

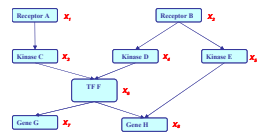
Applications in IR — Probabilistic Topic Models

Probabilistic Graphical Models (10-708)

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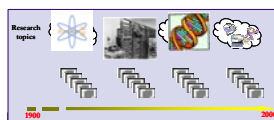
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NLP and Data Mining



We want:

- Semantic-based search
- infer topics and categorize documents
- Multimedia inference
- Automatic translation
- Predict how topics evolve
- ...



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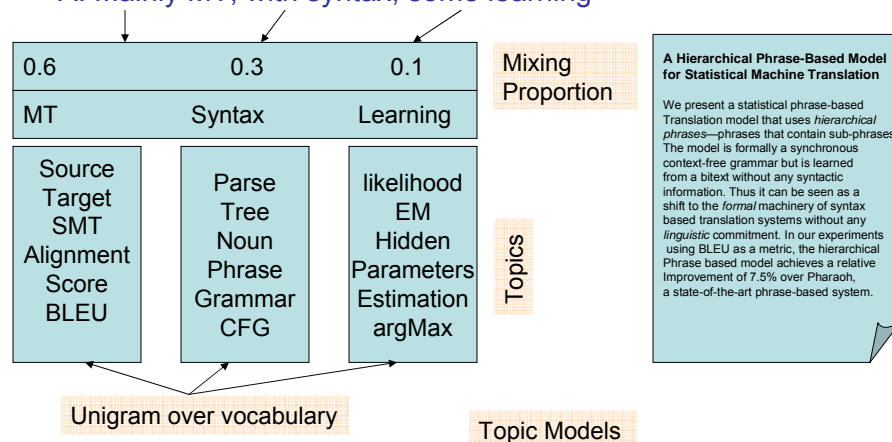
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 - Bayesian admixture models
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 - Machine translation
 - Multimedia inference

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How to Model Semantic?

- Q: What is it about?
- A: Mainly MT, with syntax, some learning



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Why this is Useful?

- Q: What is it about?
- A: Mainly MT, with syntax, some learning

0.6	0.3	0.1
MT	Syntax	Learning

Mixing
Proportion

A Hierarchical Phrase-Based Model for Statistical Machine Translation

We present a statistical phrase-based Translation model that uses *hierarchical phrases*—phrases that contain sub-phrases. The model is formally a synchronous context-free grammar but is learned from a bitext without any syntactic information. Thus it can be seen as a shift to the *formal* machinery of syntax based translation systems without any *linguistic* commitment. In our experiments using BLEU as a metric, the hierarchical Phrase based model achieves a relative Improvement of 7.5% over Pharaoh, a state-of-the-art phrase-based system.

- Q: give me similar document?
 - Structured way of browsing the collection
- Other tasks
 - Dimensionality reduction
 - TF-IDF vs. topic mixing proportion
 - Classification, clustering, and more ...

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Words in Contexts

- “It was a nice **shot**. ”



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Words in Contexts (con'd)

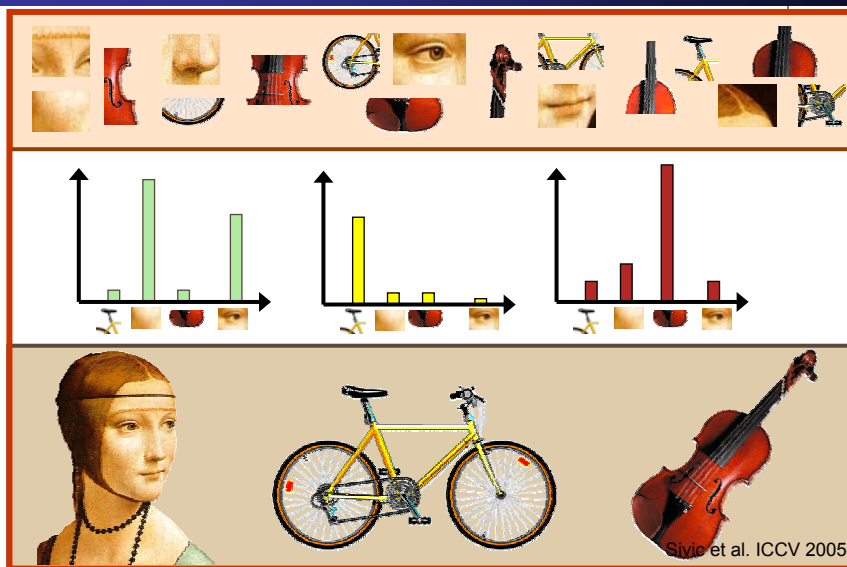
- the opposition Labor **Party** fared even worse, with a predicted 35 **seats**, seven less than last **election**.



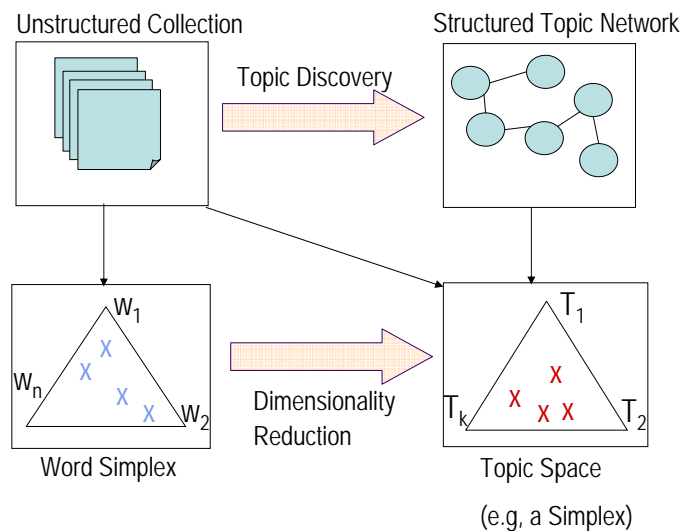
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"Words" in Contexts (con'd)



Topic Models: The Big Picture



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Method One:



- **Hierarchical Bayesian Admixture**

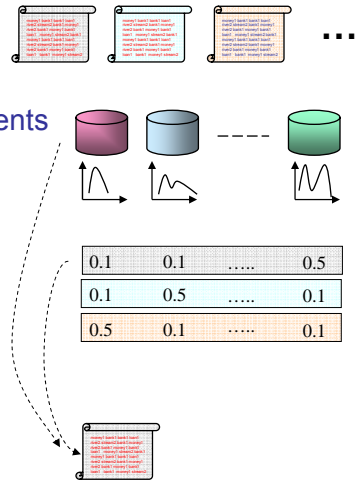
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Admixture Models

- Objects are **bags** of elements
- Mixtures are **distributions** over elements
- Objects have **mixing vector** θ
 - Represents each mixtures' contributions
- Object is **generated** as follows:
 - Pick a mixture component from θ
 - Pick an element from that component



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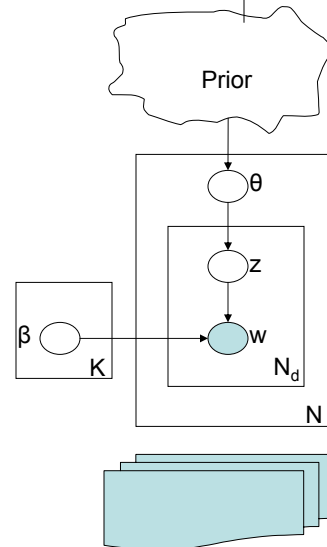
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Topic Models = Admixture Models

Generating a document

- Draw θ from the prior
- For each word n
- Draw z_n from $\text{multinomial}(\theta)$
 - Draw $w_n \mid z_n, \{\beta_{t,k}\}$ from $\text{multinomial}(\beta_{z_n})$

Which prior to use?

