



# Mining Big Time-series Data on the Web

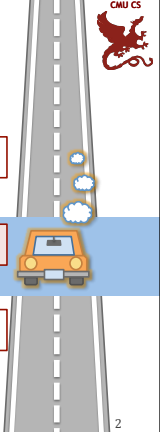
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## Roadmap

- Motivation
- Similarity search, pattern discovery and summarization **Part 1**
- **Non-linear modeling and forecasting** **Part 2**
- Extension of time-series data: tensor analysis **Part 3**



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## Part 2 Roadmap




**Problem**

- Why: “non-linear” modeling



**Fundamentals**

- Non-linear (“gray-box”) models

**Applications**

- Epidemics 
- Information diffusion 
- (Online) competition 

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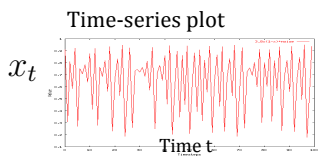
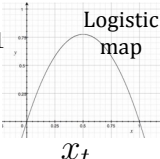
## Non-linear mining and forecasting

Q. What are “non-linear phenomena”?



**Example: logistic parabola**

Models population of flies [R. May/1976]

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

Time-series plot  Logistic map 

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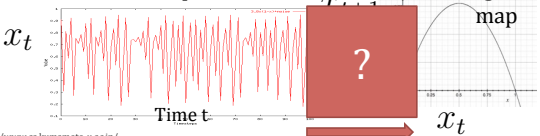
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**Problem:**

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

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



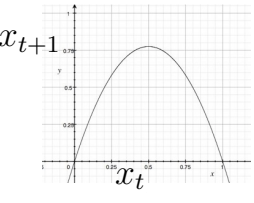
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## How to forecast?

**Solution 1**

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



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*Details @ part1*

e.g., AR(1)  
 $x_{t+1} = ax_t + \epsilon$

$x_{t+1}$

$x_t$

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☹️ **but: linearity assumption**

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**How to forecast?**

**Solution 2**  
“Delayed Coordinate Embedding”  
= Lag Plots [Sauer92]  
- Based on k-nearest neighbor search

$x_{t+1}$

$x_t$

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**General Intuition (Lag Plot)**

**Solution 2**

Lag = 1, k = 4 NN

Interpolate these ...

To get the final prediction

4-NN

New Point

$x_t$

$x_{t-1}$

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**Forecasting results (Lag Plot)**

**Solution 2**

Logistic parabola

LORENZ

Laser

Forecast

Original  $x_t$  (red)

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

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**- Non-linear Forecasting!**

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**How to forecast?**

**Solution 2**  
“Delayed Coordinate Embedding”

“**Black-box**” mining  
(we don’t know the equations)

But, still,...  
Hard to interpret

$x_{t+1}$   
 $x_t$

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**How to forecast?**

**Solution 3**

“**Gray-box**” mining  
(if we know the equations)

**Non-linear modeling!**

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$x_{t+1}$   
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Non-linear equations

Big Time series

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**How to forecast?**

**Solution 3**

Non-linear equations

Population growth  
Competition  
Information diffusion  
Epidemics  
Convection

Big Time series

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Why: “non-linear” modeling

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**Fundamentals**  
– Non-linear (grey-box) models

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

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**Grey-box mining and non-linear equations**

Information diffusion  
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**Logistic function**

So-called “Verhulst” model (=sigmoid, =Bass)  
- Population expansion with limited resources

eat  
Species Foods  
t=0 t=1 t=2

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P: Population size

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

$P$  - Initial condition (i.e.,  $P(0) = p$ )  
 $r$  - Growth rate, reproductively  
 $K$  - Carrying capacity (=available resources)

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**Lotka-Volterra equations**

So-called “prey-predator” model

Prey (H) Predator (P)


- H : count of prey (e.g., hare)
- P : count of predators (e.g., lynx)

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## Lotka-Volterra equations

So-called “prey-predator” model



$$\frac{dH}{dt} = rH - aHP$$



Prey (H)  Predator (P)

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

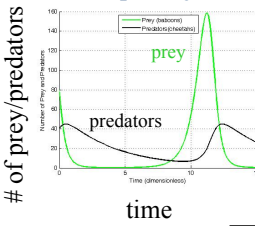
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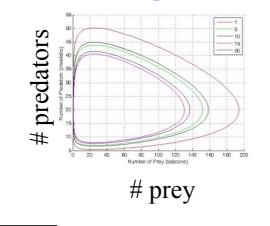
## Solution to the Lotka-Volterra equations.

### Frequency Plot



# of prey/predators vs time

### Phase Space Plot



# predators vs # prey

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## Extension: “Competitive” Lotka-Volterra equations

Competition between multiple (d) species

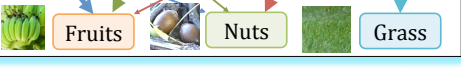
Species

Squirrel monkeys Spider monkeys Macaws Capybaras



Food

Fruits Nuts Grass



“Competition” in the Jungle

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## “Competitive” Lotka-Volterra equations

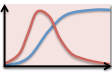
Competition between multiple (d) species

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, ..., d)

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

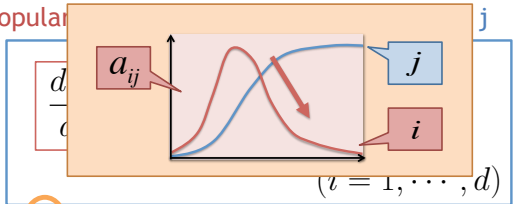


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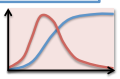
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## “Competitive” Lotka-Volterra equations

- Biological interaction

– Table: Type of interaction

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

0 : no effect  
- : detrimental  
+ : beneficial

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**Grey-box mining and non-linear equations**

Information diffusion  
Convection  
Population growth  
Competition  
Big Time series  
Epidemics

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**Epidemics: Susceptible-Infected (SI) model**

Each node is in one of two states

S - Susceptible (healthy)  
I - Infected

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N nodes  
Susceptible /healthy  
Time t=0

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infected!  
Time t=0 Time t=1

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S - Susceptible (healthy)  
I - Infected

$\beta$ : infection rate  
Prob.  $\beta$

Time t=0 Time t=1 Time t=2

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**Epidemics: Susceptible-Infected (SI) model**

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I - Infected

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

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

$N = S(t) + I(t)$   
 $\beta$ : Infection strength  
 $N$ : Population size

i.e.,  $\frac{dI}{dt} = \beta(N - I)I$

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**SI model**

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \beta N \cdot I\left(1 - \frac{I}{N}\right)$$

i.e.,  $\frac{dI}{dt} = \beta(N - I)I$

$\beta$

S I

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**Susceptible-Infected-recovered (SIR) model**

Recovered with immunity

S - Susceptible (healthy)

I - Infected

R - Recovered (immune)

$\beta$  : Infection rate  
 $\delta$  : Recovery rate

S I R

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**Susceptible-Infected-recovered (SIR) model**

Recovered with immunity

S I R

N nodes (healthy)

t=0

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**Susceptible-Infected-recovered (SIR) model**

Recovered with immunity

S I R

t=0 t=1

infection

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**Susceptible-Infected-recovered (SIR) model**

