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Extracting interesting concepts from large-scale textual data

Word taxonomies for emotion

WordNet Affect

- + builds on WordNet — automated word selection
- + anger, disgust, fear, joy, sadness, surprise

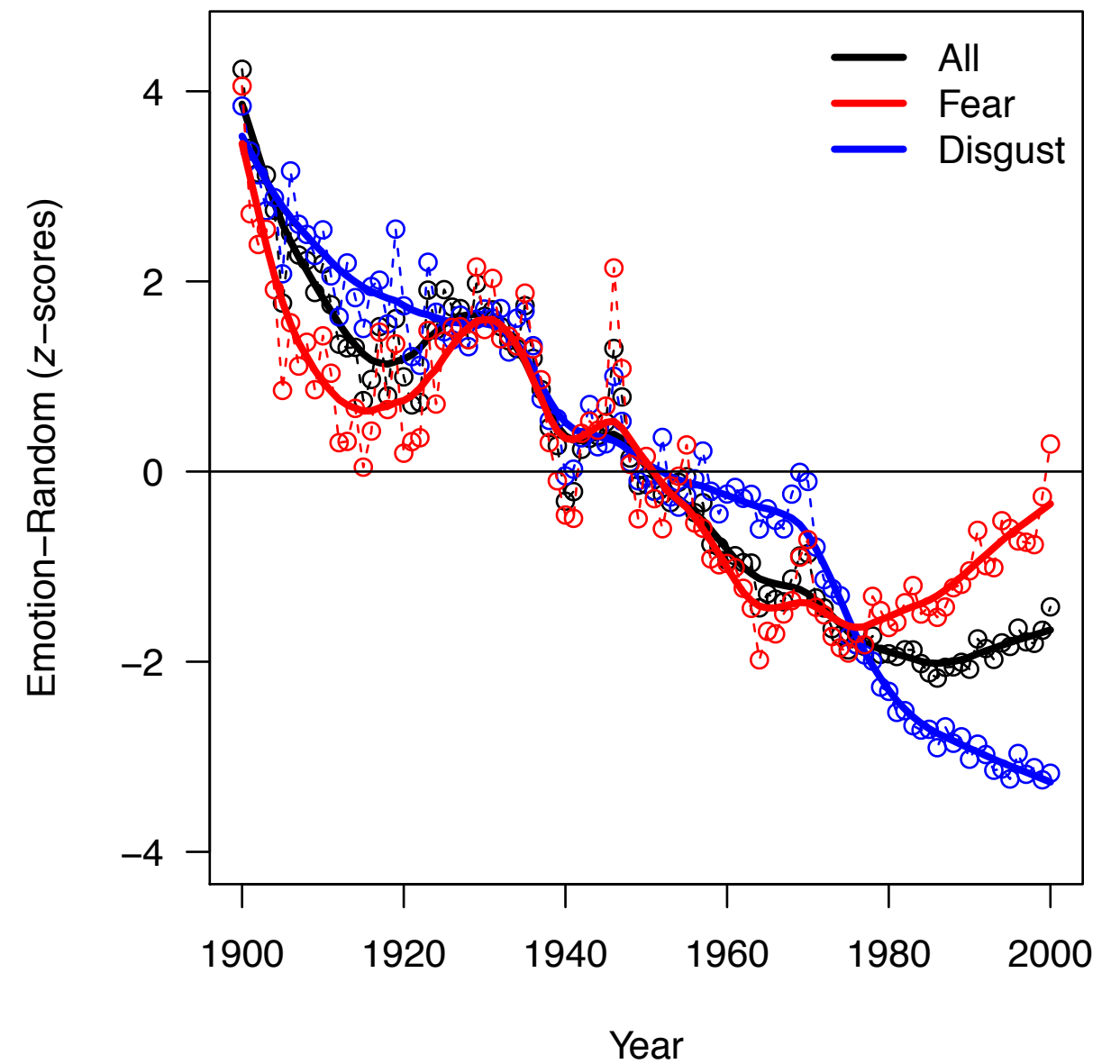
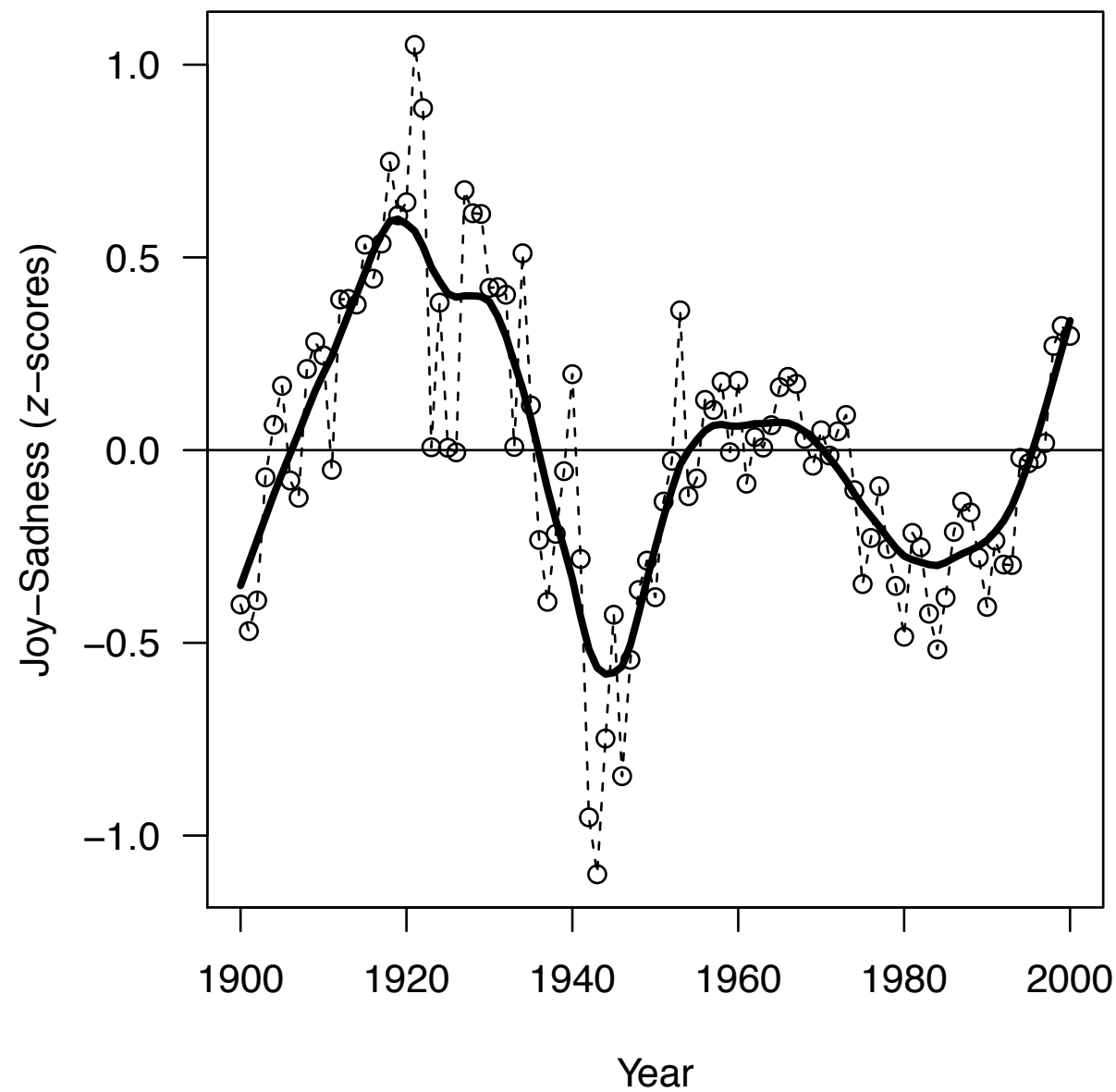
(Strapparava & Valitutti, 2004)

Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count (LIWC)

- + taxonomies have been evaluated by human judges
- + affect, anger, anxiety, sadness, negative or positive emotions

(Pennebaker et al., 2007)

