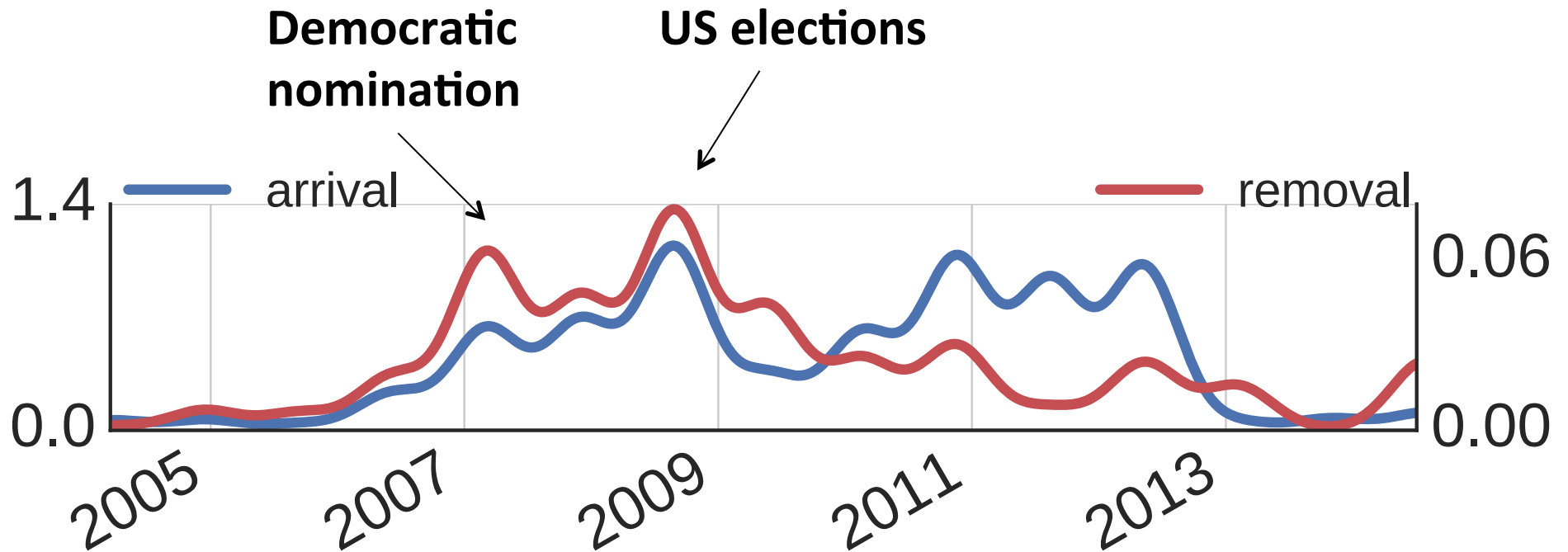


Events likelihood

$$\sum_{d=1}^{|\mathcal{D}|} \sum_{i:e_i \in \mathcal{H}_d(T)} \underbrace{\log p(t_i | \mathcal{H}_d(t_i), \phi_d, \{\gamma_s\}, \mathbf{w}_d)}_{\text{statements additions}} + \sum_{d=1}^{|\mathcal{D}|} \sum_{i:e_i \in \mathcal{H}_d(T)} \underbrace{\log p(\Delta_i | t_i, \beta_d, \{\alpha_s\}, \mathbf{w}_d)}_{\text{statements evaluations}}$$