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t=0 t=1 t=2

Propagation

$\beta$

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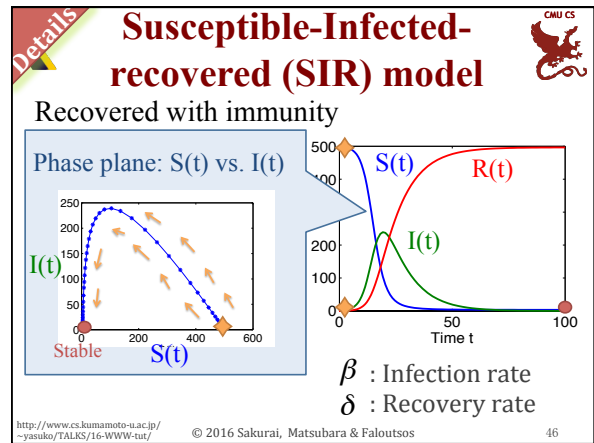
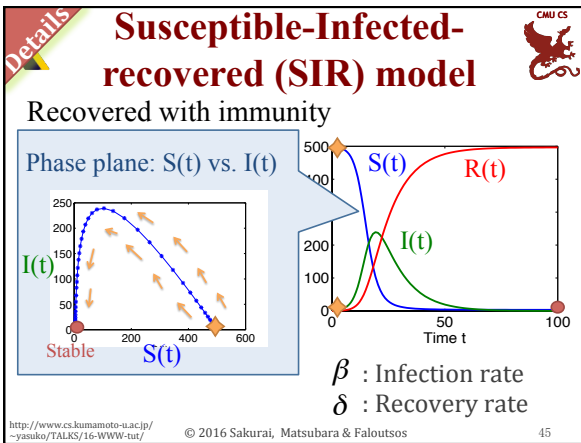
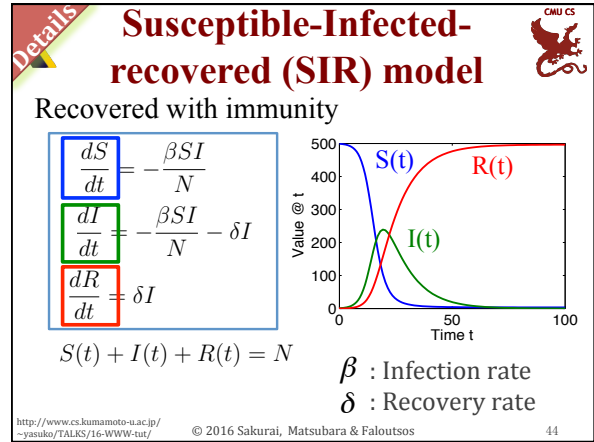
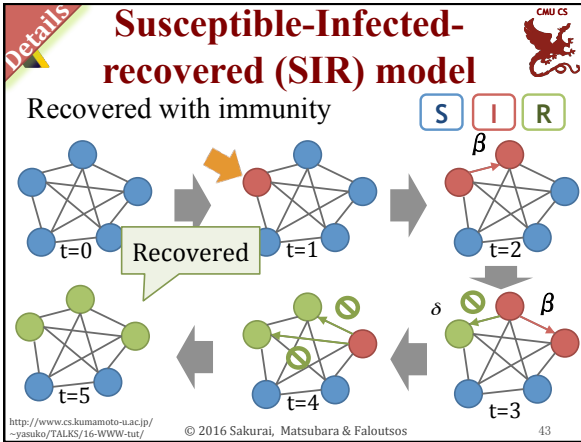
t=0 t=1 t=2 t=3

Recovered (no more infection)

$\beta$

$\delta$

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**Other epidemic models**

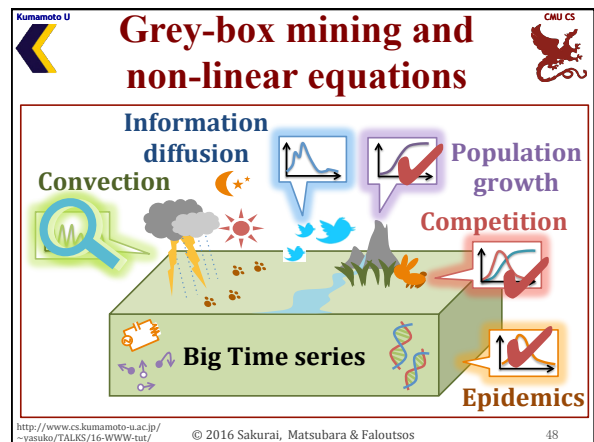
Other virus propagation models (“VPM”)

- 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’

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**Other non-linear models**

LORENZ: eqs. for atmospheric convection

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

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

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

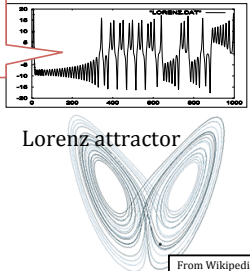
- x: convective intensity
- y: temperature difference between ascending and descending currents
- z: difference in vertical temperature profile from linearity

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**Other non-linear models**

LORENZ: eqs. for atmospheric convection

Butterfly effect (chaos)



Lorenz attractor

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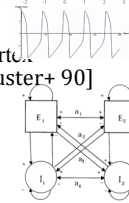
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**Other non-linear models**

- 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
- ...
- ...

Limit cycle



[Schuster+ 90]

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**Problem**

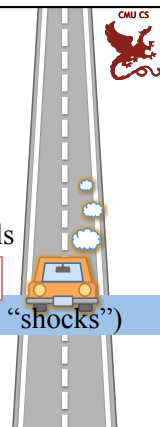
Why: “non-linear” modeling

**Fundamentals**

Non-linear (“gray-box”) models

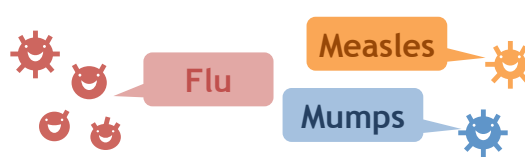
**Applications**

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



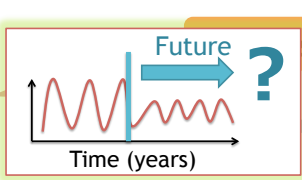
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**Mining and forecasting of co-evolving epidemics**



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**Mining and forecasting of co-evolving epidemics**



Time (years)

Future ?

Q. Can we forecast future epidemics?

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**Real-time monitoring of co-evolving epidemics**

- Influenza (ILI) prediction using search engine query data [Ginsberg+, Nature'09]

— CDC-reported ILI percentages  
— Model estimates

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

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but: cannot forecast future events

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**Epidemics - roadmap**

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

Solutions

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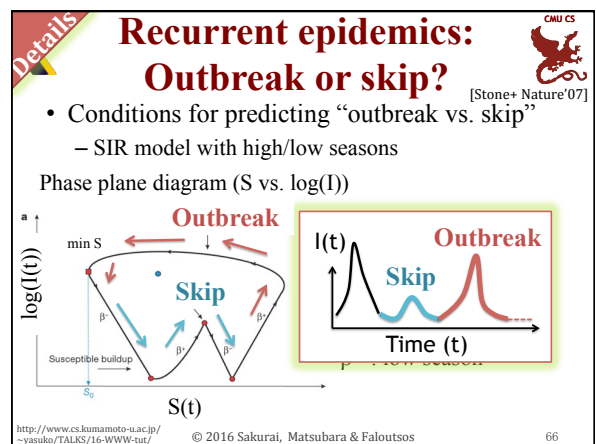
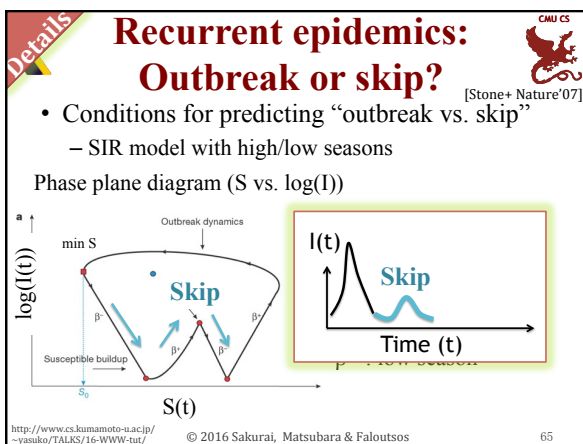
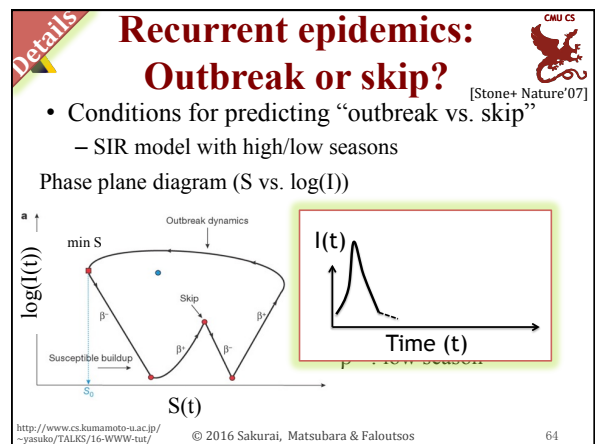
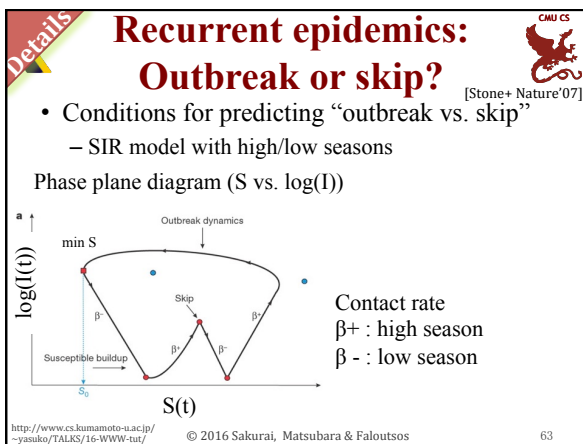
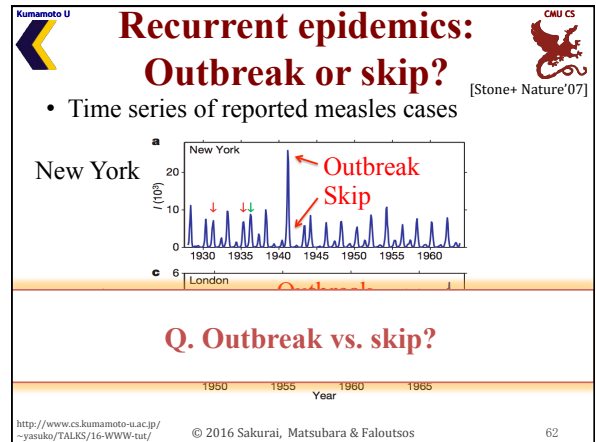
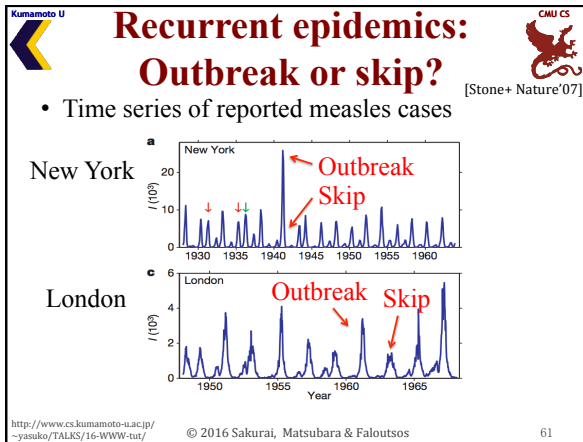
**Recurrent epidemics: Outbreak or skip?** [Stone+ Nature'07]