Applying emotion taxonomies
on Google Books



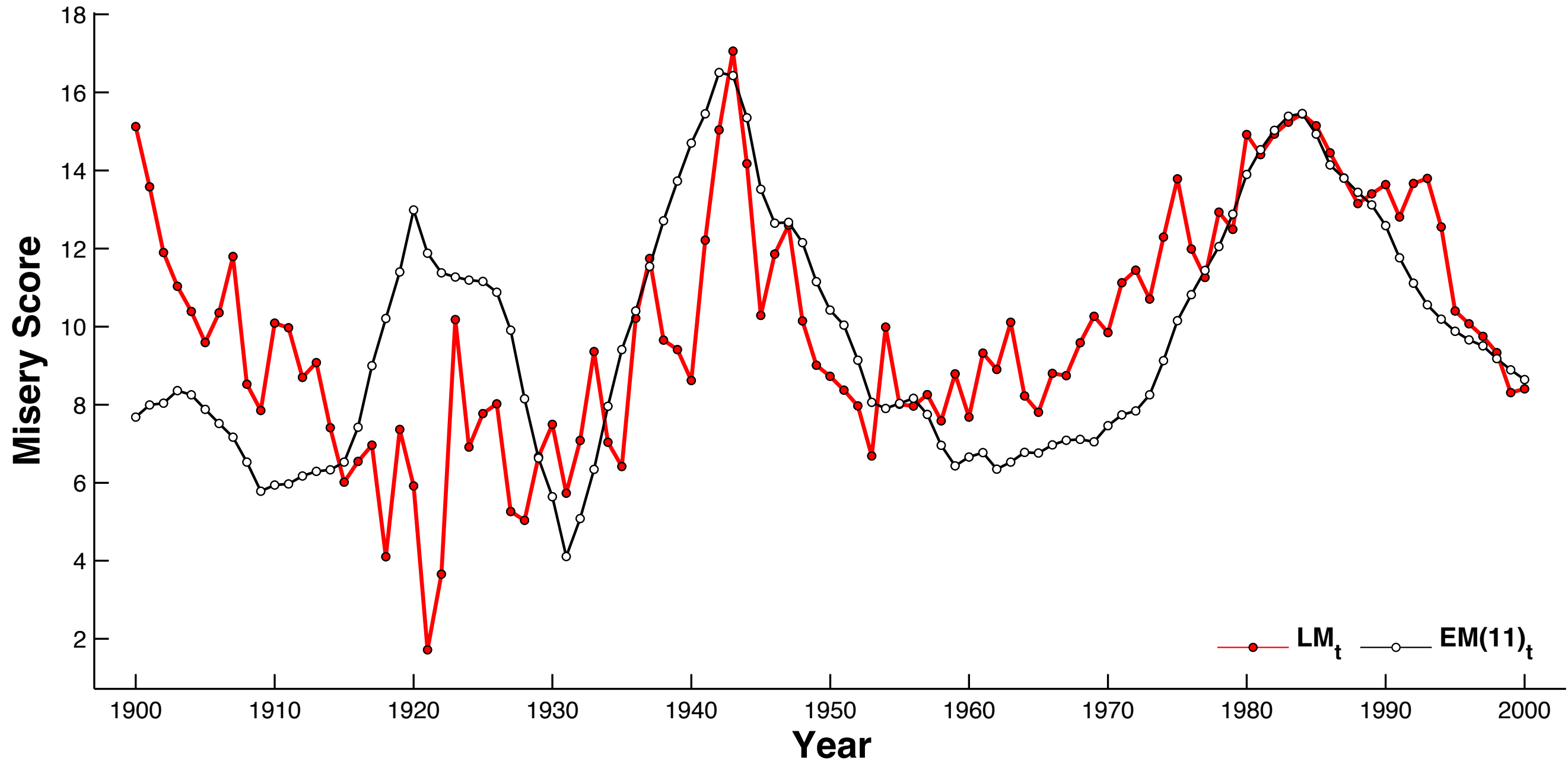
Emotion Score = *Mean of normalised emotion term frequencies*

Left: Joy minus Sadness — WWII, Baby Boom, Great Depression

Right: Emotional expression in English books decreases over the years

(Acerbi, Lampos, Garnett & Bentley, 2013)

EM = Inflation + Unemployment



Literary Misery ($LM = \text{Sadness} - \text{Joy}$) vs.
Economic Misery (EM , 10-year past-moving average)
for books written in American English and US financial indices

(Bentley, Acerbi, Ormerod & Lampos, 2014)