**Theorem.** The maximum likelihood problem is convex in the model parameters.

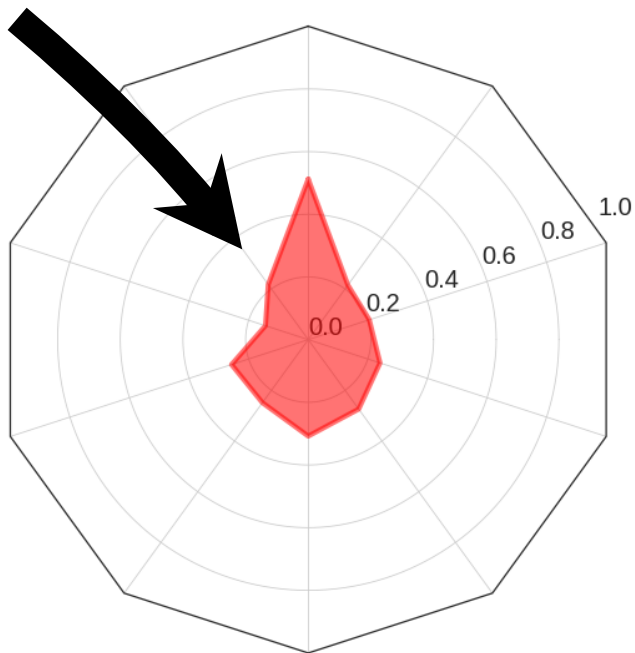
# Wikipedia article reliability



**Barack Obama's Wikipedia Article  
(Arrival of information vs intrinsic unreliability)**

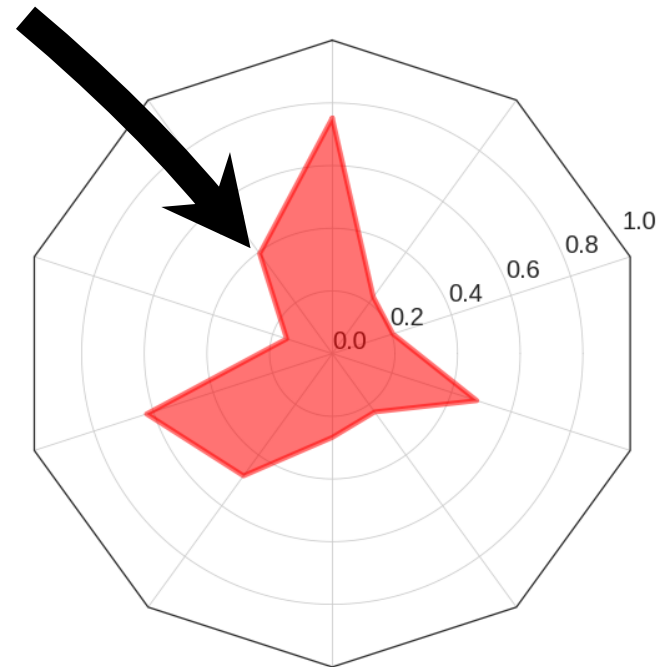
# Source trustworthiness

Politics



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**Probability of refutation within 6 months in a *stable* Wikipedia article**