- Time series of reported measles cases

New York

London

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**Recurrent epidemics: Outbreak or skip?** [Stone+ Nature'07]

- Conditions for predicting “outbreak vs. skip”
  - SIR model with high/low seasons

Phase plane diagram (S vs. log(I))

Y: 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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A. Yes. There are “competing” diseases!

Measles VS. Whooping cough

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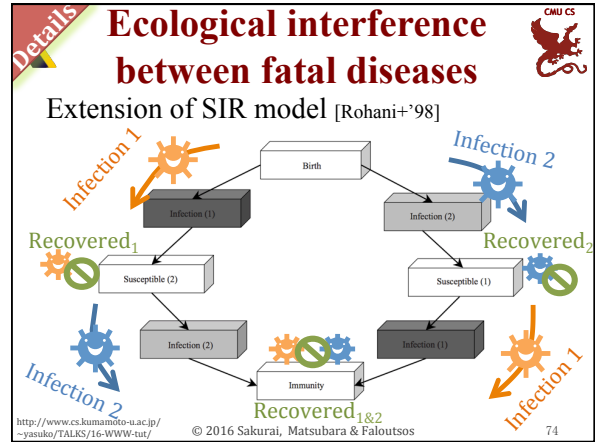
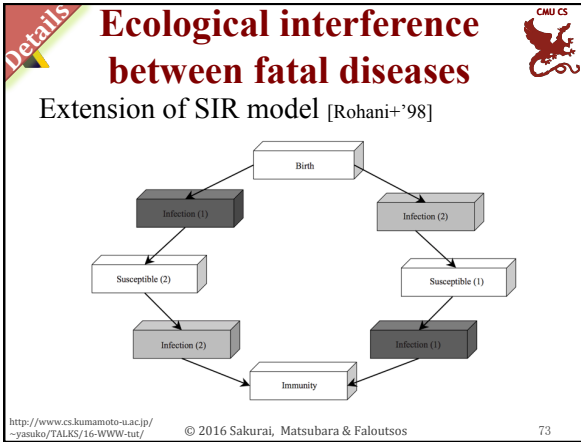
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**Biennial (opposite) cycles**

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### Ecological interference between fatal diseases

Equations for 3 disease model [Rohani+ Nature'03]

$$\frac{dS_{SSS}}{dt} = \nu N(1-p) - \mu S_{SSS} - \frac{\beta_1(t)S_{SSS}}{N}(I_{1RR} + I_{1RT} + I_{1TR} + I_{1TT}) - \frac{\beta_2(t)S_{SSS}}{N}(I_{2RR} + I_{2RT} + I_{2TR} + I_{2TT}) - \frac{\beta_3(t)S_{SSS}}{N}(I_{3RR} + I_{3RT} + I_{3TR} + I_{3TT})$$

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$$\frac{dI_{2TT}}{dt} = \frac{\beta_2(t)S_{SSS}}{N}(I_{2RR} + I_{2RT} + I_{2TR} + I_{2TT}) - (\mu + \gamma_2)I_{2TT}$$

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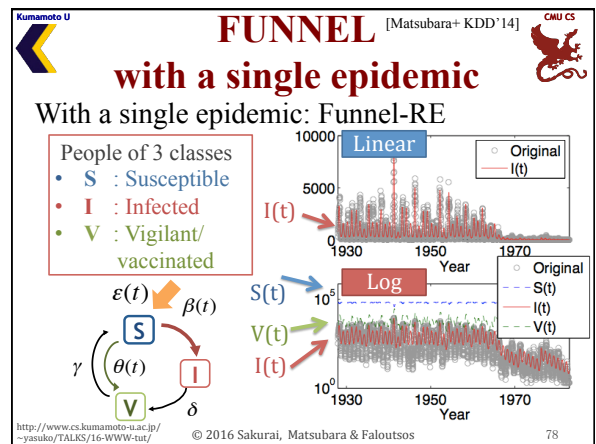
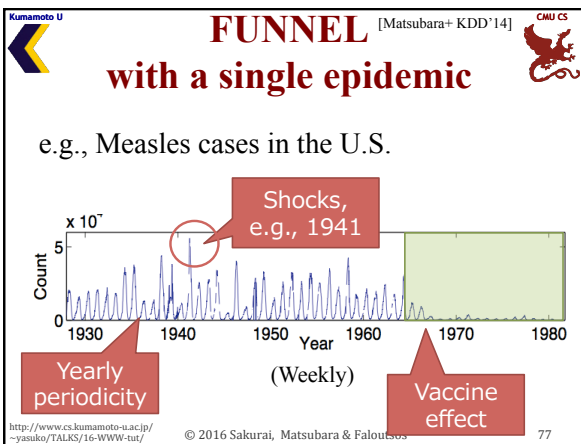
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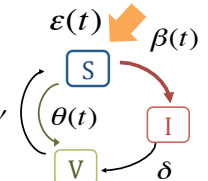
**FUNNEL** [Matsubara+ KDD'14] 

### with a single epidemic


With a single epidemic: Funnel-RE

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**S(t)** : susceptible  
**I(t)** : Infected  
**V(t)** : Vigilant /Vaccinated



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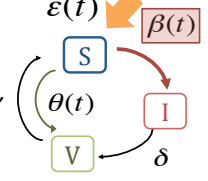
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**$\beta(t)$**  : strength of infection (yearly periodic func)  
 $\beta(t) = \beta_0 \cdot \left(1 + P_a \cdot \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{P_p}(t + P_s)\right)\right)$   
 $P_p = 52$



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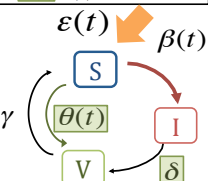
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$\delta$  : healing rate  
 $\theta(t)$  : disease reduction effect  
 $\theta(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & (t < t_\theta) \\ \theta_0 & (t \geq t_\theta) \end{cases}$



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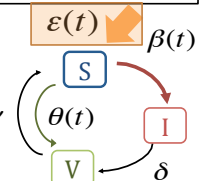
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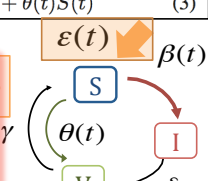
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**FUNNEL: Details @ part 3**

**$\epsilon(t)$**  : temporal susceptible rate  
**+ tensor analysis**



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**Part 2 Roadmap** 

**Problem**

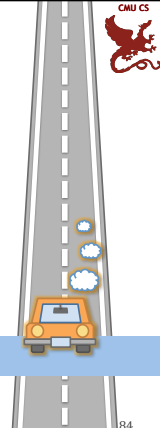
- Why: “non-linear” modeling

**Fundamentals**

- Non-linear (grey-box) models

**Applications**

- Epidemics
- Information diffusion
- Online competition



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**Information diffusion in social networks**

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**Information diffusion in social networks**

Q. How news/rumors spread in social media?

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**News spread in social media**

MemeTracker [Leskovec+ KDD'09]

- Short phrases sourced from U.S. politics in 2008

"you can put lipstick on a pig" (# of mentions in blogs)

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**News spread in social media**

- Twitter (# of hashtags per hour)
  - "#assange"
  - "#stevejobs"
- Google trend (# of queries per week)
  - "tsunami" (in 2005)
  - "harry potter" (2010 - 2011)

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**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]

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[Crane et al. PNAS'08]

- The volume of Google searches

“Tsunami” “Harry Potter movie”

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[Crane et al. PNAS'08]

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“Tsunami” (Exogenous) “Harry Potter movie” (Endogenous)