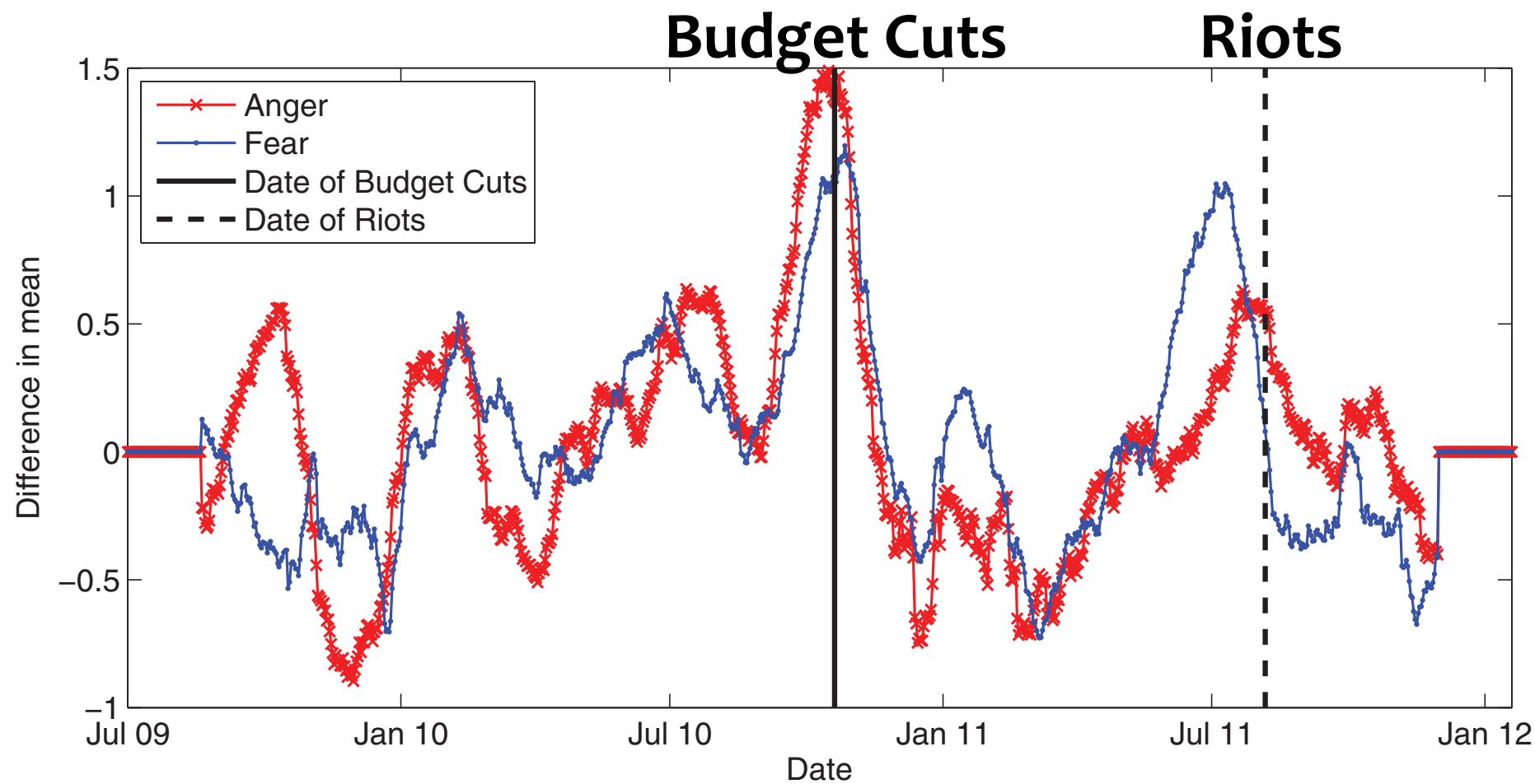
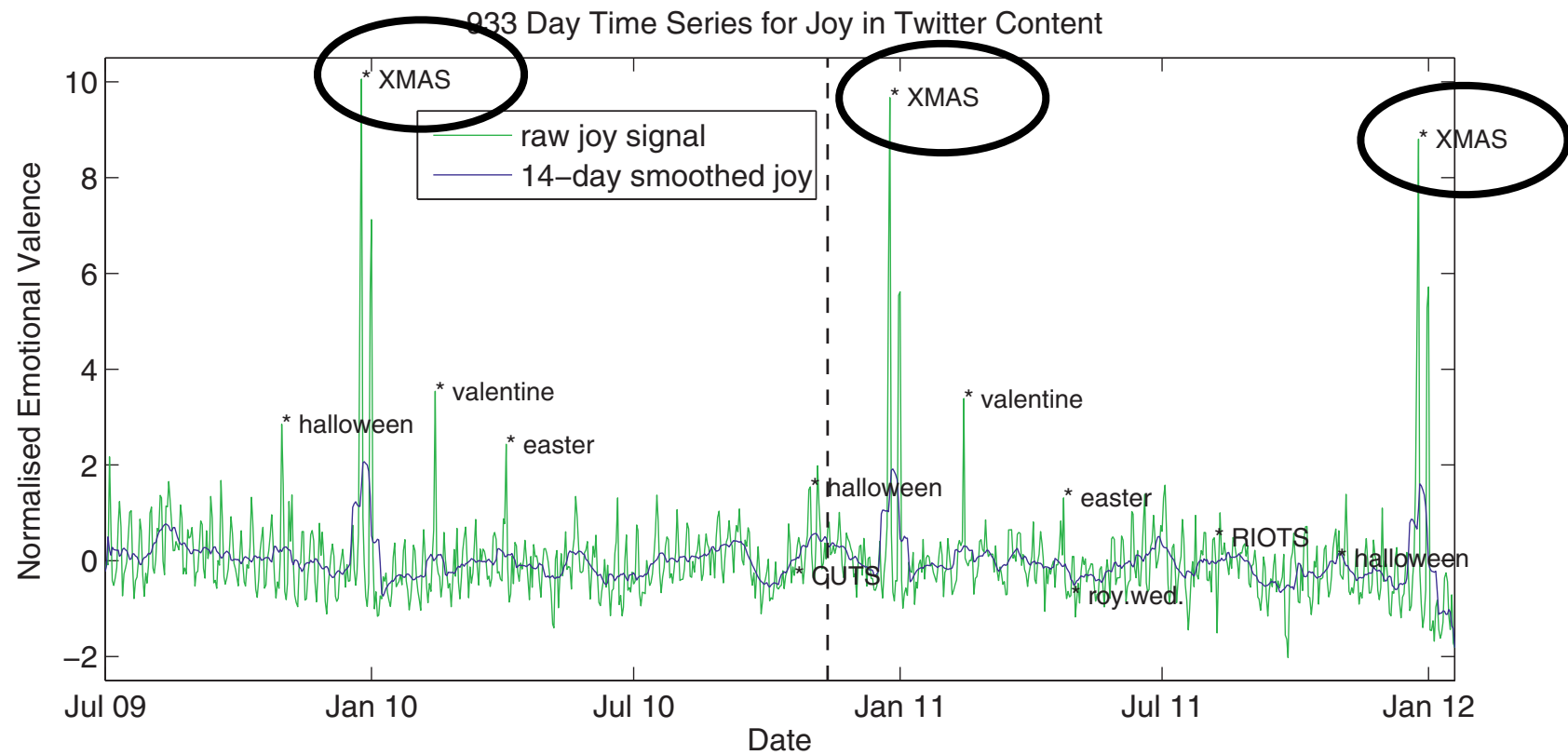
*... and now let's apply keyword
based sentiment extraction
tools on **Twitter** content*

Collective mood patterns (UK)

Top:
'joy' time series
across 3 years

Bottom:
rate of mood change
for 'anger' and
'fear' (50-day
window); **peaks**
indicate **increase** in
mood change

(Lansdall-Welfare,
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- + supervised learning task ($f: X \rightarrow y$)

Case study: *nowcasting* ILI rates

- + infer ILI rates based on user data
- + 'ground truth' provided via traditional health surveillance schemes
- + complementary disease indicator
- + earlier-warning
- + applicable to parts of the world with less comprehensive healthcare systems
- + **noisy, biased demographics, media bias**

(Lamos & Cristianini, 2010
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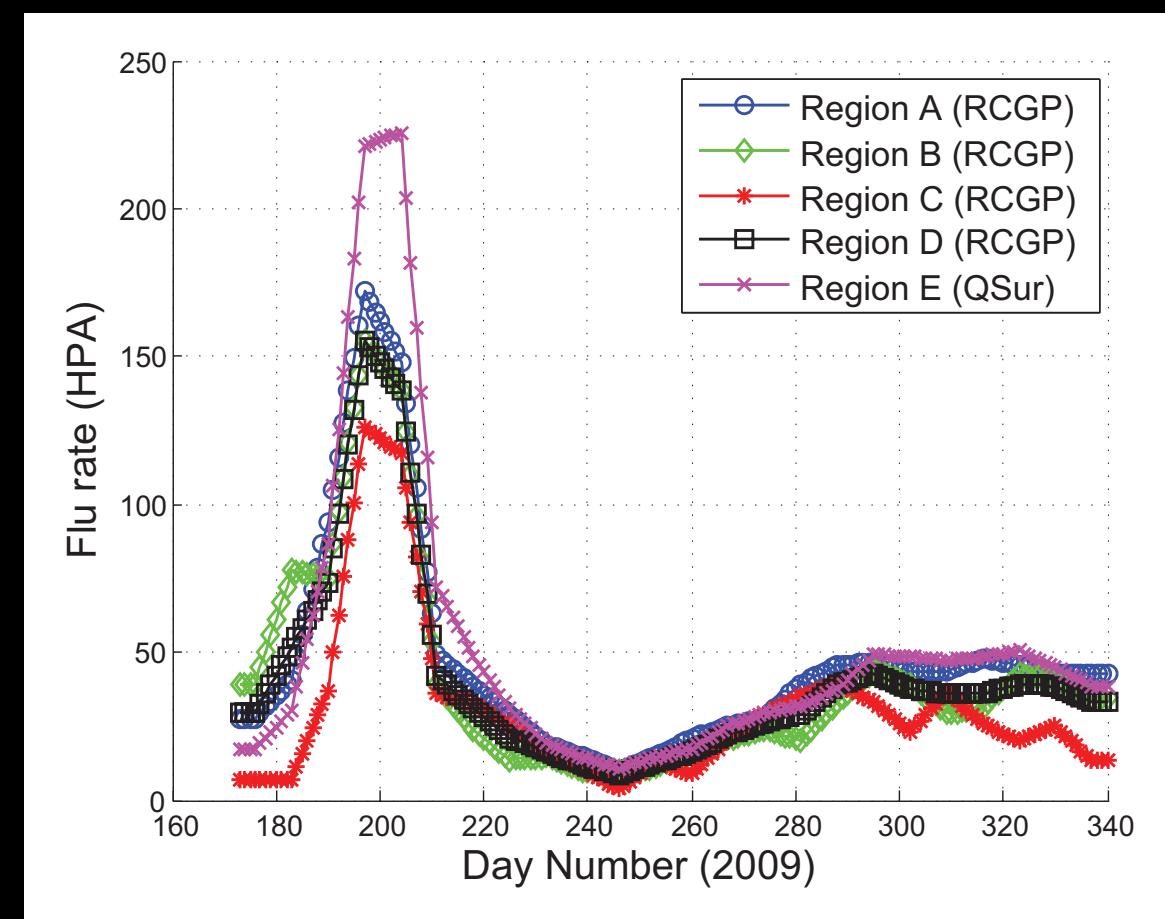
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Official ILI regional rates