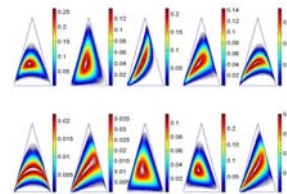
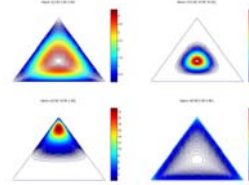


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Prior Comparison

- Dirichlet (LDA) (Blei et al. 2003)
 - Conjugate prior means efficient inference
 - Can **only** capture variations in each topic's intensity **independently**
- Logistic Normal (CTM=LoNTAM) (Blei & Lafferty 2005, Ahmed & Xing 2006)
 - Capture the intuition that some topics are highly correlated and can rise up in intensity together
 - **Not** a conjugate prior implies **hard** inference

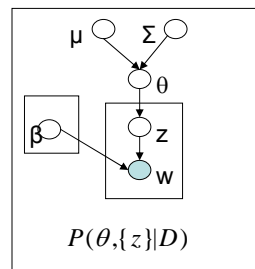


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Approximate Inference

(e.g., MF, Jordan et al 1999, GMF, Xing et al 2004)

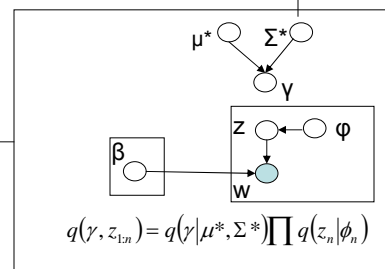


Σ^* is full matrix

Multivariate Quadratic Approx.

Closed Form Solution for μ^* , Σ^*

Ahmed&Xing



Σ^* is assumed to be diagonal

Tangent Approx.

Numerical Optimization to fit μ^* , $\text{Diag}(\Sigma^*)$

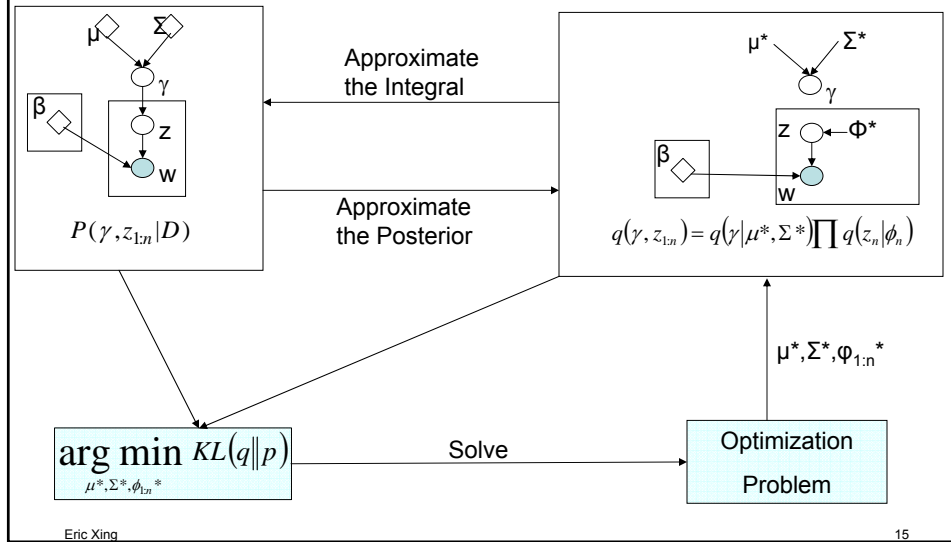
Blei&Lafferty

$$\log \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^{K-1} e^{\gamma_i} \right)$$

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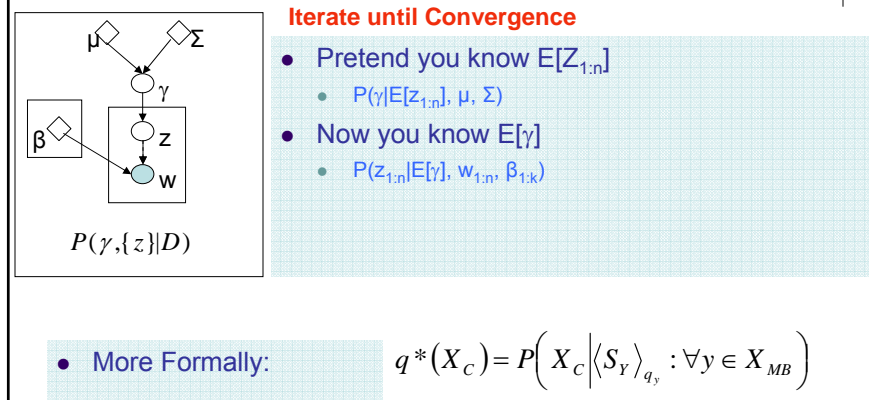
Variational Inference



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Variational Inference With no Tears



Message Passing Scheme (GMF)

Equivalent to previous method (Xing et. al.2003)

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LoNTAM Variations Inference

- Fully Factored Distribution

$$q(\gamma, z_{1:n}) = q(\gamma) \prod q(z_n)$$

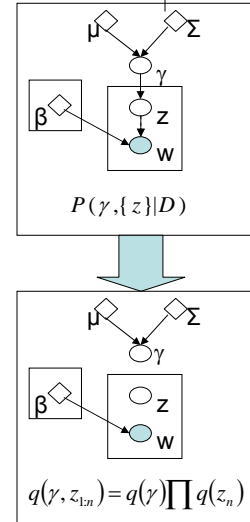
- Two clusters: λ and $Z_{1:n}$

$$q^*(X_C) = P\left(X_C \left| \langle S_Y \rangle_{q_Y} : \forall y \in X_{MB} \right.\right)$$

- Fixed Point Equations

$$q_\gamma^*(\gamma) = P\left(\gamma \left| \langle S_z \rangle_{q_z}, \mu, \Sigma \right.\right)$$

$$q_z^*(z) = P\left(z \left| \langle S_\gamma \rangle_{q_\gamma}, \beta_{1:k} \right.\right)$$



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Variational γ

$$q_\lambda^*(\gamma) = P\left(\gamma \left| \langle S_z \rangle_{q_z}, \mu, \Sigma \right.\right)$$

$$\propto P(\gamma | \mu, \Sigma) P\left(\langle S_z \rangle_{q_z} | \gamma\right)$$

Now what is $\langle S_z \rangle_{q_z}$?

$$S_z = m = \left[\sum_n I(z_n = 1), \dots, \sum_n I(z_n = k) \right]$$

$$\propto N(\gamma | \mu, \Sigma) \exp\left\{ \langle m \rangle_{q_z} \gamma - N \times C(\gamma) \right\}$$