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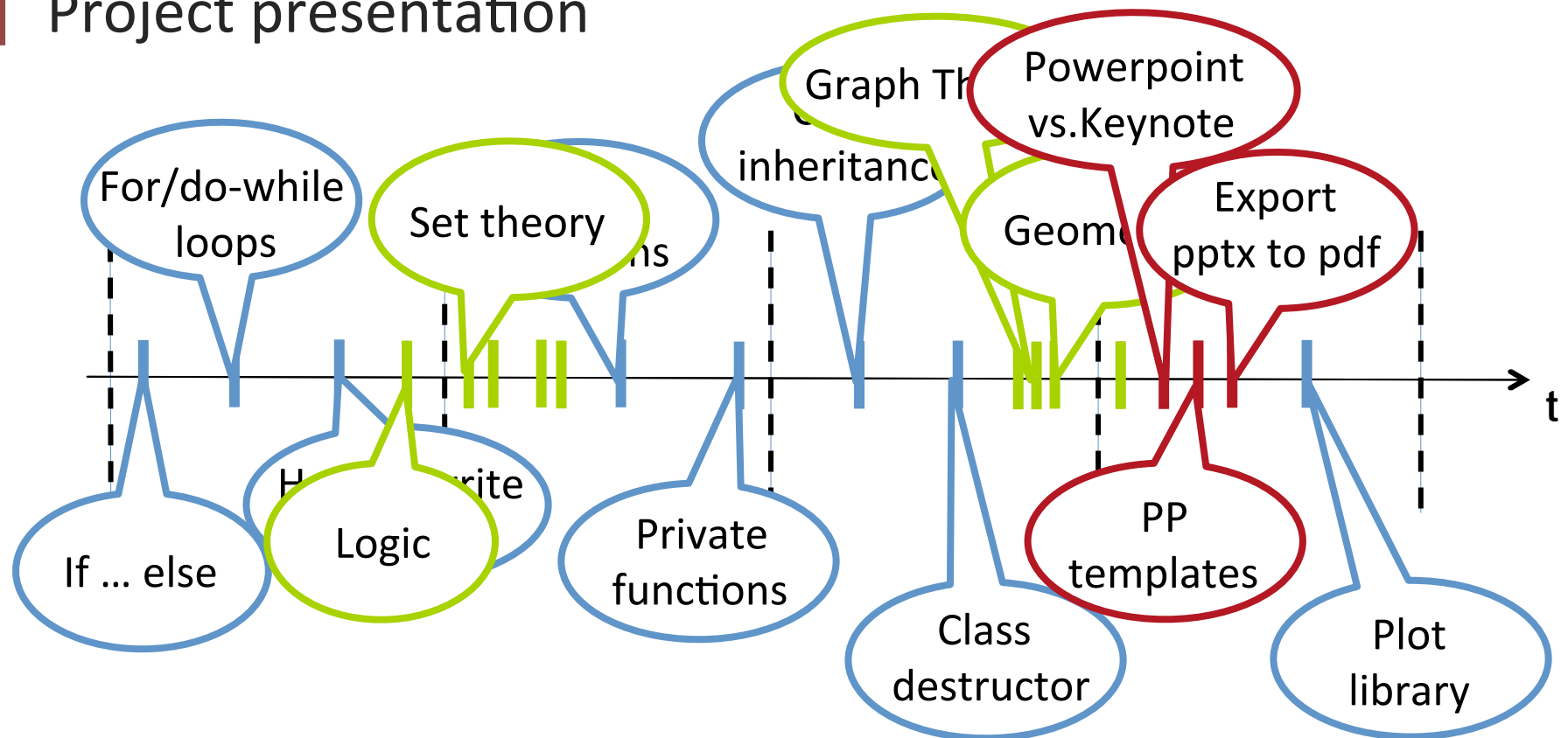
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- 3. Learning patterns**



# Learning patterns: An example

## 1st year computer science student

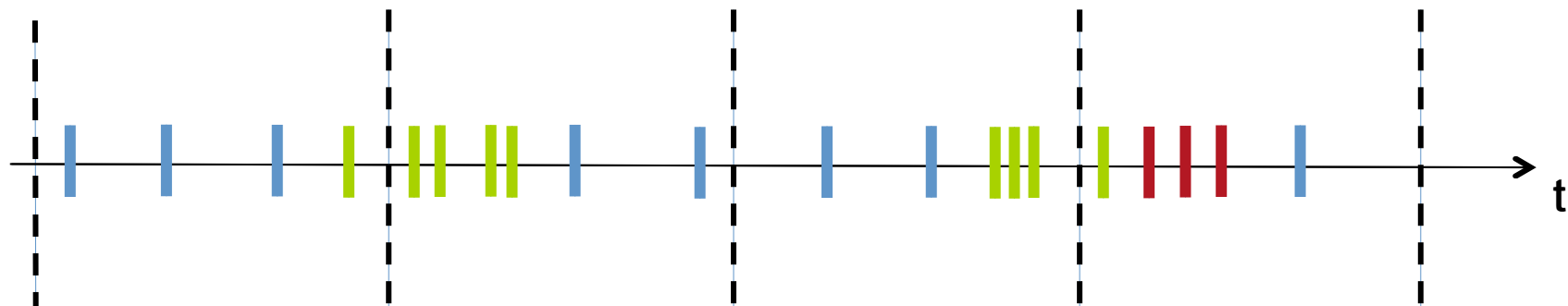
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# Learning patterns: content + dynamics