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Twitter data

- + 27 million tweets from 54 UK urban centres
- + June 22 to December 6, 2009

Health surveillance data

- + ILI rates expressing GP consultations per 100,000 people, where the diagnosis was ILI

Feature extraction

- + a few handcrafted terms, *and*
- + all unigrams from related websites (Wikipedia, NHS, etc.)
- + = 1560 stemmed unigrams (*most of which unrelated*)

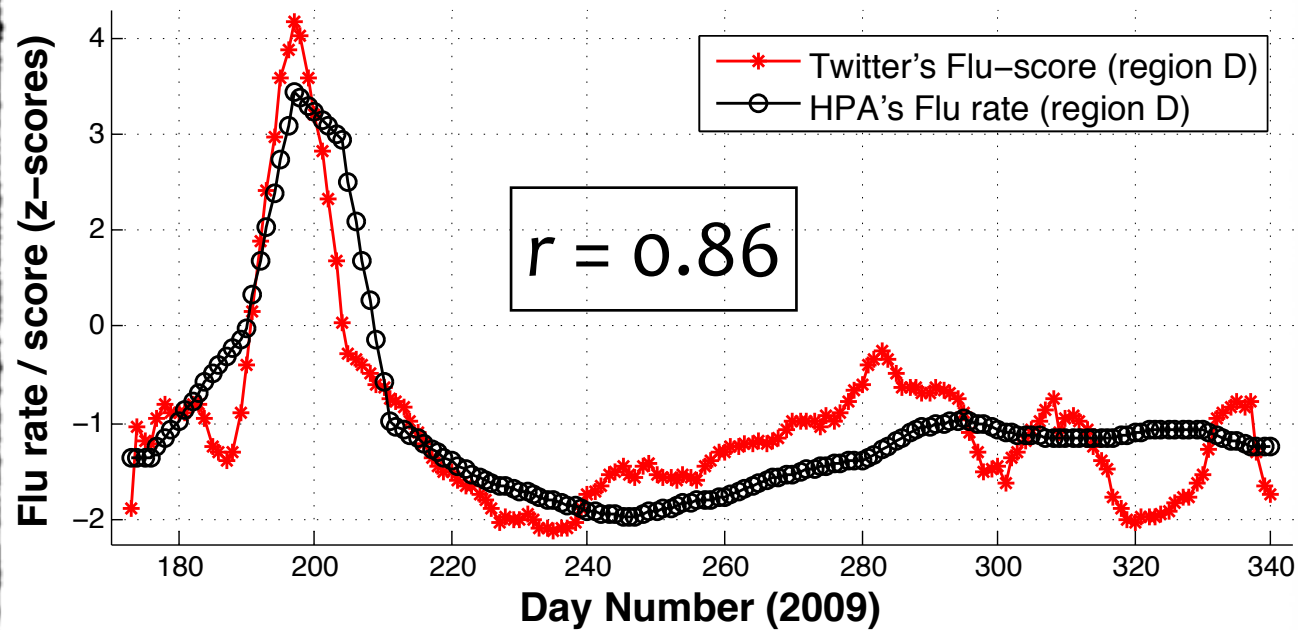
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Regularised text regression

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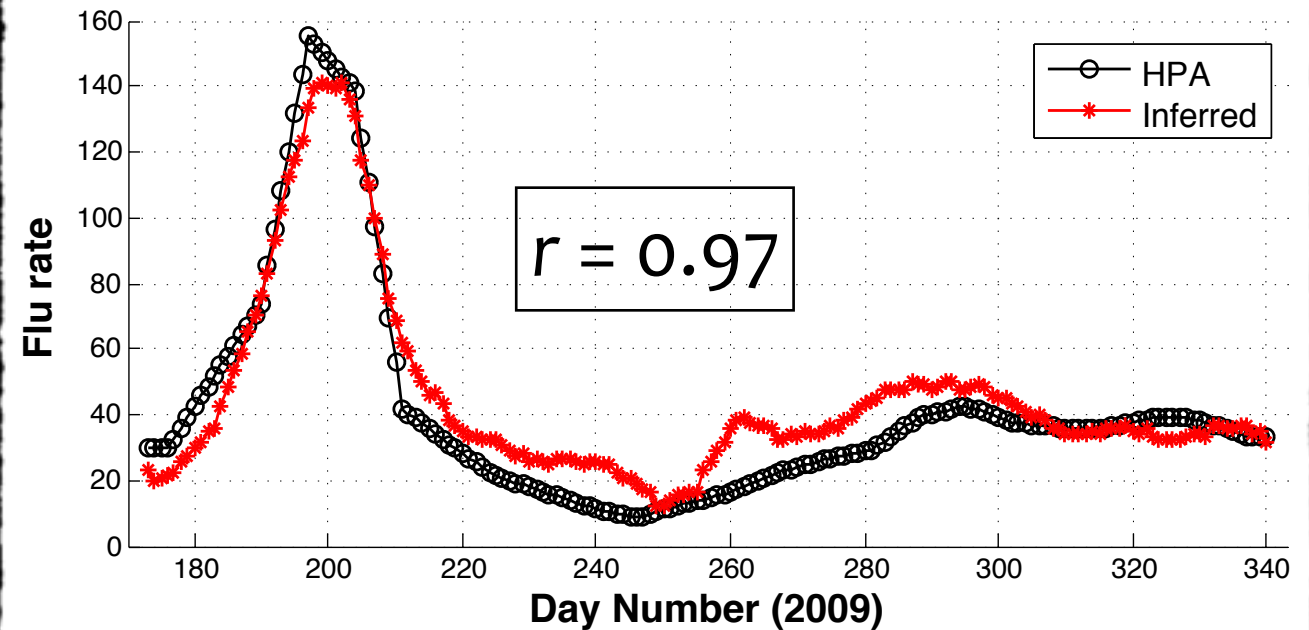
$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{w}_*} \left\{ \|\mathbf{X}_* \mathbf{w}_* - \mathbf{y}\|_{\ell_2}^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{w}\|_{\ell_1} \right\}$$

broadly known as the '**lasso**' (Tibshirani, 1996)



41 handcrafted markers

blood, cold, cough, dizzy, feel sick, feeling unwell, fever, flu, headache, runny nose, shivers, sore throat, stomach ache (...)



Automatically selected unigrams

lung, unwell, temperatur, like, headach, season, unusu, chronic, child, dai, appetit, stai, symptom, spread, diarrhoea, start, muscl, weaken, immun, feel, liver (...)

Manual vs. automated feature selection

Robustifying the previous algorithm

Lasso may not select the *true model* due to collinearities in the feature space
(Zhao & Yu, 2006)

Bootstrap lasso (*'bolasso'*) for feature selection (Bach, 2008)