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### News spread in social media

[Crane et al. PNAS'08]

- Based on self-excited Hawkes Poisson process\*

$$\frac{dB(t)}{dt} = S(t) + \sum_{i, t_i \leq t} \mu_i \cdot \phi(t - t_i)$$

\*[Hawkes+ 1974]

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

\*[Hawkes+ 1974]

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### News spread in social media

[Crane et al. PNAS'08]

- Four classes on YouTube

Endogenous Sub-Critical Endogenous Critical Exogenous Sub-Critical Exogenous Critical

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### News spread in social media

• Four classes on YouTube [Crane et al. PNAS'08]

Endogenous

$A_{en-sc}(t) \approx \eta(t)$

$A_{en-c}(t) \approx \frac{1}{|t - t_c|^{1-2\theta}}$

Exogenous

$A_{bare}(t) \approx \frac{1}{(t - t_c)^{1+\theta}}$

$A_{ex-c}(t) \approx \frac{1}{(t - t_c)^{1-\theta}}$

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### News spread in social media

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

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### News spread in social media

Q. How many patterns are there, after all?

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### News spread in social media

A. Our answer is "ONE"!

😊 A single non-linear model! 😊

**"SpikeM"**

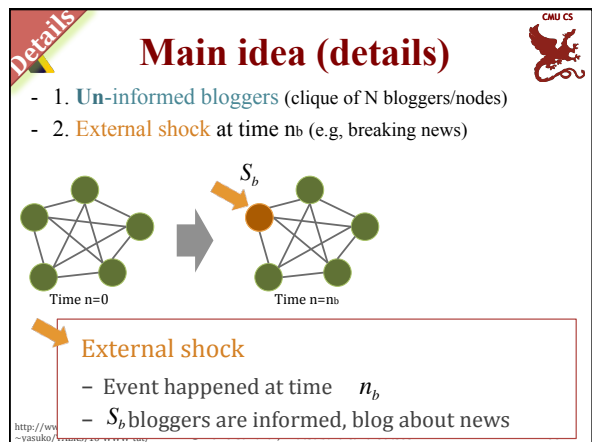
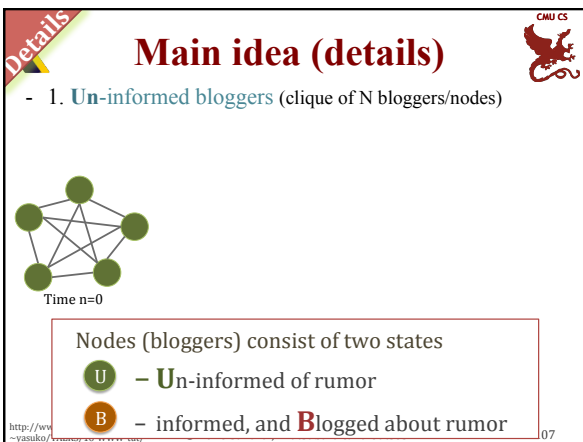
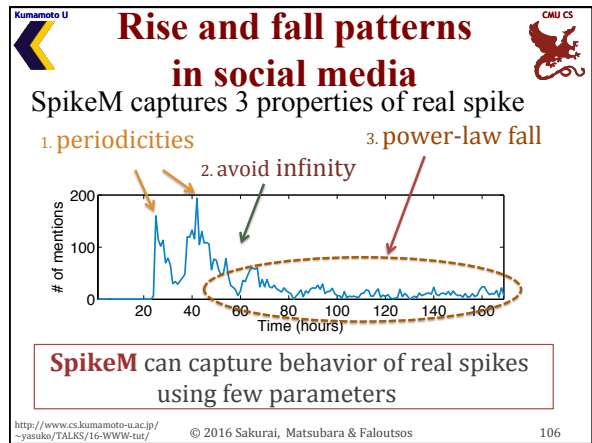
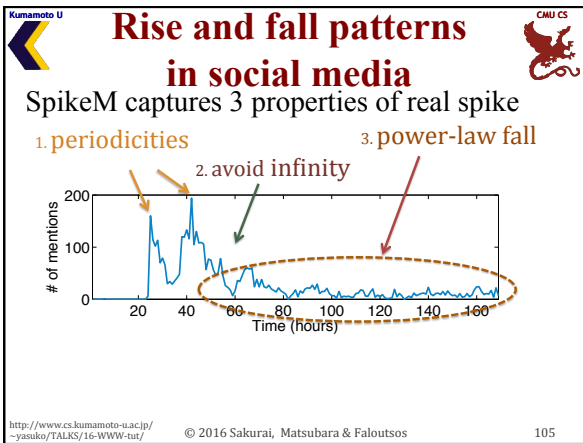
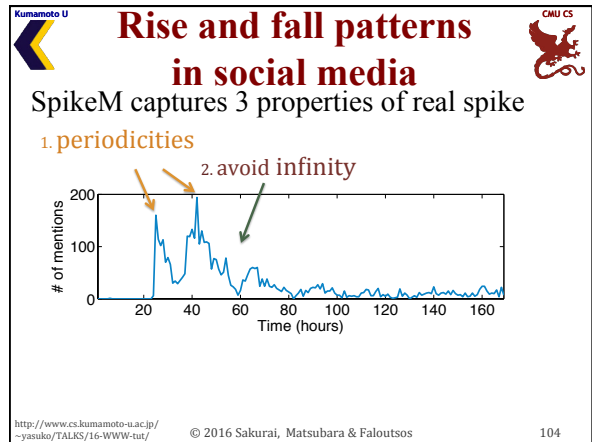
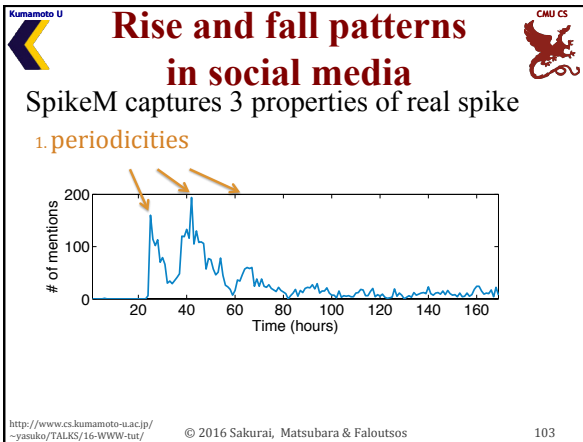
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### Rise and Fall Patterns of Information Diffusion: Model and Implications

[Matsubara+ KDD'12]

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**Main idea (details)**

- 1. **Un-informed bloggers** (clique of N bloggers/nodes)
- 2. **External shock** at time  $n_b$  (e.g. breaking news)
- 3. **Infection** (word-of-mouth effects)

**Infectiveness of a blog-post**

$\beta$  - Strength of infection (quality of news)  
 $f(n)$  - Decay function (how infective a blog posting is)

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**Decay function:**  $f(n) = \beta * n^{-1.5}$  (news)

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 $f(n)$  - Decay function (how infective a blog posting is)

**SpikeM-base (details)**

Equations of SpikeM (base)

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

**Blogged**

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

**Un-informed**

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

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**SpikeM - periodicity**

Full equation of SpikeM

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

**Blogged Periodicity**

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

**Un-informed**

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

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**Model fitting (Details)**

- SpikeM consists of 7 parameters  $\theta = \{N, \beta, n_b, S_b, \epsilon, P_a, P_s\}$

**Learning parameters**

- Given a real time sequence  $X = \{X(1), \dots, X(n), \dots, X(n_d)\}$
- Minimize the error (Levenberg-Marquardt (LM) fitting)