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Content + Dynamics = *Learning pattern*

programming + semester

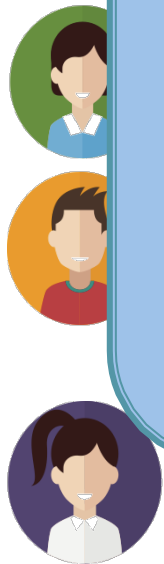
math + semester

presentation + week

# People share same learning patterns

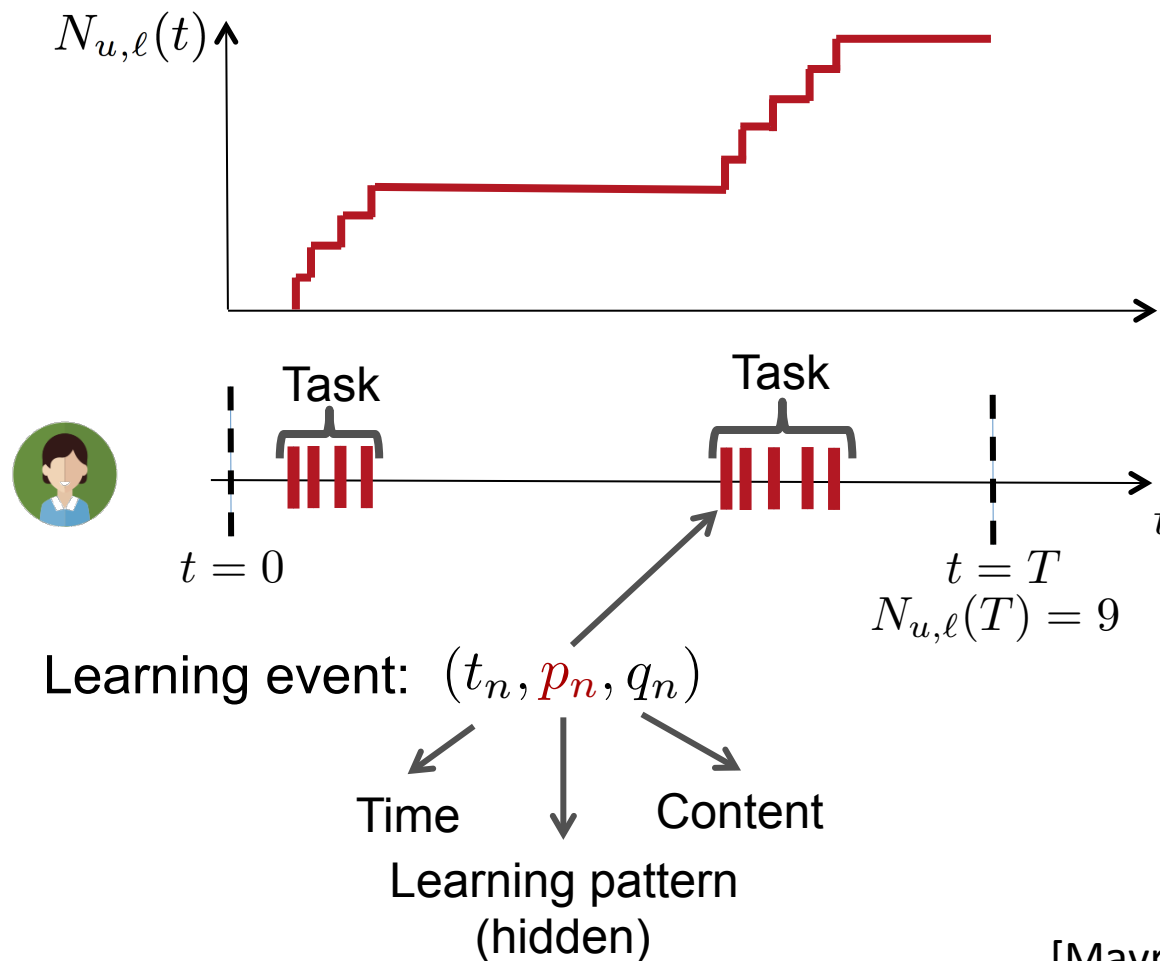
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How can we identify the learning pattern each event belongs to?