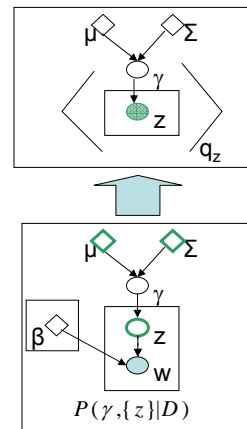
$$\propto \exp\left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \gamma' \Sigma^{-1} \gamma + \gamma \Sigma^{-1} \mu + \langle m \rangle_{q_z} \gamma - N \times C(\gamma) \right\}$$

$$C(\gamma) = C(\gamma_\wedge) + g_\lambda' (\gamma - \gamma_\wedge) + .5 (\lambda - \gamma_\wedge)' H (\gamma - \gamma_\wedge)$$

$$q_\lambda^*(\gamma) = N(\mu_\gamma, \Sigma_\gamma)$$

$$\Sigma_\gamma = \text{inv}(\Sigma^{-1} + NH)$$

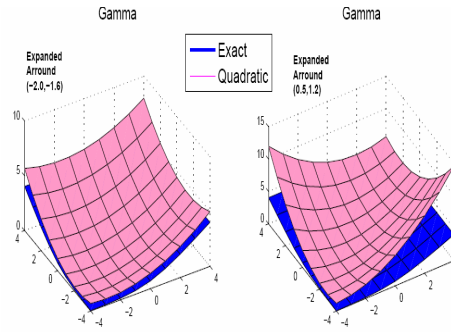
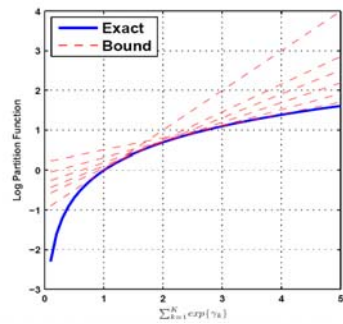
$$\mu_\gamma = \Sigma_\gamma (\Sigma^{-1} \mu + NH \gamma_\wedge + \langle m \rangle - Ng)$$



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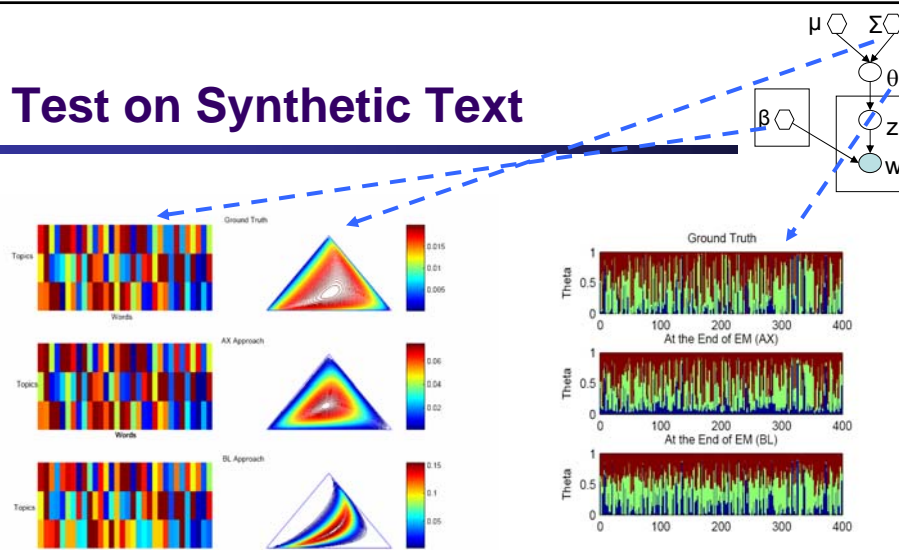
Tangent Approximation



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Test on Synthetic Text



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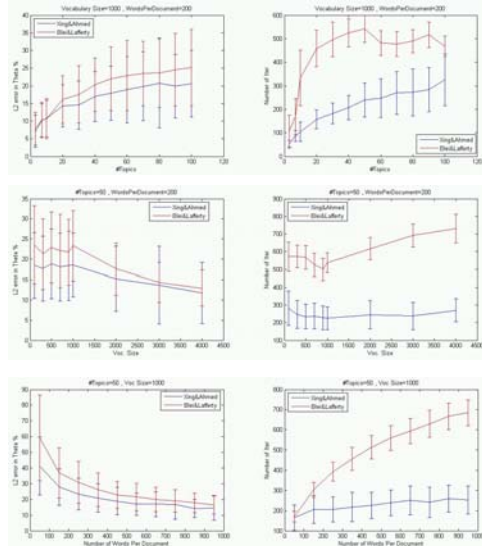
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Comparison: accuracy and speed



L2 error in topic vector est.
and # of iterations

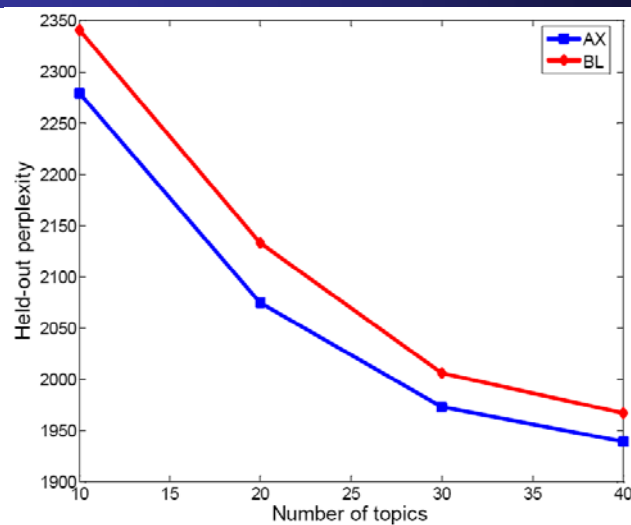
- Varying Num. of Topics
- Varying Voc. Size
- Varying Num. Words Per Document



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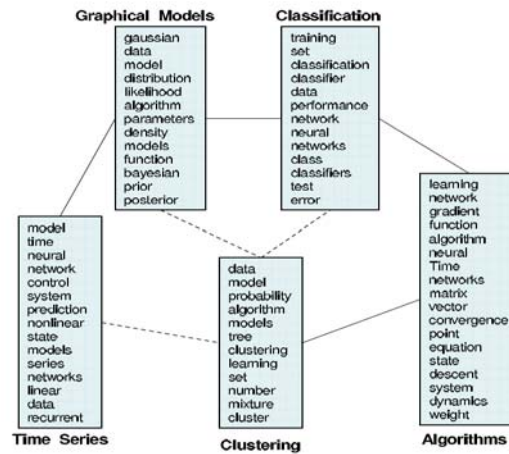
Comparison: perplexity



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Topics and topic graphs



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Result on PNAS collection

- PNAS abstracts from 1997-2002
 - 2500 documents
 - Average of 170 words per document
- Fitted 40-topics model using both approaches
- Use low dimensional representation to predict the abstract category
 - Use SVM classifier
 - 85% for training and 15% for testing

Classification Accuracy

Category	Doc	BL	AX
Genetics	21	61.9	61.9
Biochemistry	86	65.1	77.9
Immunology	24	70.8	66.6
Biophysics	15	53.3	66.6
Total	146	64.3	72.6

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Method Two:

- Layered Boltzmann machines

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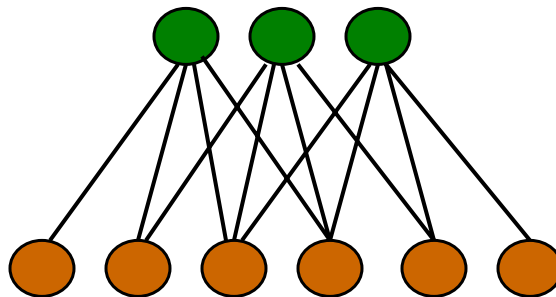
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The Harmonium

hidden units

visible units



Boltzmann machines:

$$p(x, h | \theta) = \exp \left\{ \sum_i \theta_i \phi_i(x_i) + \sum_j \theta_j \phi_j(h_j) + \sum_{i,j} \theta_{i,j} \phi_{i,j}(x_i, h_j) - A(\theta) \right\}$$

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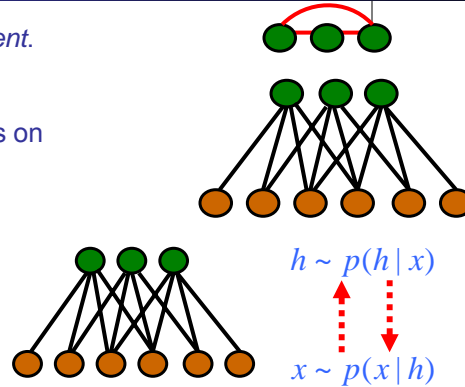
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Properties of Harmoniums

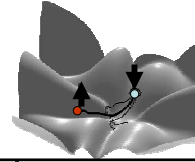
- Factors are marginally *dependent*.
- Factors are conditionally *independent* given observations on the visible nodes.

$$P(\ell | \mathbf{w}) = \prod_i P(\ell_i | \mathbf{w})$$

- Iterative Gibbs sampling.