- + For a number (N) of bootstraps, i.e. iterations
 - + Sample the feature space with replacement (X_i)
 - + Learn a new model (w_i) by applying lasso on X_i and y
 - + Remember the n -grams with nonzero weights
- + Select the n -grams with nonzero weights in $p\%$ of the N bootstraps
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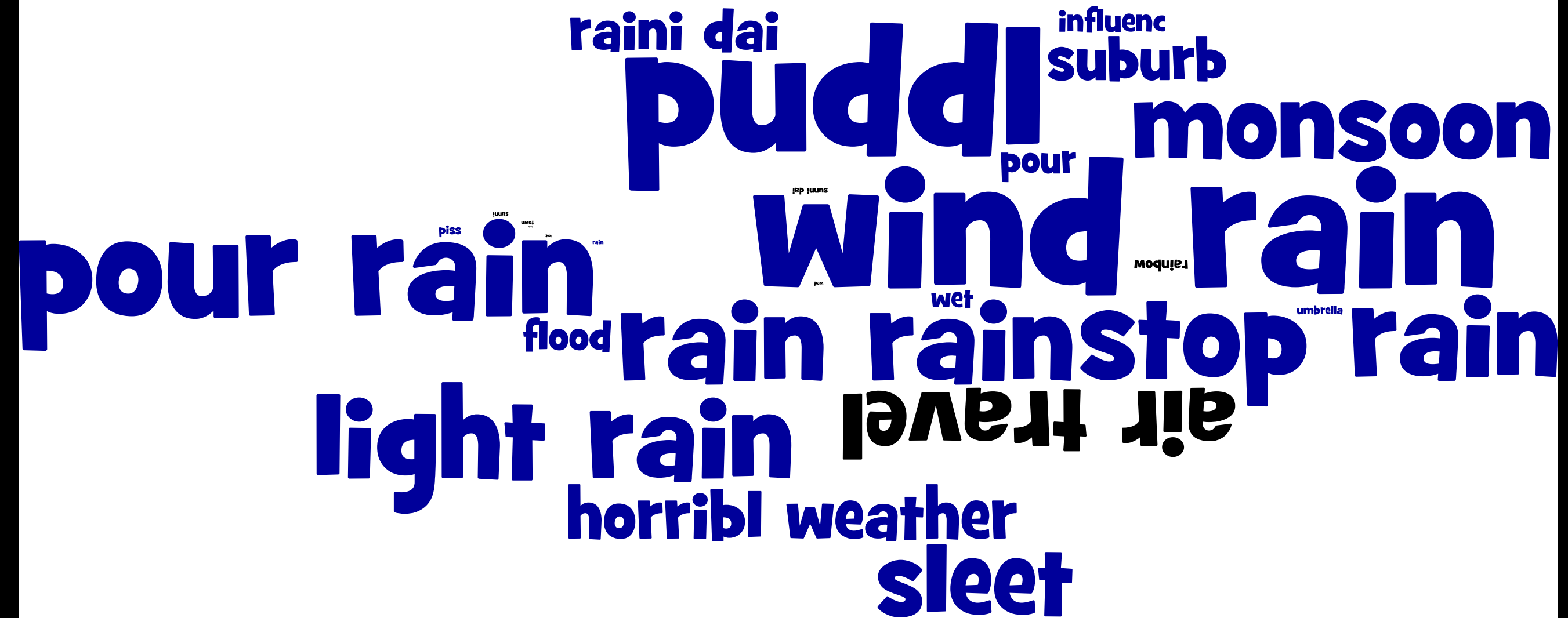
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So, apart from flu,
we also tried to nowcast
rainfall rates.

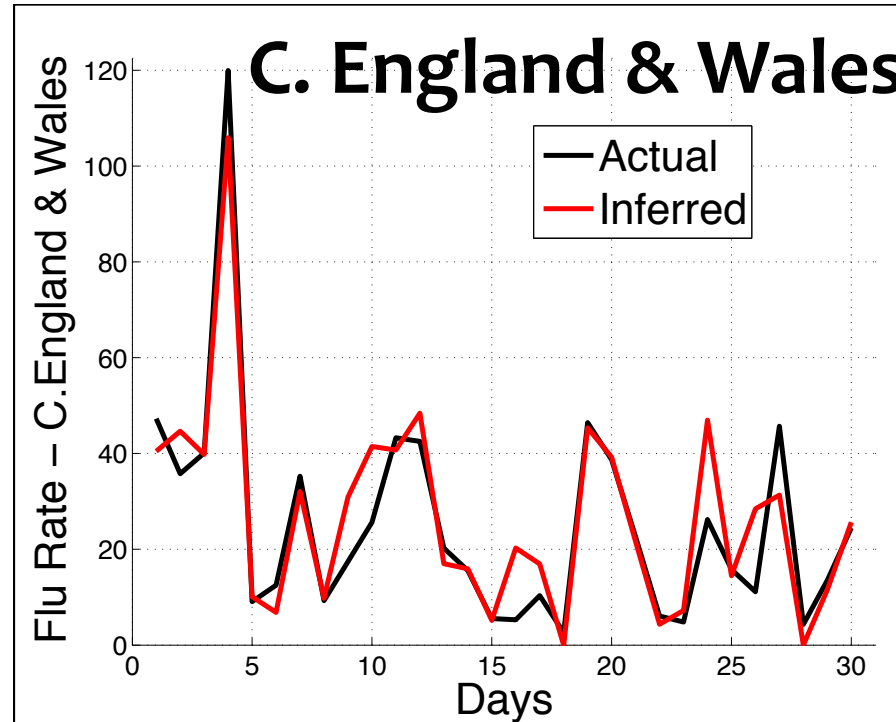
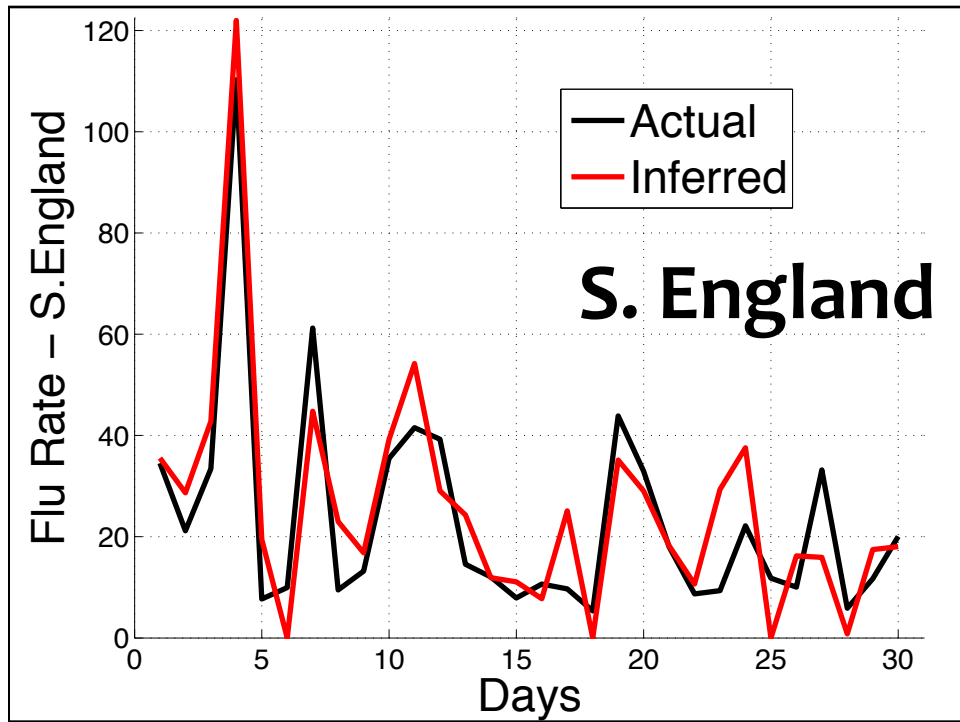
Word cloud — Selected n-grams for rain



A word cloud of n-grams related to rain. The words are in various sizes and orientations, with the largest being 'puddle', 'wind', and 'rain'. Other prominent words include 'pour', 'monsoon', 'rainstop', 'light rain', 'horrible weather', and 'sleet'. Smaller words include 'raini dai', 'influenc', 'suburb', 'piss', 'flood', 'wet', 'air travel', 'rainbow', and 'umbrella'.