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

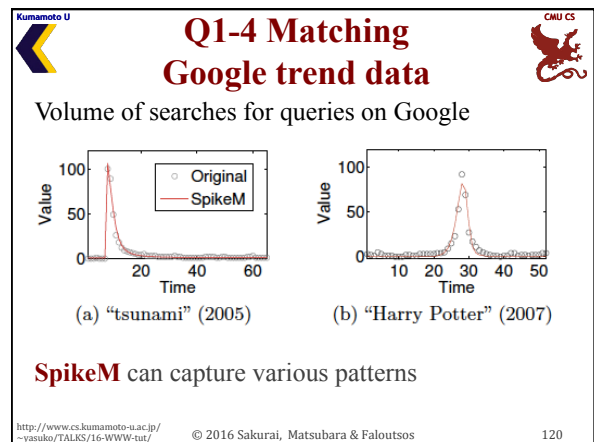
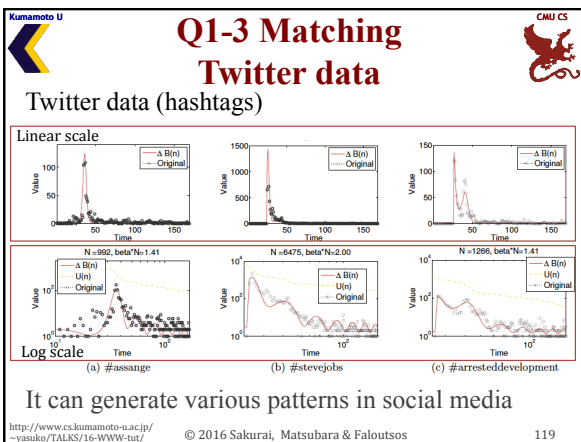
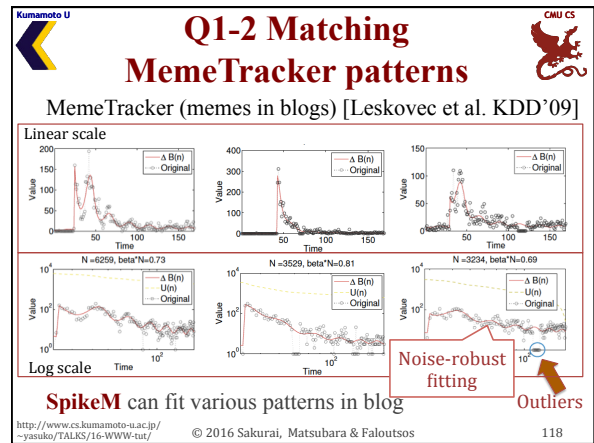
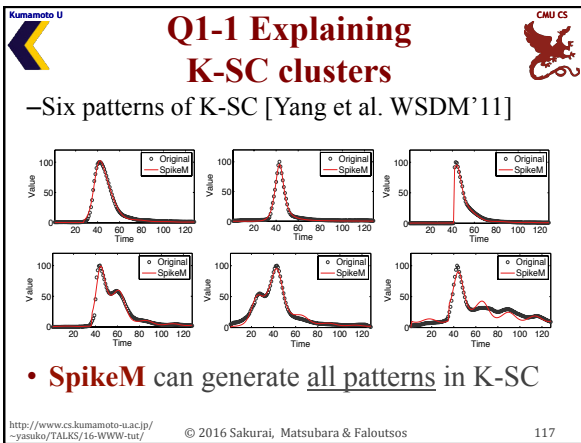
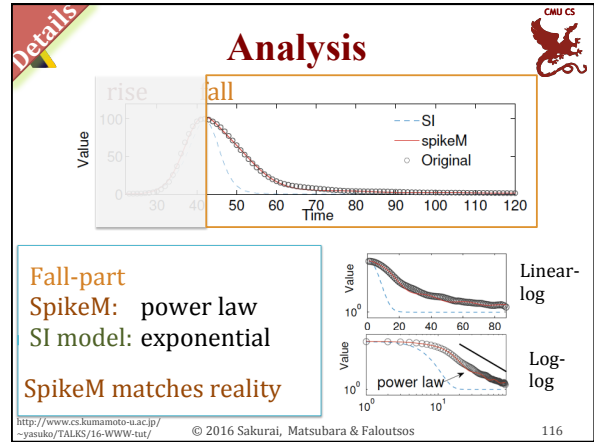
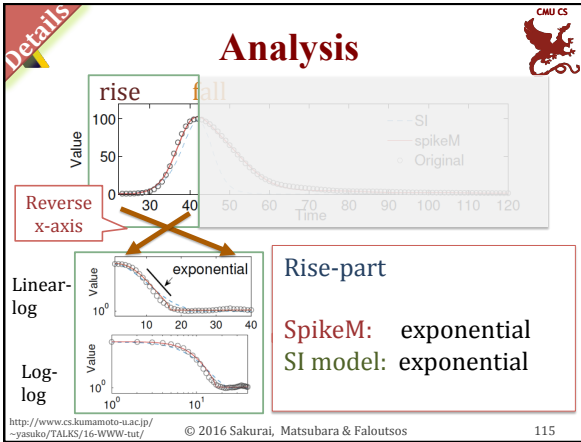
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**Analysis**

SpikeM matches reality  
 exponential rise and power-law fall

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

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### Q2 Tail-part forecasts

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

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

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

**SpikeM can forecast upcoming spikes!**

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### A2. Outlier detection

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

**Another earthquake**

**One year after Indian Ocean earthquake**

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### 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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**Observation 1**  
**Total population N is almost same**  
 $N = 1,000 \sim 2,000$

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**A3. Reverse engineering**

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

(a) MemeTracker

(b) Twitter

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**A3. Reverse engineering**

SpikeM provide an intuitive explanation

**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)

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**Part 2 Roadmap**

**Problem**

- Why: "non-linear" modeling

**Fundamentals**

- Non-linear (grey-box) models

**Applications**

- Epidemics
- Information diffusion

– Online competition

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**Online competition in social networks**

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**Online competition in social networks**

**Q. How can we describe "virtual competition"?**

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**Online competition - roadmap**

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**Competing contagions**

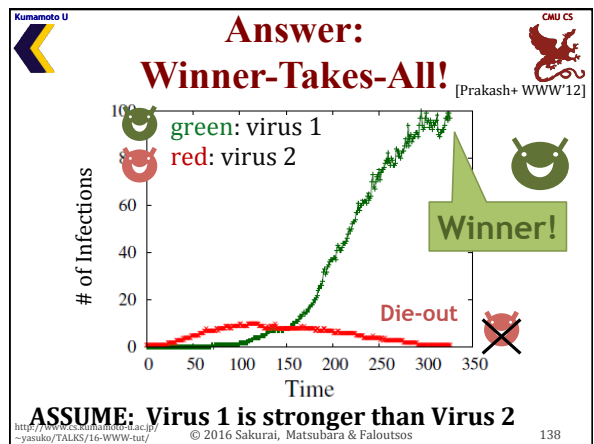
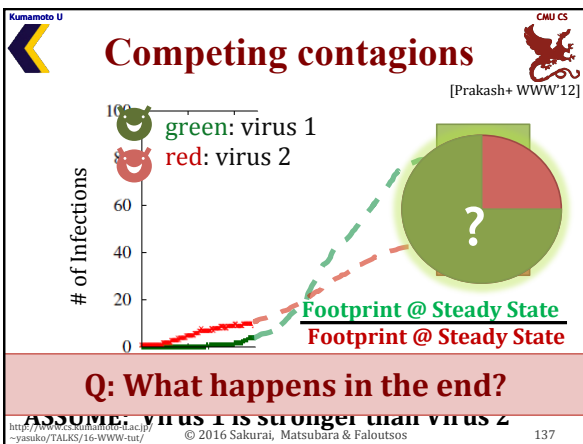
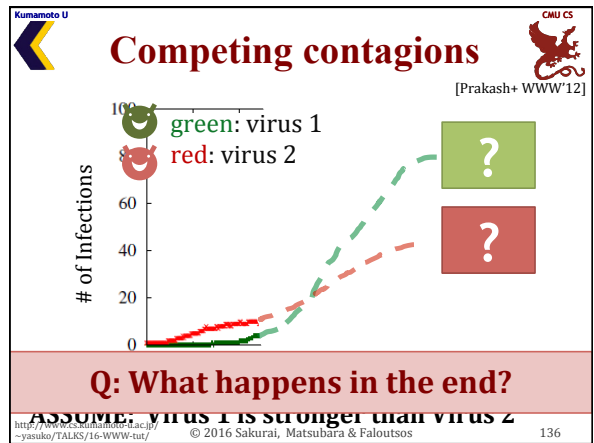
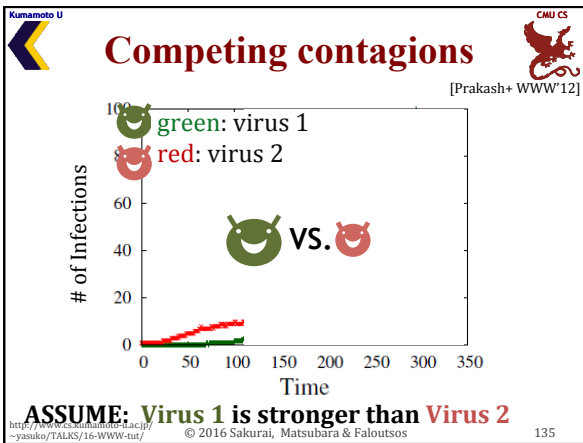
Contagions: viruses, online activities




**iPhone v Android      Blu-ray v HD-DVD**

Q. What happens when two viruses compete?

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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

Virus 1 Virus 2

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### Result: Winner-Takes-All

[Prakash+ WWW'12]

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

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

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### Real Examples of “WTA”

[Prakash+ WWW'12]

[Google Search Trends data]

Reddit v Digg

Blu-Ray v HD-DVD

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### Interacting Viruses: Can Both Survive?