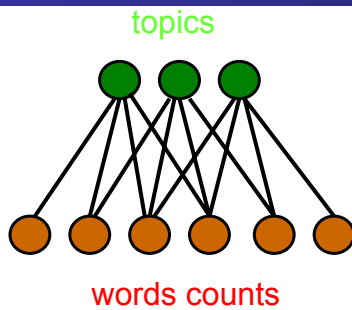
- Learning with contrastive divergence



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A Binomial Word-count Model



$h_j = 3$: topic j has strength 3

$$h_j \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \langle h_j \rangle = \sum_i W_{i,j} x_i$$

$x_i = n$: word i has count n

$$x_i \in \mathbb{I}$$

$$p(\mathbf{h} | \mathbf{x}) = \prod_j \text{Normal}_{h_j} \left[\sum_i \vec{W}_{ij} \vec{x}_i, 1 \right]$$

$$p(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{h}) = \prod_i \text{Bi}_{x_i} \left[N, \frac{\exp(\alpha_j + \sum_j W_{ij} h_j)}{1 + \exp(\alpha_j + \sum_j W_{ij} h_j)} \right]$$

$$\text{Bi}_{x_i} [N, p] = C_{x_i}^N p^{x_i} (1-p)^{N-x_i} = C_{x_i}^N \left(\frac{p}{1-p} \right)^{x_i} (1-p)^N$$

$$\text{Let } p = \frac{\exp(\alpha_j + \sum_j W_{ij} h_j)}{1 + \exp(\alpha_j + \sum_j W_{ij} h_j)},$$

$$\text{Bi}_{x_i} [N, p] = C_{x_i}^N \frac{(\exp(\alpha_j + \sum_j W_{ij} h_j))^{x_i}}{(1 + \exp(\alpha_j + \sum_j W_{ij} h_j))^N}$$

$$\propto C_{x_i}^N \exp \left\{ (\alpha_j + \sum_j W_{ij} h_j) x_i + A_i \right\}$$

Reduce to softmax when $N=1$!

$$\Rightarrow p(\mathbf{x}) \propto \exp \left\{ \left(\sum_i \alpha_i x_i - \log \Gamma(x_i) - \log \Gamma(N - x_i) \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_j \left(\sum_i W_{i,j} x_i \right)^2 \right\}$$

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The Computational Trade-off

Undirected model: Learning is hard, inference is easy.

Directed Model: Learning is "easier", inference is hard.

Example: Document Retrieval.



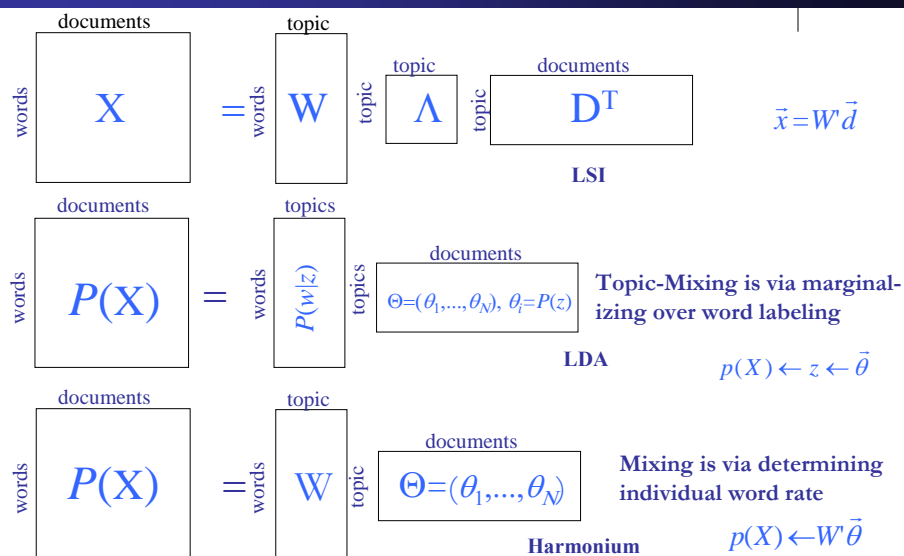
Retrieval is based on comparing (posterior) topic distributions of documents.

- directed models: inference is slow. Learning is relatively "easy".
- undirected model: inference is fast. Learning is slow but can be done offline.

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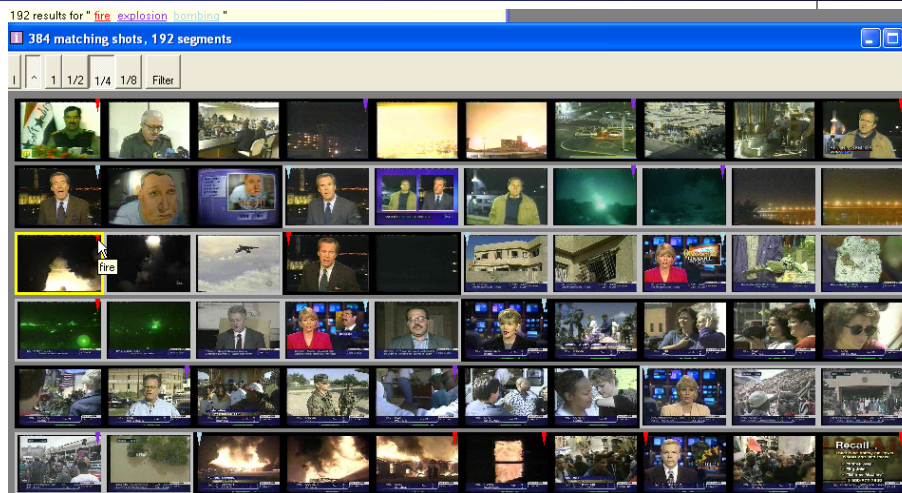
Comparison of model semantics



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Multi-Source Data

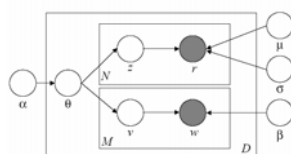


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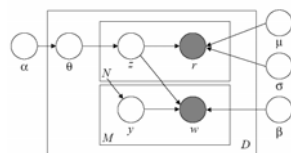
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Inter-Source Associations

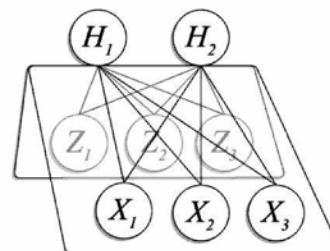


GM-LDA



Co-LDA

DWH

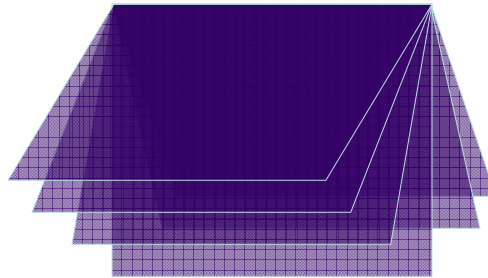


Z and X are marginally dependent
(same as GM-LDA)