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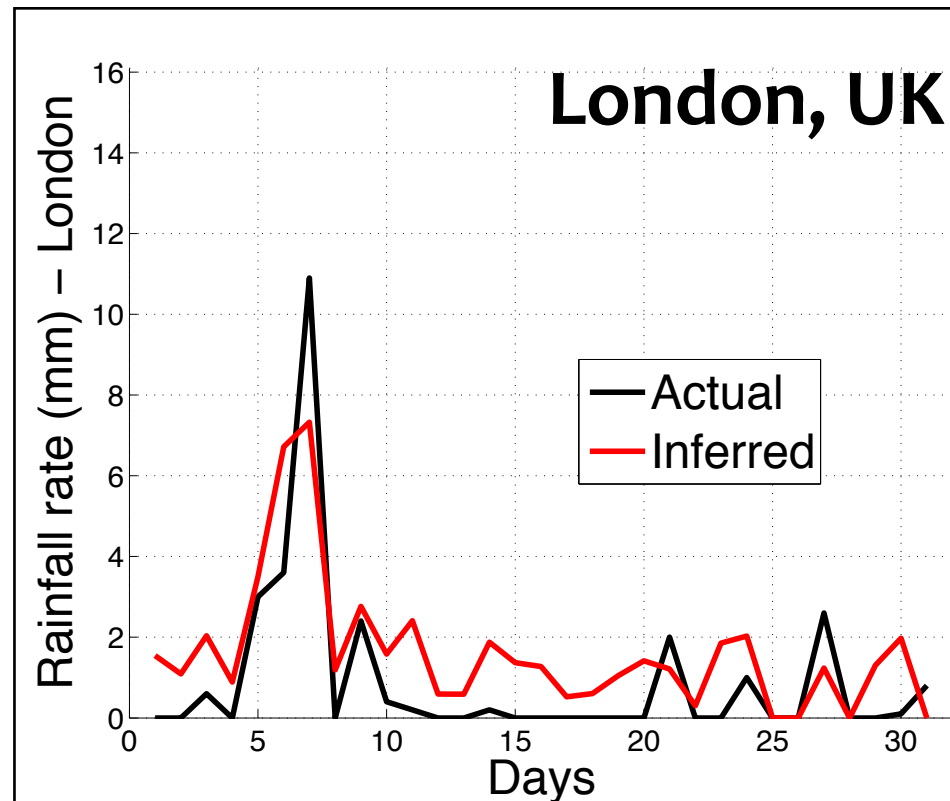
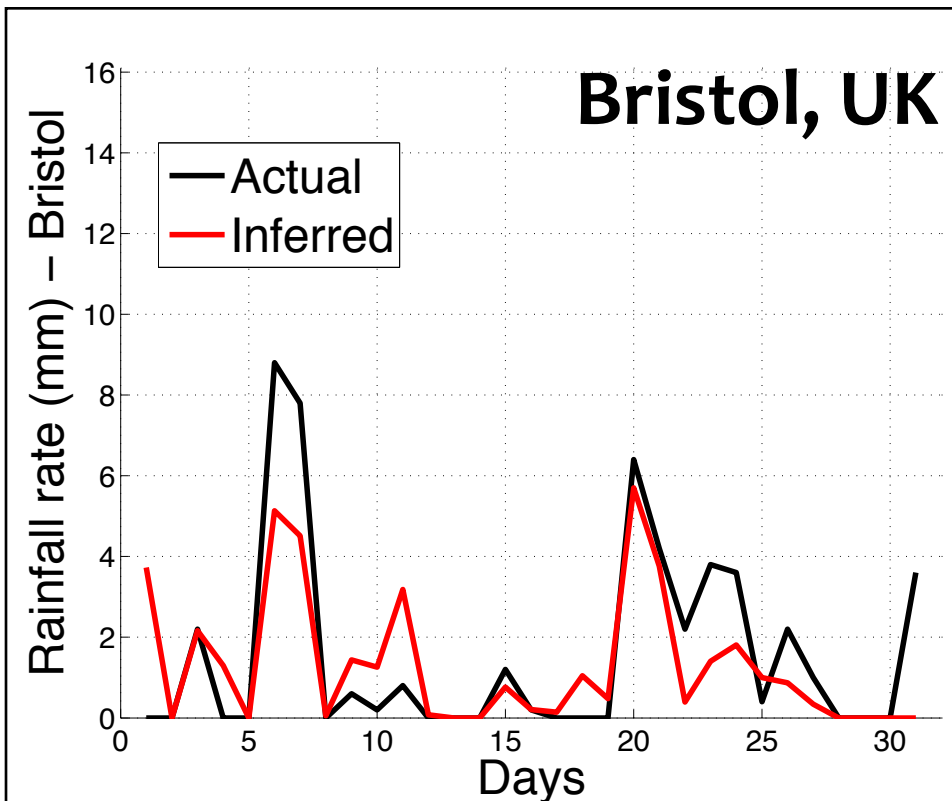
ILI rates



Inference examples

Top:
ILI rates

Rainfall rates



Bottom:
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User-centric modelling : why?

- + text regression models usually focus on the word space
- + **social media** context —> **words**, but also **users**
- + models may benefit by incorporating a form of user contribution in the current word modelling
- + in this way more relevant users contribute more, and irrelevant users may be filtered out

'bilinear' modelling : definition

Linear regression

$$f(\mathbf{x}_i) = \mathbf{x}_i^T \mathbf{w} + \beta$$

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Bilinear regression

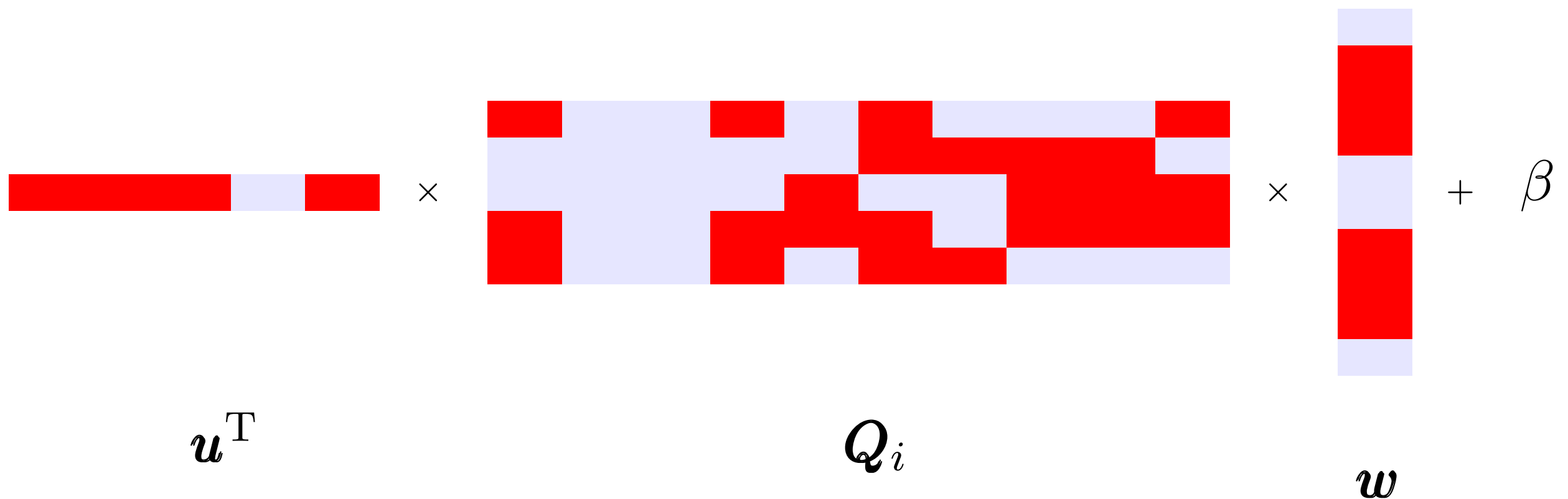
$$f(\mathbf{Q}_i) = \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{Q}_i \mathbf{w} + \beta$$

- users $p \in \mathbb{Z}^+$
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$$f(Q_i) = u^T Q_i w + \beta$$



Bilinear regularised regression

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$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}, \beta} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mathbf{u}^T Q_i \mathbf{w} + \beta - y_i \right)^2 + \psi(\mathbf{u}, \theta_u) + \psi(\mathbf{w}, \theta_w) \right\}$$

$\psi(\cdot)$: **regularisation function** with a set of hyper-parameters (θ)

- if $\psi(\mathbf{v}, \lambda) = \lambda \|\mathbf{v}\|_{\ell_1}$ Bilinear Lasso
- if $\psi(\mathbf{v}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \lambda_1 \|\mathbf{v}\|_{\ell_2}^2 + \lambda_2 \|\mathbf{v}\|_{\ell_1}$ Bilinear Elastic Net (**BEN**)

(Lamos, Preotiu-Pietro & Cohn, 2013)