[Prakash+ WWW'12]

Real example of “co-existence”

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Hulu v Blockbuster

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Chrome v Firefox

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

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

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**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**

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**Answer: Yes!**  
There is a phase transition

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**Result:**  
Viruses can Co-exist

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

- The stronger survives only if it is above threshold
- Virus 1 is stronger than Virus 2, if:  $\text{strength}(\text{Virus 1}) > \text{strength}(\text{Virus 2})$
- Strength(Virus)  $\sigma = N \beta / \delta$

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[Matsubara+ WWW'15]

**The Web as a Jungle: Non-Linear Dynamical Systems for Co-evolving Online Activities**

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**Given: online user activities**  
 e.g., Google search volumes for Xbox, PlayStation, Wii, Android

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**Q. Any trends?**

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**1. Exponential growth**

**Wii** **Android**

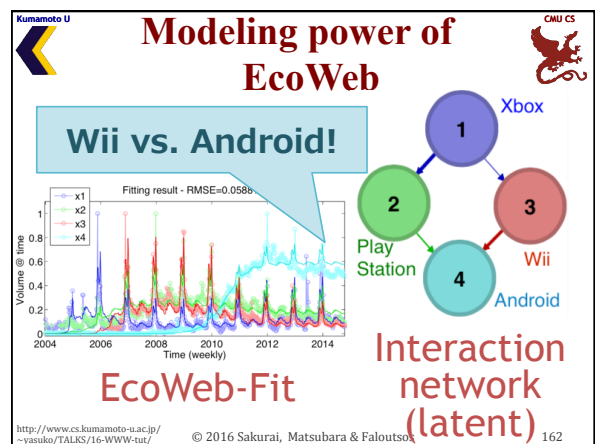
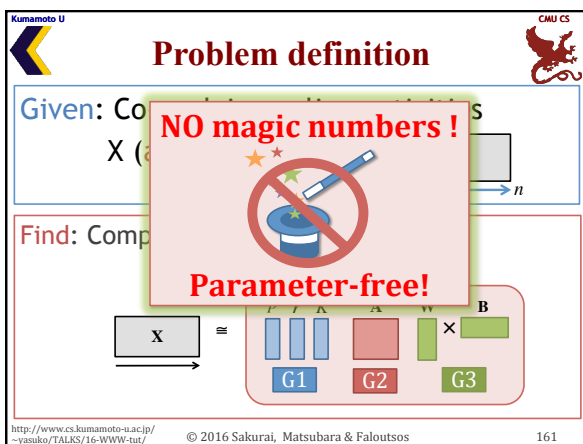
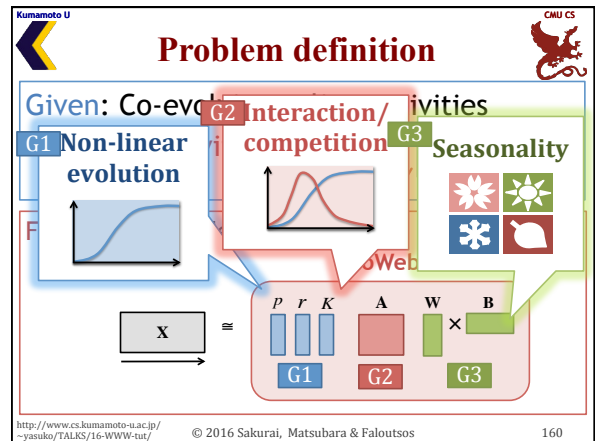
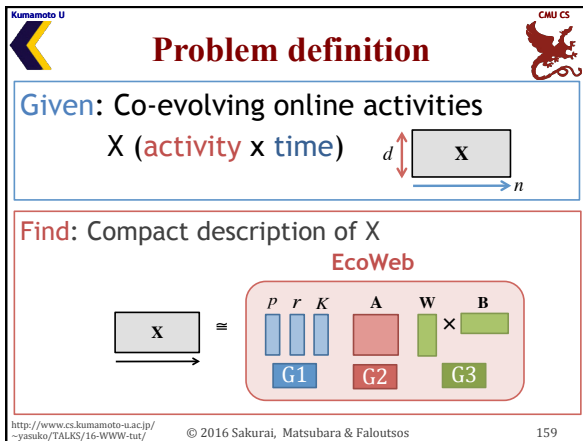
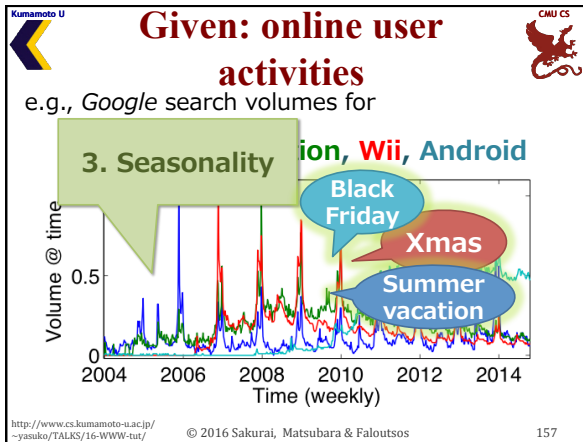
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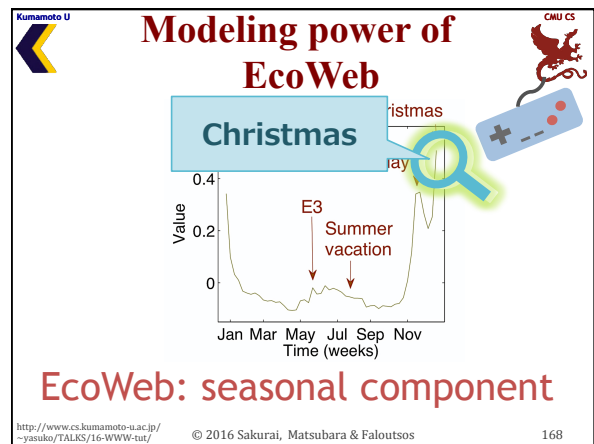
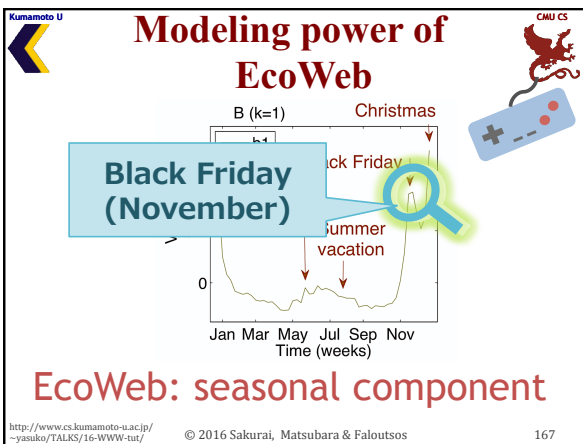
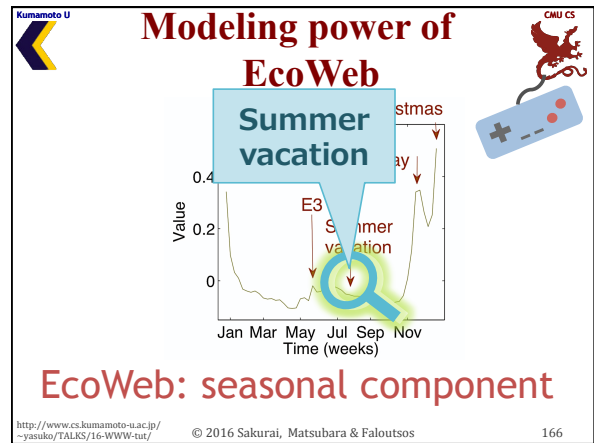
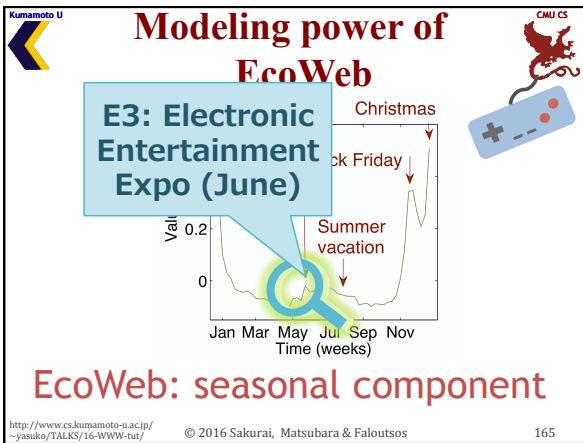
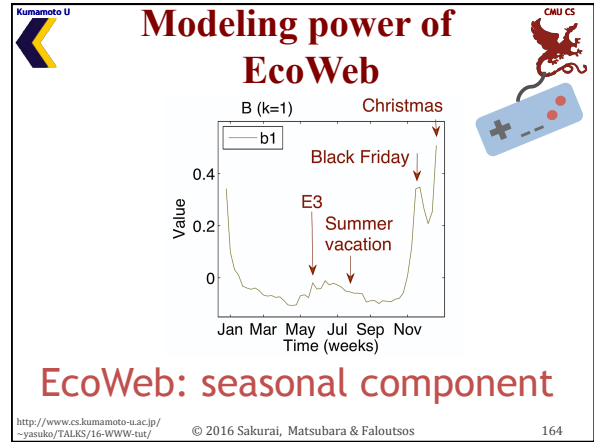
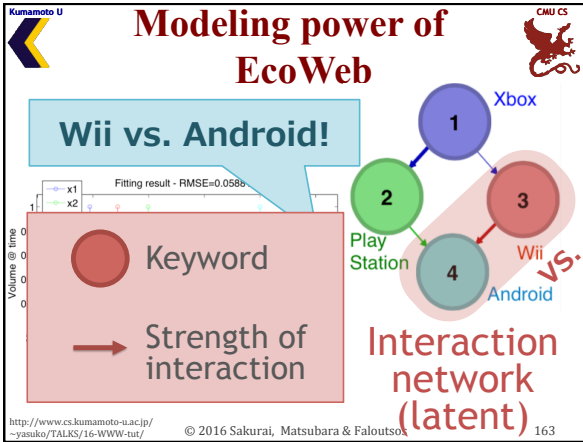
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**2. (Hidden) interaction between keywords**