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Multi-wing Harmoniums



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Learning and Inference



- Maximal likelihood learning based on gradient ascent.

$$\delta\theta_i \propto \langle f_i(x_i) \rangle_{\text{data}} - \langle f_i(x_i) \rangle_p$$

- gradient computation requires model distribution $p(\cdot)$
- $p(\cdot)$ is intractable

- Contrastive Divergence

- approximate $p(\cdot)$ with Gibbs sampling

- Variational approximation

- GMF approximation

$$q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{h}) = \prod_i q(x_i | v_i) \prod_k q(z_k | \mu_k, \sigma_k) \prod_j q(h_j | \gamma_i)$$

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Inter-source Inference

- GMF approximation to DWH

$$q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{h}) = \prod_i q(x_i | N, \nu_i) \prod_k q(z_k | \mu_k, \sigma_k) \prod_j q(z_k | \mu_k, \sigma_k)$$

- Expected mean value of topic strength:

$$\gamma_j = \sum_i W_{i,j} \nu_i + \sum_k U_{k,j} \mu_k$$

- Expected mean value of image-feature :

$$\mu_k = \sigma_k^2 \left(\beta_k + \sum_j U_{k,j} \gamma_j \right)$$






- Expected mean count

$$N \nu_i = N \frac{\exp(\alpha_j + \sum_j W_{ij} \gamma_j)}{1 + \exp(\alpha_j + \sum_j W_{ij} \gamma_j)}$$

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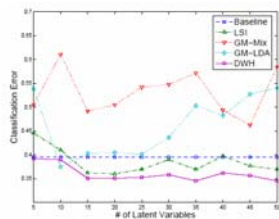
Examples of Latent Topics

T_1	storms gulf hawaii low forecast southeast showers 
T_2	rebounds 14 shouting tests guard cut hawks 
T_3	engine flying craft asteroid say hour aerodynamic 
T_4	safe cross red sure dry providing services 
T_5	losing jersey sixth antonio david york orlando 

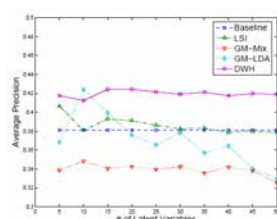
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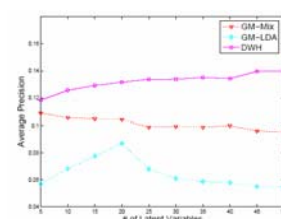
Performance



Classification



Retrieval



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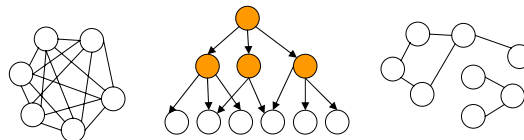


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Application 1: How to model topic correlation?



(a) CTM

(b) PAM

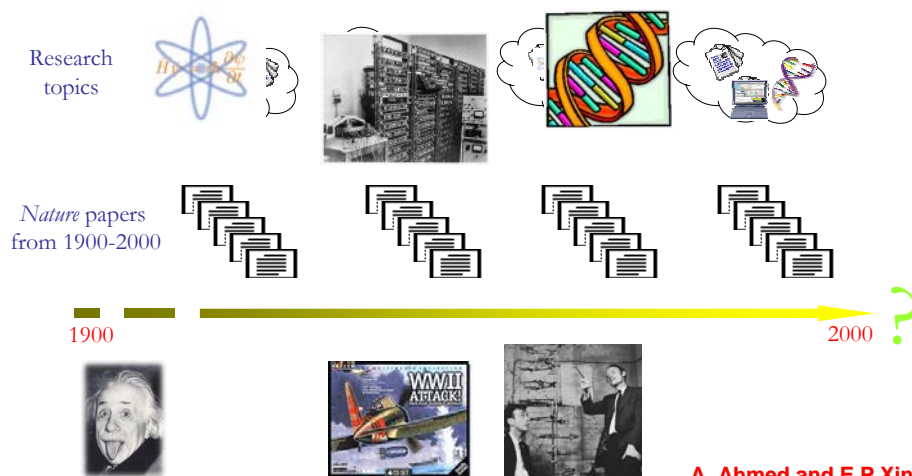
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And topic evolution?

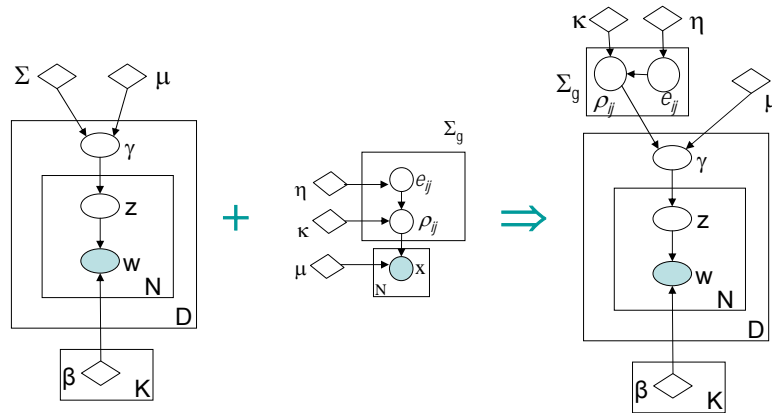


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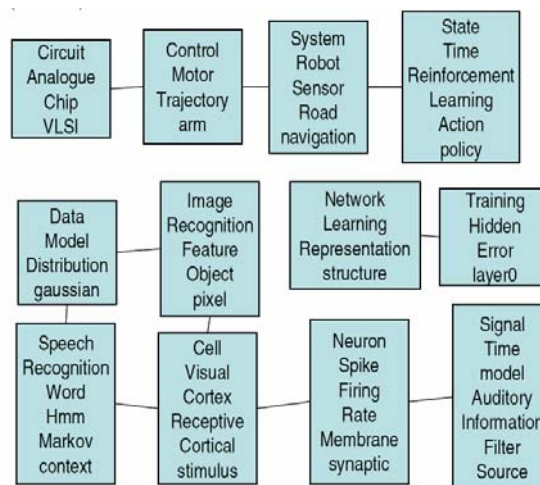
Sparse Correlated Model (SCTM)



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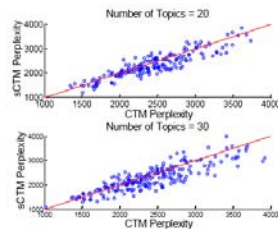
NIPS: Example Network



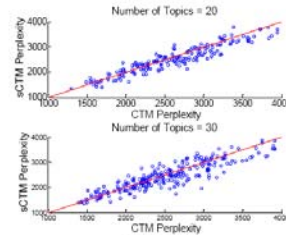
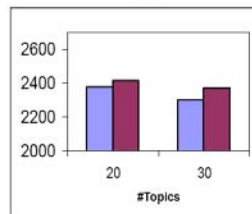
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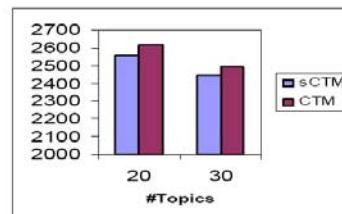
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How to Model Topic Evolution



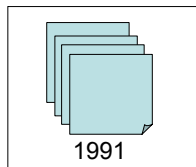
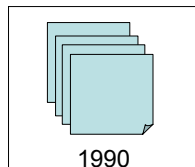
Topic Trends