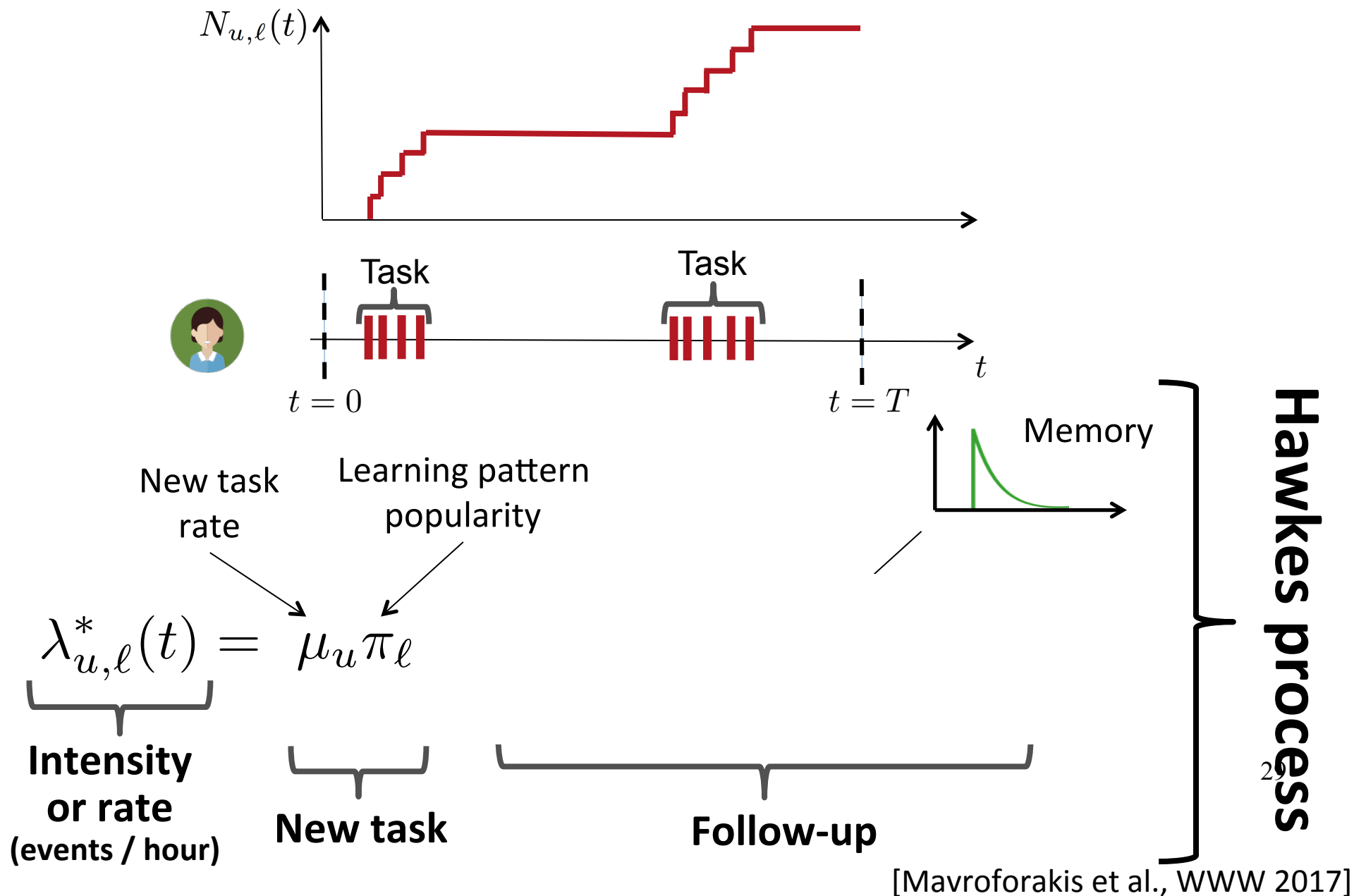


# Learning events representation

We represent the learning events using **marked temporal point processes**:

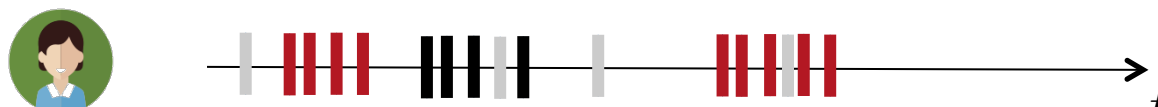


# Learning pattern intensity



# User learning events intensity

Users adopt more than one learning pattern:



# of learning patterns is infinite.  
Efficient model inference using  
Sequential Montecarlo!

Details in the  
reference below!