**Android** **Wii**

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**Problem definition**

Given: Co-evolving online activities  
 $X$  (activity x time)  $\xrightarrow{d}$   $X$   $\xrightarrow{n}$

Find: Compact description of  $X$

**EcoWeb**

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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)

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**The Web as a jungle**

**Ecosystem on the Web**

**Ecosystem in the Jungle**

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**Ecosystem on the Web**

**Biological species** ↔ **Online activities**

**Food resources** ↔ **User resources**

**Population** ↔ **Popularity**

**Climate/season** ↔ **Annual events (e.g., Xmas)**

**Jungle** ↔ **Web**

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

**Non-linear evolution** = **Interaction/competition** + **Seasonality**

**A. Web as a jungle!**

**G1** **G2** **G3**

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**G1: EcoWeb-individual**

Popularity size increases over time

**Jungle**: Species + Foods → eat → Species + Foods

**Web**: Keywords + Users → attract → Keywords + Users

$t=0$   $t=1$   $t=2$

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**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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Non-linear evolution = Interaction/competition = Seasonality

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G1 G2 G3

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**G2: EcoWeb-interaction**

Interaction between multiple keywords

Species VS. Keywords

share VS. share

Food resources VS. User resources

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Interaction between multiple keywords

Popularity of keyword  $i$       Popularity of  $j$

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

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

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

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### G3: EcoWeb-seasonality

“Hidden” seasonal activities

Season/  
Climate

Seasonal  
events

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“Hidden” seasonal activities

Users change their behavior according to seasonal events!

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### G3: EcoWeb-seasonality

“Hidden” seasonal activities

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$$C_i(t) = P_i(t) [1 + e_i(t)] \quad (i = 1, \dots, d),$$

$$e_i(t) \simeq f(i, t | \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{B}) = \sum_{j=1}^k w_{ij} b_j(\tau) \quad (\tau = [t \bmod n_p])$$

Seasonal activities of  $i$

$\mathbf{W}$  - Participation (weight) matrix  
 $\mathbf{B}$  - Seasonality matrix

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**C: volume**

**P: latent popularity**

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**G3: EcoWeb-seasonality**

**E: seasonality**

$$d \times n = d \times k \times n_p$$

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

EcoWeb

$$X \simeq \begin{matrix} p & r & K & A & W & B \\ \text{G1} & \text{G2} & \text{G3} & & \times & \end{matrix}$$

Full parameters

$$\mathcal{S} = \{p, r, K, A, W, B\}$$

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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?

EcoWeb

$$X \simeq \begin{matrix} p & r & K & A & W & B \\ \text{G1} & \text{G2} & \text{G3} & & \times & \end{matrix}$$

Idea (2): Multi-step fitting

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**Idea (1): Seasonal component analysis**

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

EcoWeb

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$\mathbf{W} \times \mathbf{B}$   
opt  $k$  = ?

Idea (1):

- Seasonal component detection
- Automatic component analysis

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Details @ part1

ICA

MDL

Data ( $X$ )

Ideal model ( $M$ )

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**Idea (1): Seasonal component analysis**

Idea(1-a) Seasonal component detection

**E**  $d=2$

Time (1, ... n)

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**Idea (1): Seasonal component analysis**

Idea(1-a) Seasonal component detection

**E**  $d=2$

Split

$\hat{E}$   $d \times n/n_p$

Time (1, ... n)

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**Idea (1): Seasonal component analysis**

Idea(1-a) Seasonal component detection

**E**  $d=2$

Independent components

Time (1, ... n)

$\hat{E}$   $d \times n/n_p$

**B**  $k=2$

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**Idea (1): Seasonal component analysis**

Idea(1-b) Automatic component analysis

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

$d$ : dimension

**E: seasonality**  $d \times n$

$d \times n = d \times k \times n_p \times k$

**B**  $k=?$

opt  $k=?$

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**Idea (1): Seasonal component analysis**

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

$\min ( \text{Cost}_M(S) + \text{Cost}_C(X|S) )$

Model cost      Coding cost

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
k

Good compression      Good description

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**Idea (1): Seasonal component analysis**

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

$\text{Cost}_T(X; S) = \log^*(d) + \log^*(n) + \text{Cost}_M(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{K}) + \text{Cost}_M(\mathbf{A}) + \text{Cost}_M(k, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{B}) + \text{Cost}_C(X|S)$

$k_{opt} = \arg \min_k \text{Cost}_T(X; S)$

Good compression      Good description

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**Idea (1): Seasonal component analysis**

Idea(1-b) Automatic component analysis

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

$W \times B$   
 opt  $k$ =?

**B**  $k=1$   $k=2$   $k=3$

Cost(1) = \$\$ Cost(2) = \$ Cost(3) = \$\$\$

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**Idea (2): EcoWeb-Fit**

Q2. How can we efficiently estimate model parameters?

EcoWeb

$X \equiv \begin{matrix} p & r & K & A & W & B \\ \hline G1 & & & G2 & \times & G3 \end{matrix}$

Idea (2): Multi-step fitting

a. StepFit (sub)  
 b. EcoWeb-Fit (full)

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**Idea (2): EcoWeb-Fit**

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

Step A  $X \rightarrow \begin{matrix} p & r & K & A & W & B \\ \hline G1 & & & G2 & \times & G3 \end{matrix}$

Step B  $X \rightarrow \begin{matrix} p & r & K & A & W & B \\ \hline G1 & & & G2 & \times & G3 \end{matrix}$