Topic Keywords

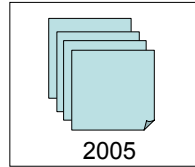
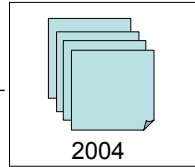
Topic correlations

~~Number of topics~~

The Dynamic Correlated Topic model



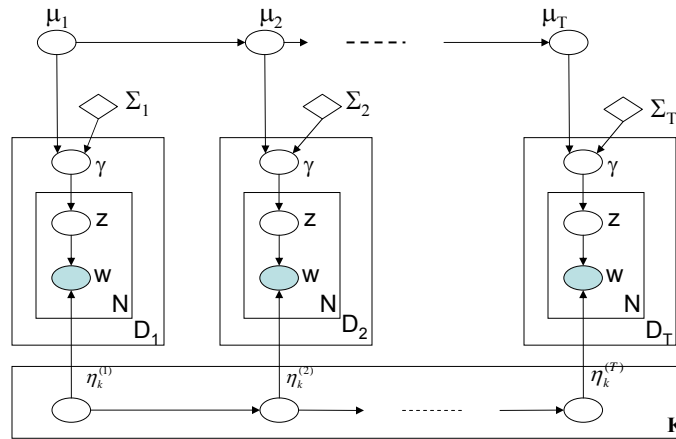
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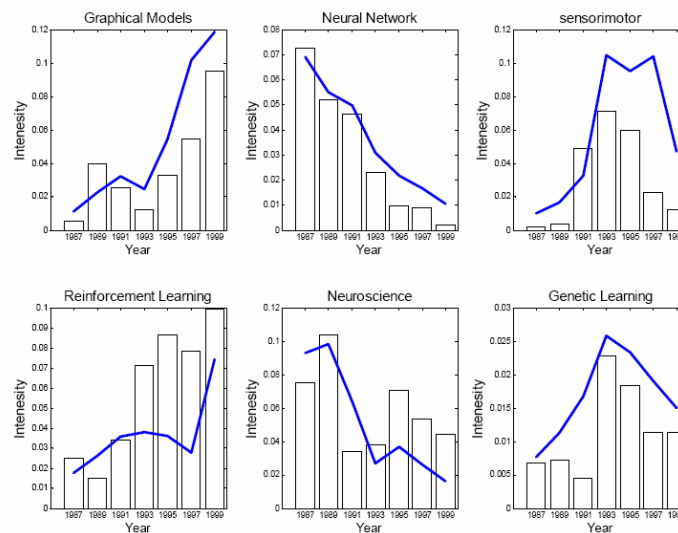
The Dynamic CTM



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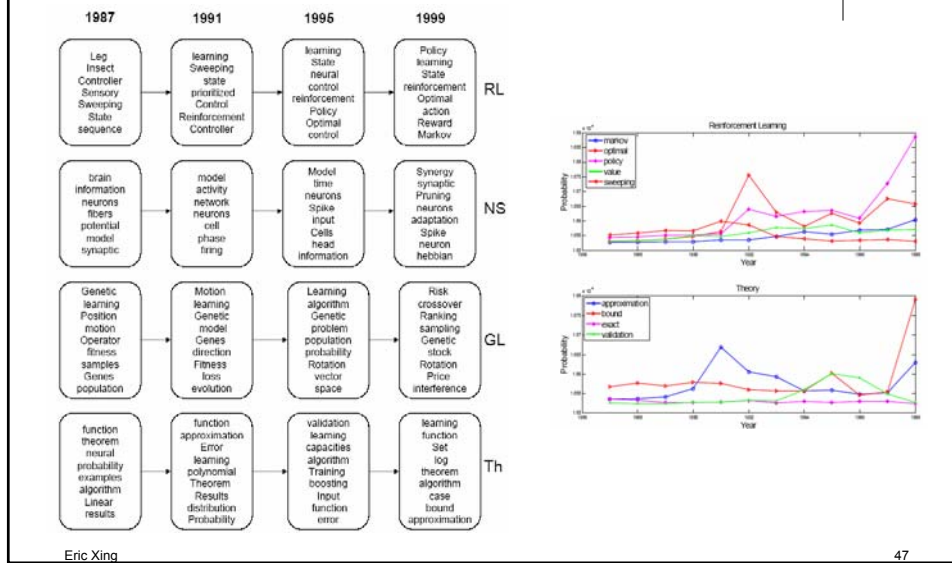
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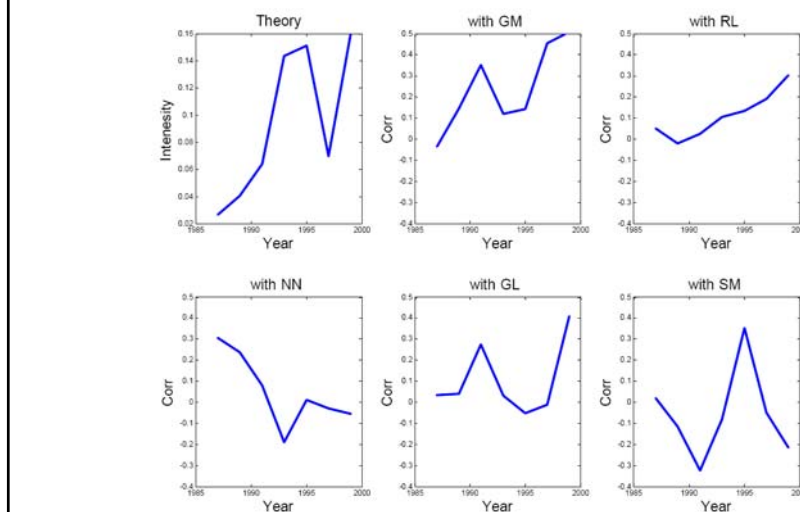
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Topic Words over Time



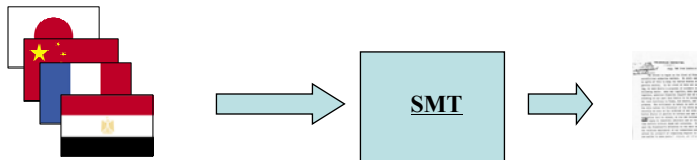
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Topic Correlations Over Time



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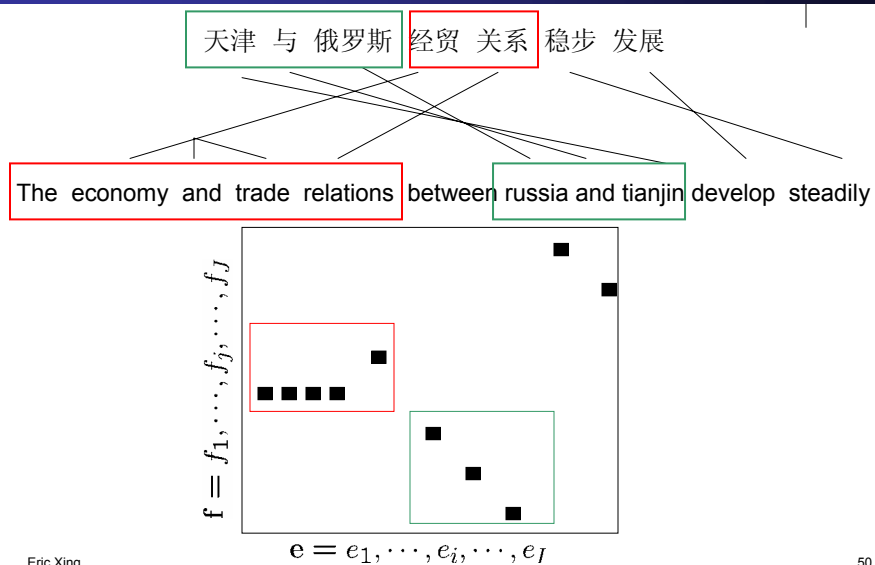