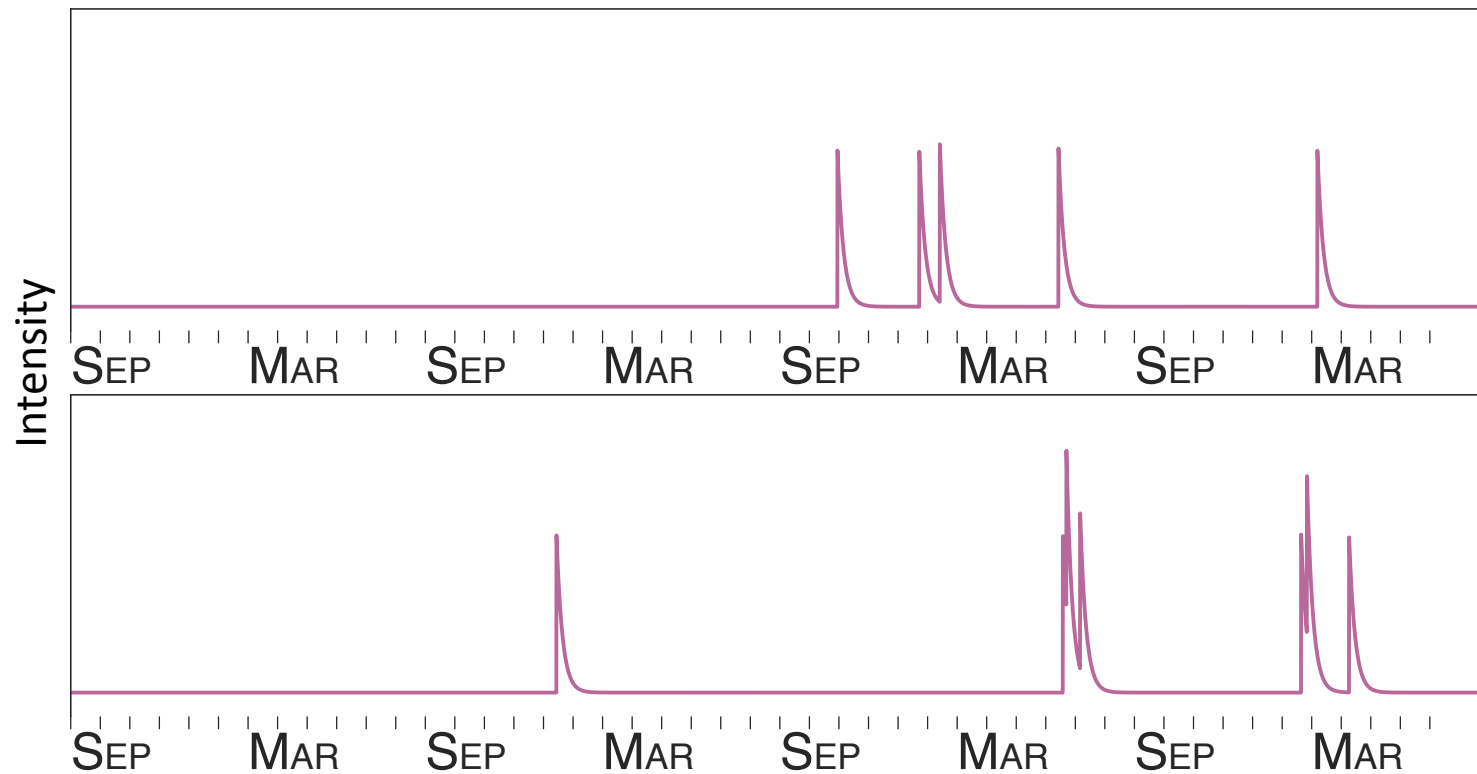
Content  $\rightarrow q_n = \omega \quad \omega_j \sim \text{Multinomial}(\theta_p)$