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**Idea (2): EcoWeb-Fit**

(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

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**Experiments**

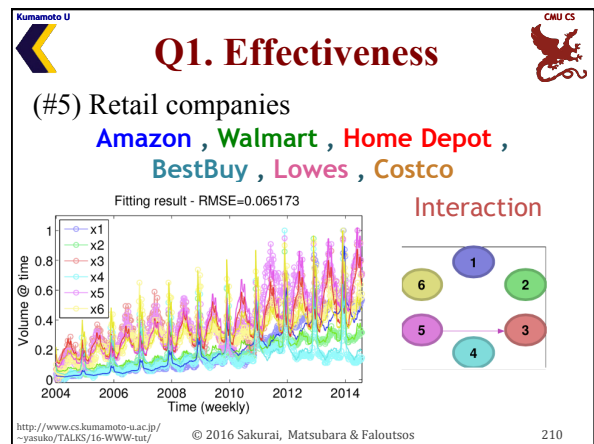
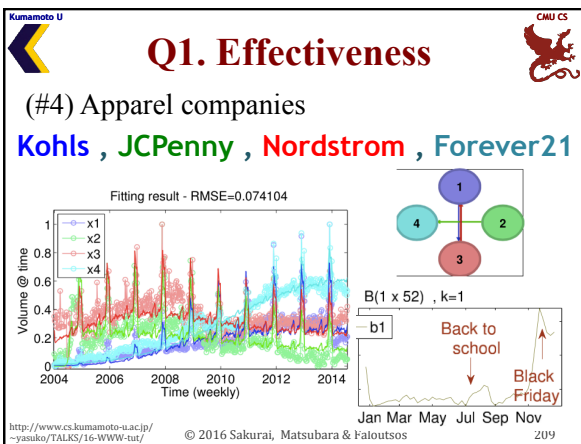
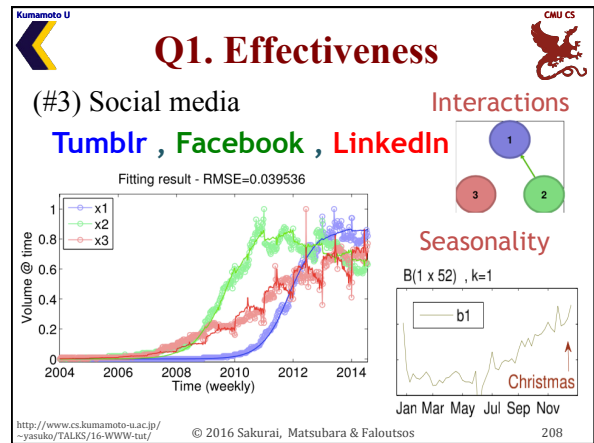
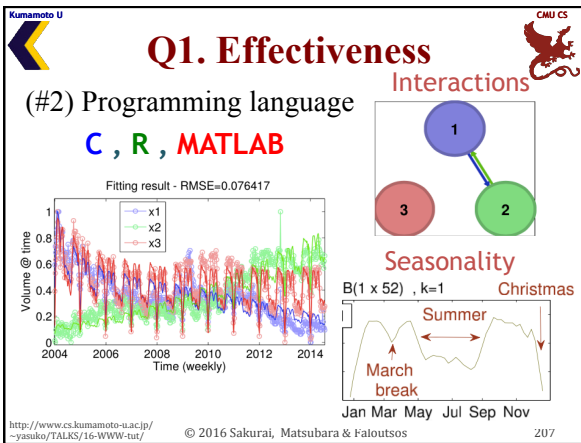
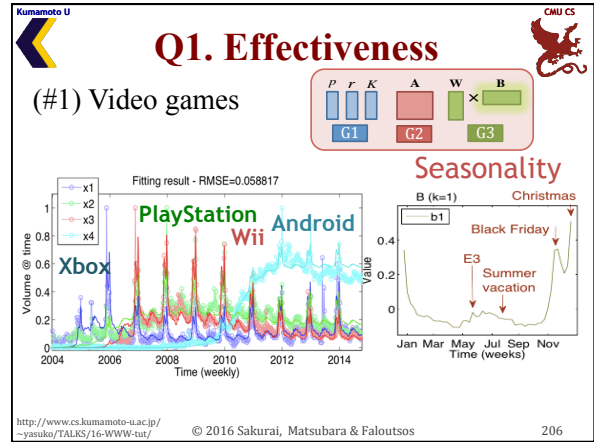
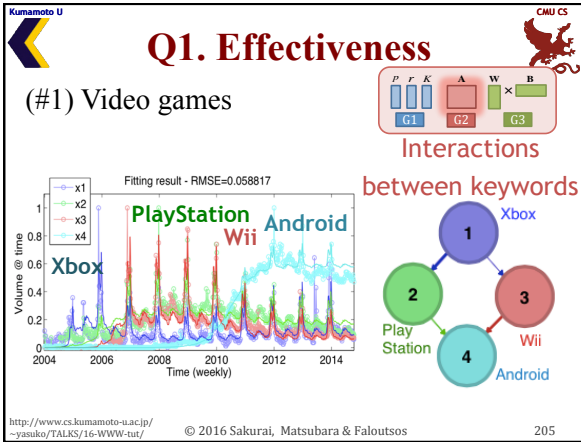
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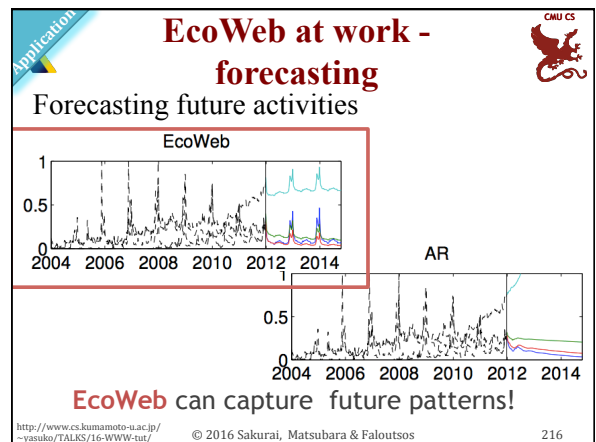
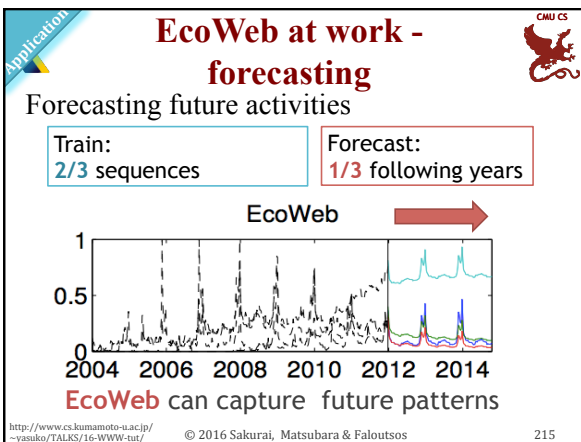
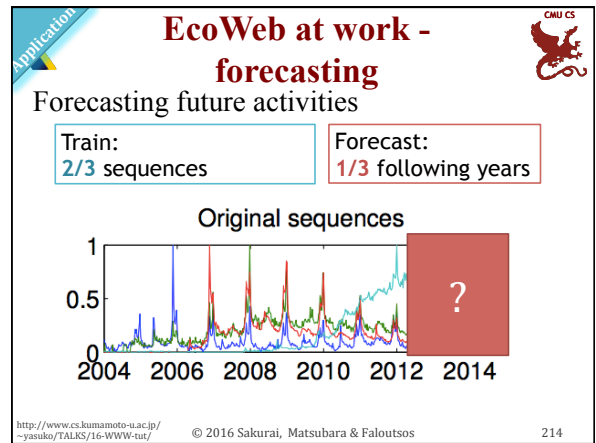
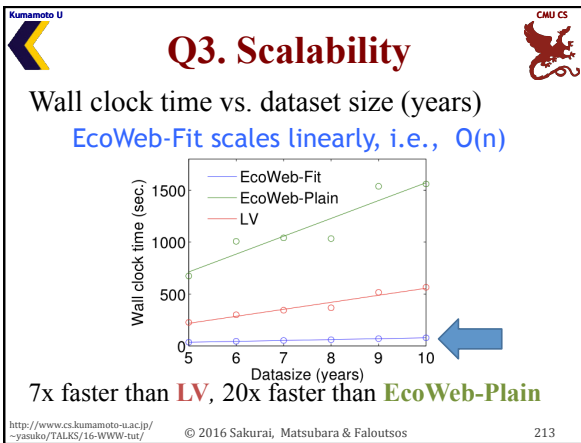
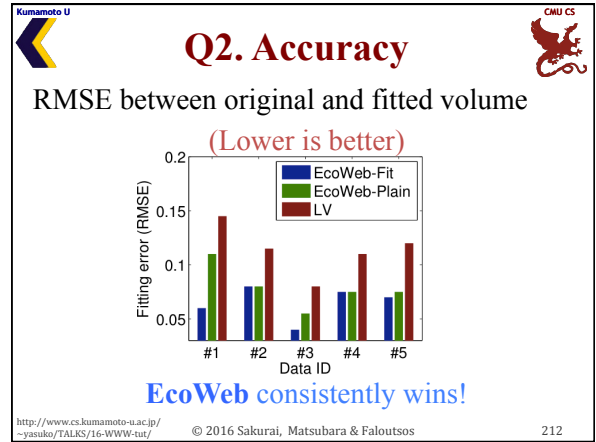
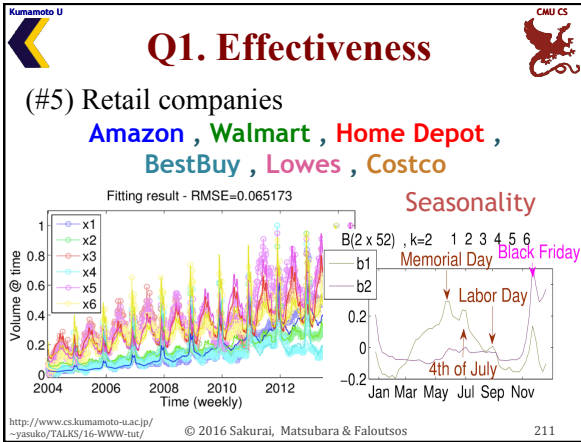
Q1. Effectiveness  
 How successful is it in spotting patterns?

Q2. Accuracy  
 How well does it match the data?

Q3. Scalability  
 How does it scale in terms of computational time?

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### EcoWeb at work - forecasting

Forecasting future activities

(b) Programming languages (#2) (c) Apparel companies (#4)

**EcoWeb can capture future patterns!**

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### Part 2 Roadmap

**Problem**

- Why: “non-linear” modeling

**Fundamentals**

- Non-linear (grey-box) models

**Applications**

- Epidemics
- Information diffusion
- Online competition

**Goal!**

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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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