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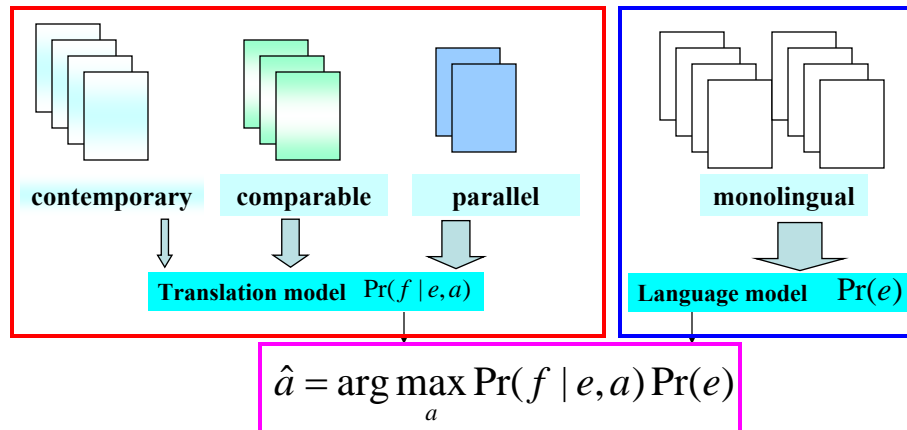
Word Alignment



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The Statistical Formulation

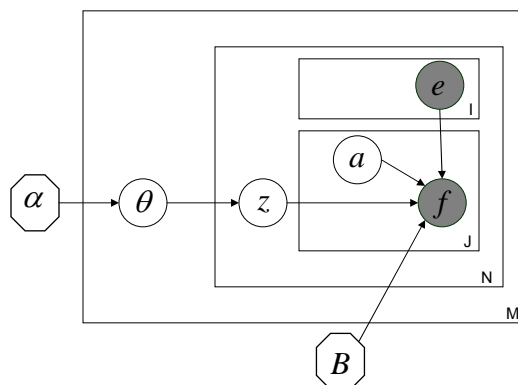


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BiTAM Model-1

- Graphical Model (a language to encode dependencies)

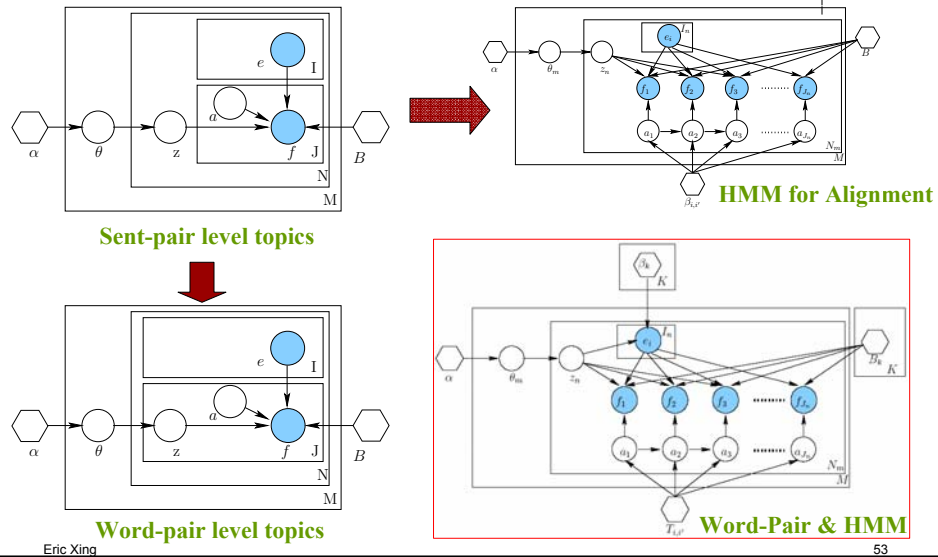


$$p(F | A, E, \alpha, B) = \int_{\theta} p(\theta | \alpha) \prod_{n=1}^N \sum_{z_n} p(z_n | \theta) p(f_n | a_n, e_n, B_{z_n}) d\theta$$

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An upgrade path for BiTAMs



Experiments

- Training data
 - Small: Treebank 316 doc-pairs (133K English words)
 - Large: FBIS-Beijing, Sinorama, XinHuaNews, (15M English words).

Train	#Doc.	#Sent.	#Tokens	
			English	Chinese
Treebank	316	4172	133K	105K
FBIS.BJ	6,111	105K	4.18M	3.54M
Sinorama	2,373	103K	3.81M	3.60M
XinHua	19,140	115K	3.85M	3.93M
FOUO	15,478	368K	13.14M	11.93M
Test	95	627	25,500	19,726

- Word Alignment Accuracy & Translation Quality
 - F-measure
 - BLEU

Topics

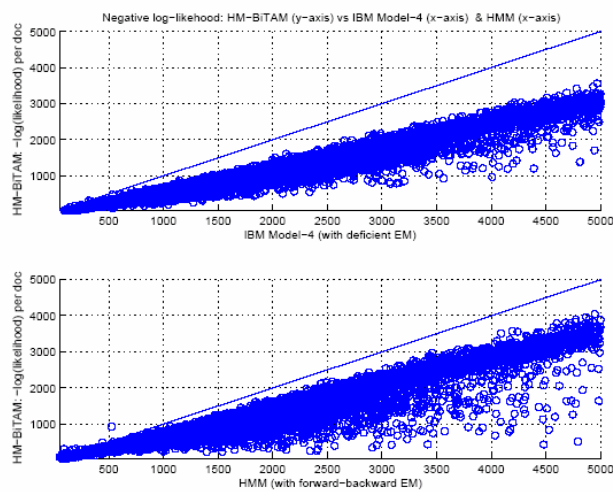
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T2	Shenzhen, singapore, hongkong, stock, national, investment, yuan, options, million, dollar
T3	Chongqing, company, takeover, shenzhen, tianjin, city, national, government, project, companies
T4	Hongkong, trade, export, import, foreign, tech., high, 1998, year, technology
T5	House, construction, government, employee, living, provinces, macau, anhui, yuan
T6	Gas, company, energy, usa, russia, france, chongqing, resource, china, economy, oil

T1	人, 残疾, 体育, 事业, 水, 世界, 区, 新华社, 队员, 记者
T2	深圳, 深, 新, 元, 有, 股, 香港, 国有, 外资, 新华社
T3	国家, 重庆, 市, 区, 厂, 天津, 政府, 项目, 国, 深圳
T4	香港, 贸易, 出口, 外资, 合作, 今年, 项目, 利用, 新, 技术
T5	住房, 房, 九江, 建设, 澳门, 元, 职工, 目前, 国家, 占, 省
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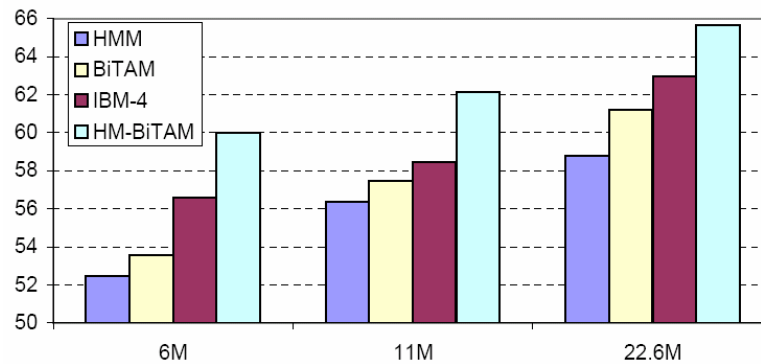
Comparison