# Learning pattern (I): Version Control

## Content



## Intensities



**Version control tasks tend to be specific,  
quickly solved after performing few questions**

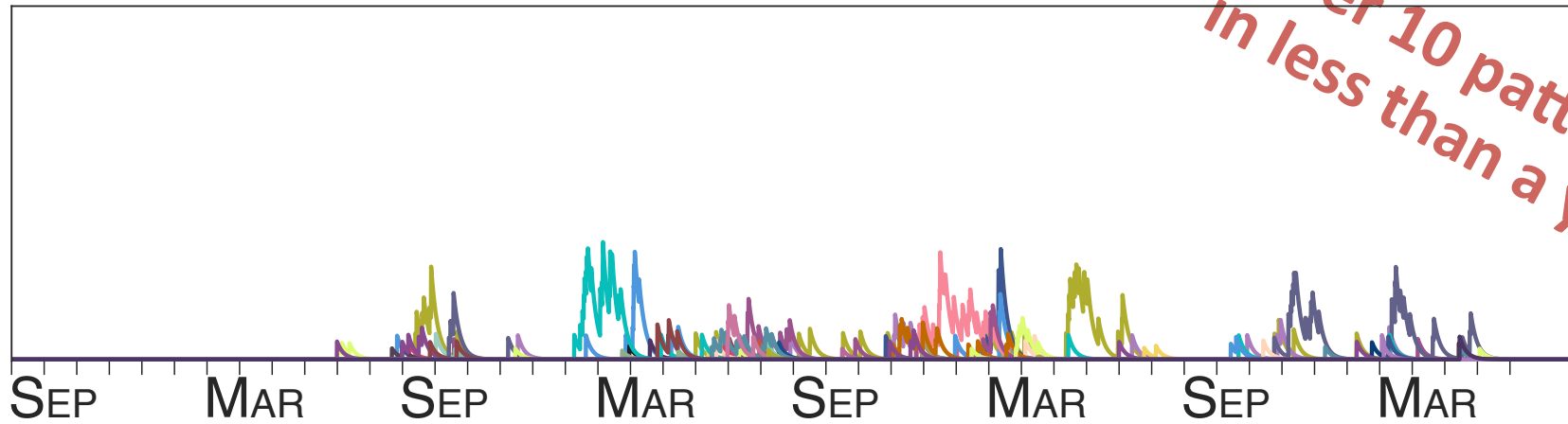




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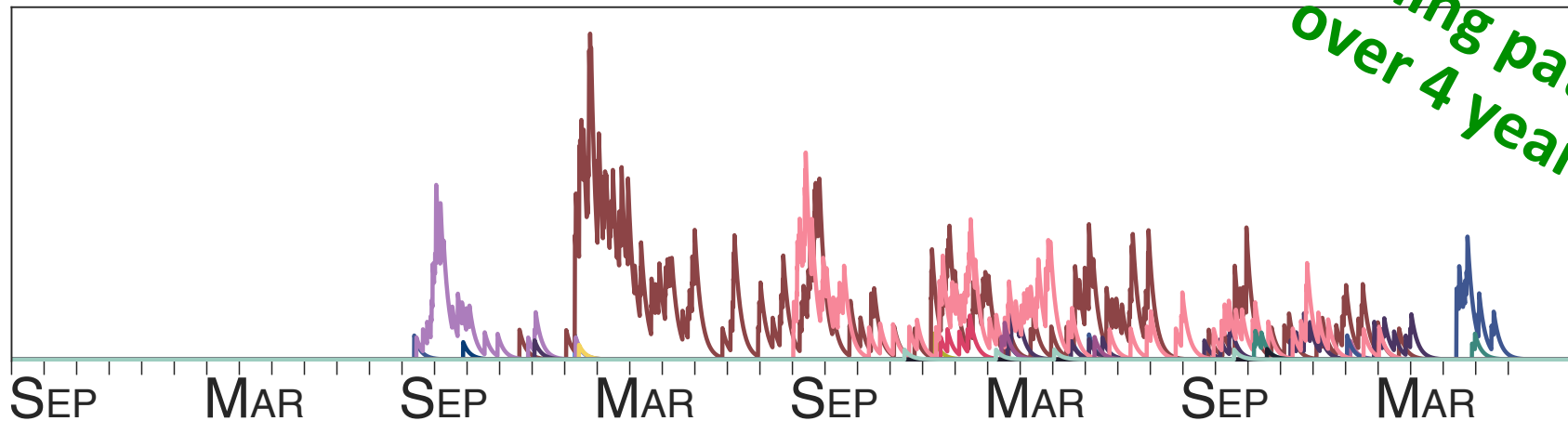
## *Explorers*

Intensity



## *Loyals*

Intensity



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