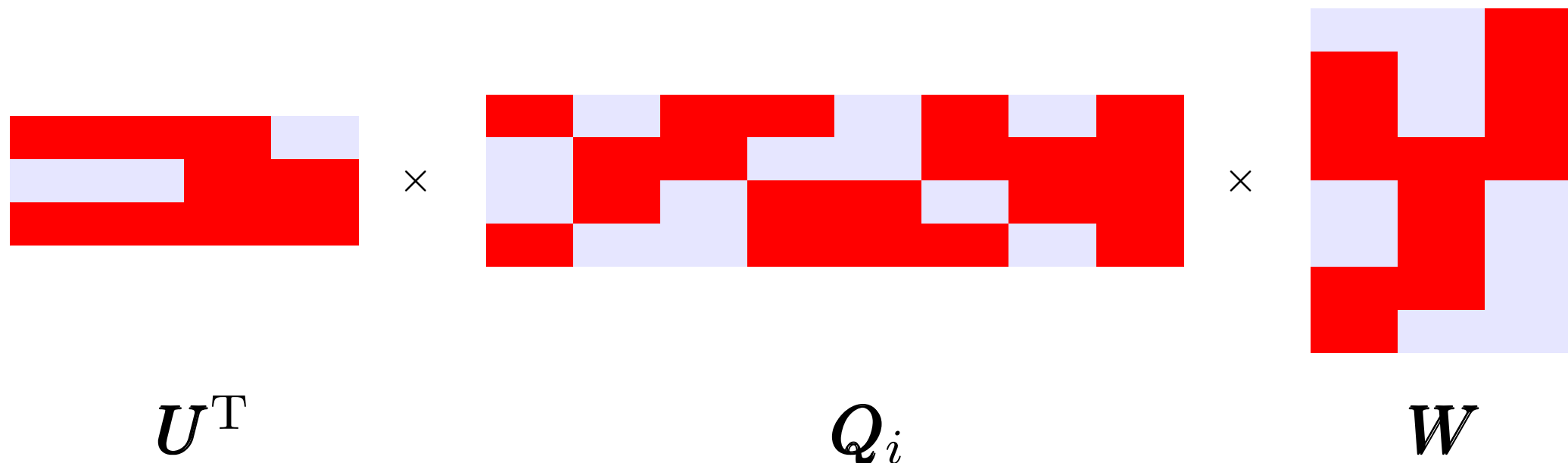
An extension: bilinear & multi-task

- + optimise (*learn the model parameters for*) a number of tasks **jointly**
- + attempt to **improve generalisation** by exploiting domain specific information of related tasks
- + good choice for under-sampled distributions (*knowledge transfer*)
- + **application-driven reasons** (e.g. voting intention modelling)

Bilinear *multi-task* text regression

- tasks $\tau \in \mathbb{Z}^+$
- users $p \in \mathbb{Z}^+$
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- responses $y_i \in \mathbb{R}^\tau, \quad i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ — Y
- weights, bias $u_k, w_j, \beta \in \mathbb{R}^\tau, \quad k \in \{1, \dots, p\}$
 $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ — U, W, β

$$f(Q_i) = \text{tr}(U^T Q_i W) + \beta$$



Bilinear Group $\ell_{2,1}$ (BGL)

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$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{W}, \beta} \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^{\tau} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mathbf{u}_t^\top \mathbf{Q}_i \mathbf{w}_t + \beta_t - y_{ti} \right)^2 \right.$$

(Argyriou et al., 2008)

$$\left. + \lambda_u \sum_{k=1}^p \|\mathbf{U}_k\|_2 + \lambda_w \sum_{j=1}^m \|\mathbf{W}_j\|_2 \right\}$$

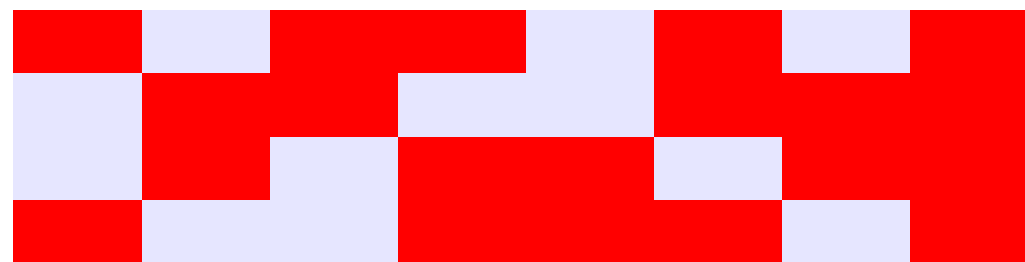
BGL's main property

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{U, W, \beta} \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^{\tau} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mathbf{u}_t^T \mathbf{Q}_i \mathbf{w}_t + \beta_t - y_{ti} \right)^2 + \lambda_u \sum_{k=1}^p \|\mathbf{U}_k\|_2 + \lambda_w \sum_{j=1}^m \|\mathbf{W}_j\|_2 \right\}$$