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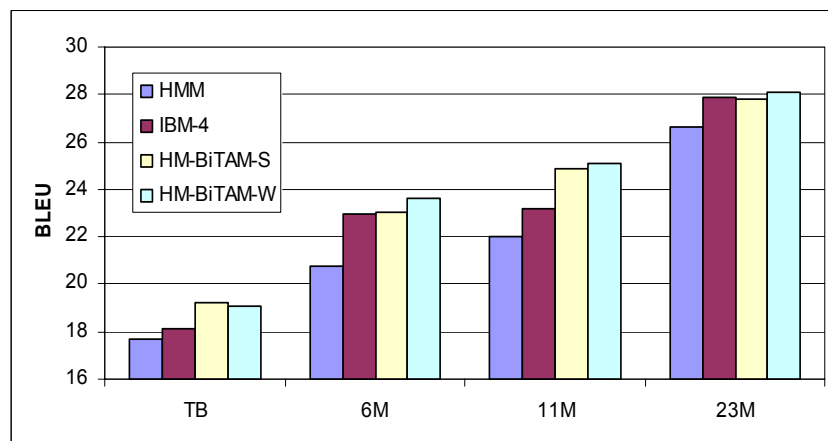
HM-BiTAM versus others



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Translation Evaluations



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Translation Evaluations



Systems	1-gram	2-gram	3-gram	4-gram	BLEUr4
Hiero Sys.	73.92	40.57	23.21	13.84	30.70
Gale Sys.	75.63	42.71	25.00	14.30	32.78
HM-BiTAM	76.77	42.99	25.42	14.04	33.19
Ground Truth	76.10	43.85	26.70	15.73	34.17

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Application 3: video representation/classification



- Video: a **complex, multi-modal** data type for representation and classification
 - Image, text (closed-captions, speech transcript), audio
- **Goal**: classify video segments called **video shots** into semantic categories



anchor



building



meeting



speech

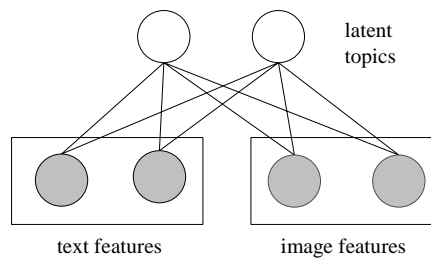
J. Yang, Y. Liu, E. P. Xing and A. Hauptmann,
SDM 2007, **BEST PAPER Award**

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Harmoniums for Multi-modal Data

- Dual-wing harmoniums (DWH) [Xing et al. 05]
 - modeling bi-modal data: captioned images, video
 - learning hidden topics from two “wings” of observed features

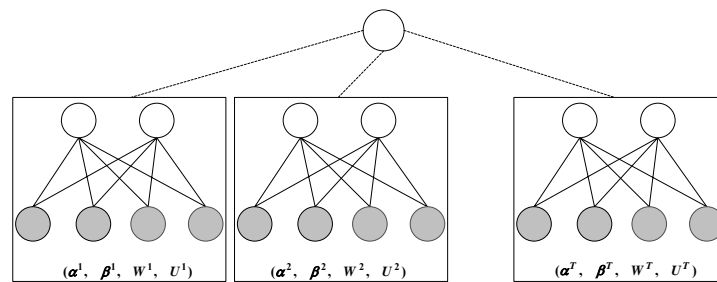


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Mixture-of-Harmoniums (MoH)

- A family of category-specific dual-wing harmoniums



- classification by finding the “best-fitting” harmonium

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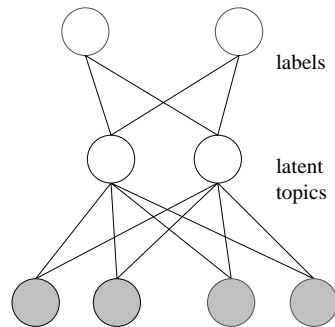
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$H_1 \dots$

$\dots X_N$

Hierarchical Harmonium (HH)

- Incorporate category labels as a layer of hidden nodes on top of latent topic nodes



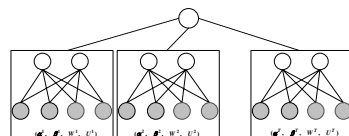
- classification by inference of label nodes



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Semantic Topics by FoH

- Revealing “sub-topics” of each category
- Co-clusters of both text and image features



Topic 1	    	life, call, way, fire, know, thousands, rain, farmers, control
Topic 2	    	space, flight, thousands, fifteen, Florida, radar, track, amount
Topic 3	    	asteroid, scientists, destroy, miss, destruction, actually, come, course
Topic 4	    	rain, control, area, forest, years, fires, large, burning, state, nature
Topic 5	    	panic, sized, type, headaches, freedom, love, turning, beautiful

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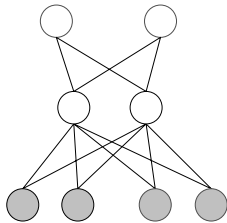
$Y_i \dots$

$H_i \dots$

$X_i \dots X_N$

Semantic Topics by HH

- Reveal the "common topics" of all the data



Topic 1



news, today, tonight, world, ABC, Jennings, going, people

Topic 2



team, dollars, money, celebrated, won, buy, best, championship, owner

Topic 3



look, take, people, California, closer, right, say, back, know, way

Topic 4



new, seven, Clinton, two, president, hundred, united, york, today

Topic 5

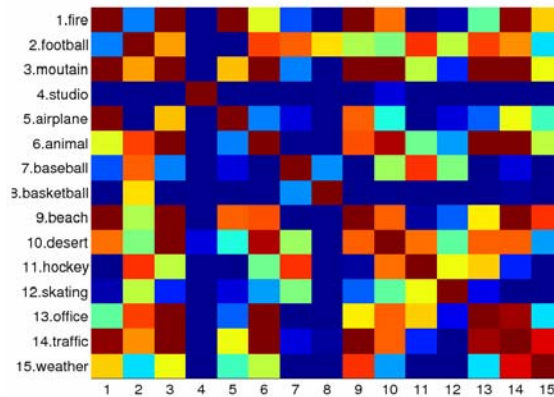


evening, white, news, only, world, world, today, sale

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Inter-category relationship

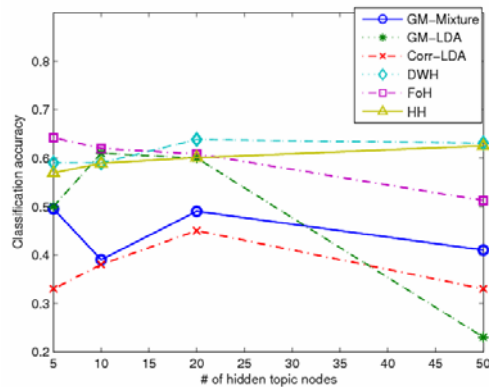


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Classification Accuracy

- Harmonium models outperform directed models (e.g., LDA)



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Conclusion

- GM-based topic models are cool
 - Flexible
 - Modular
 - Interactive
- There are many ways of implementing topic models
 - Directed
 - Undirected
- Efficient Inference/learning algorithms
 - GMF, with Laplace approx. for non-conjugate dist.
 - MCMC
- Many applications
 - ...
 - Word-sense disambiguation
 - Word-net
 - Network inference

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