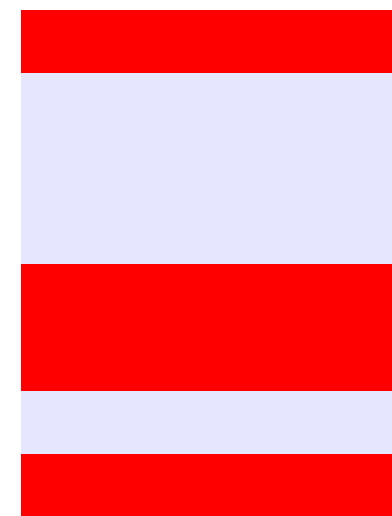
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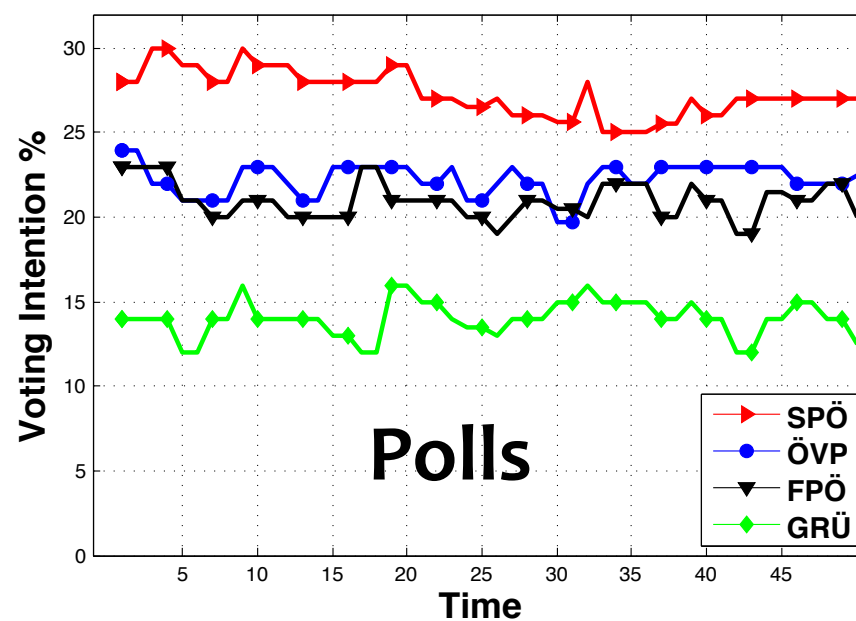
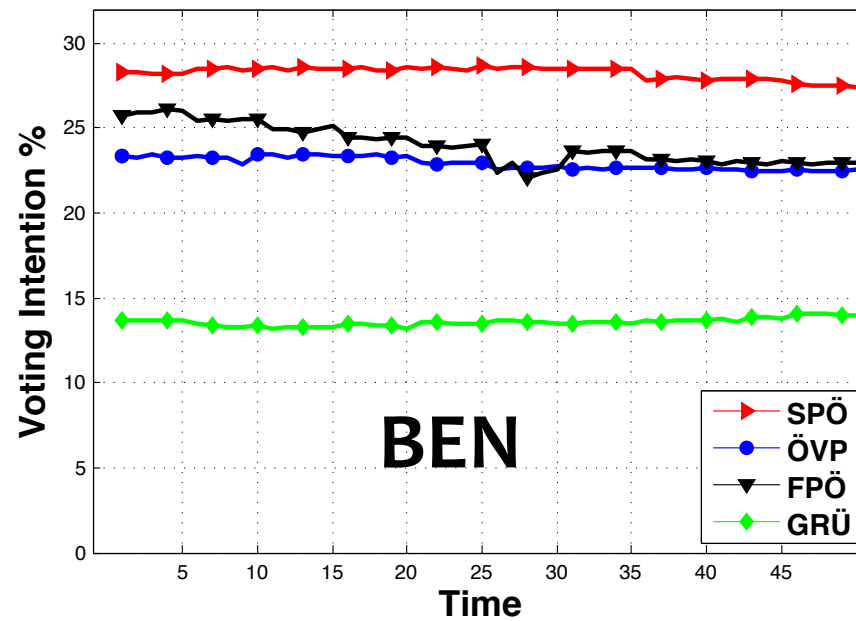
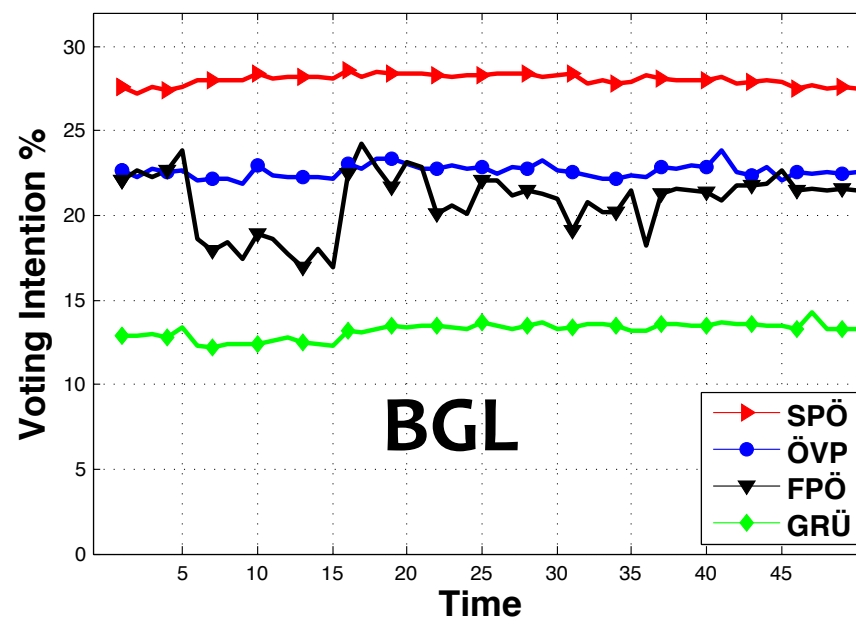
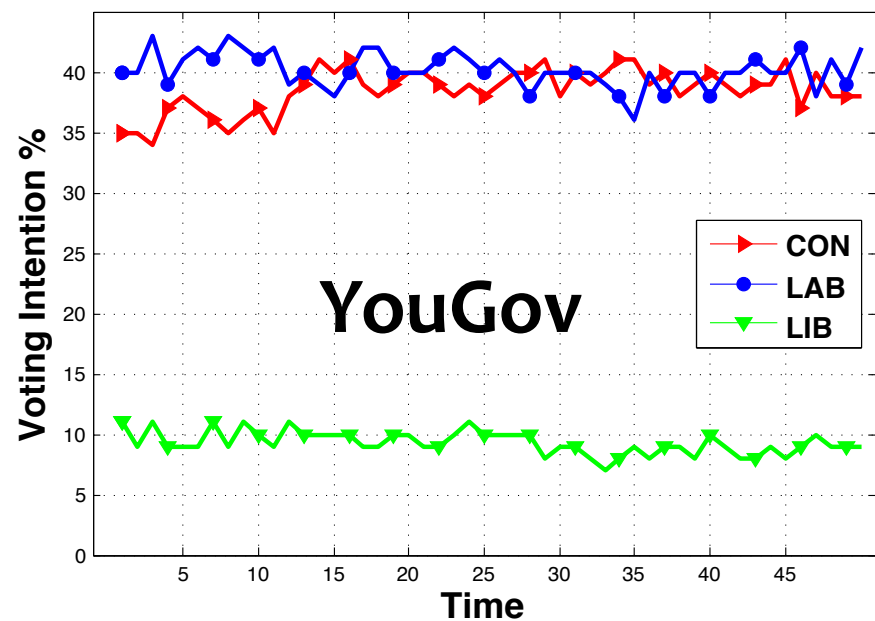
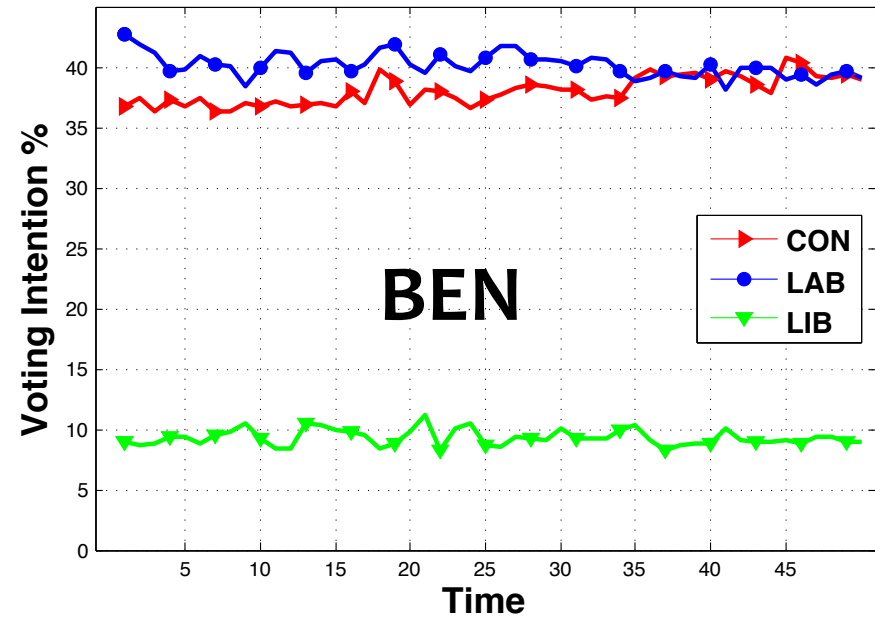
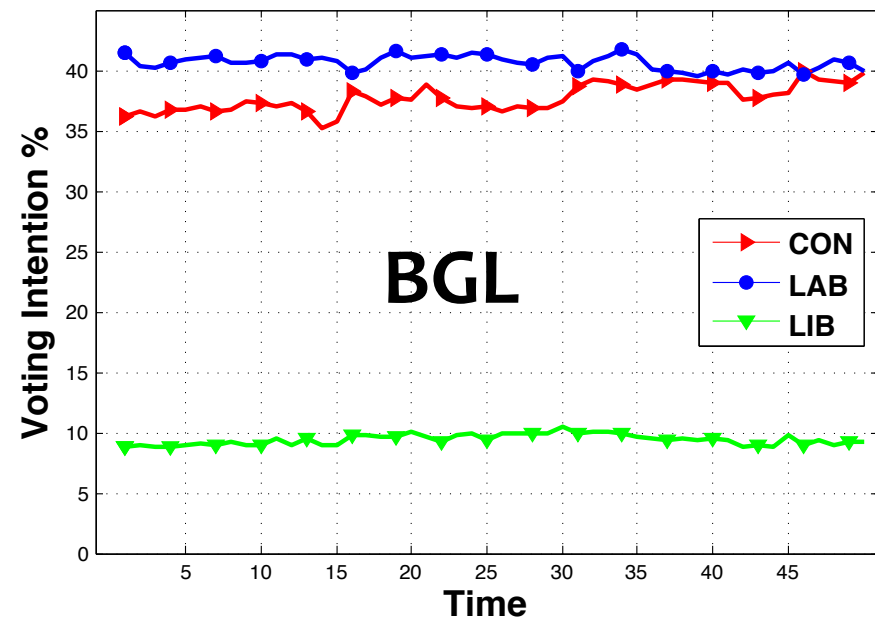
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- + a feature (user or word) is usually **selected** (activated) for **all tasks**, but with different weights
- + useful in the domain of **political preference inference**



Inferring voting intention via Twitter

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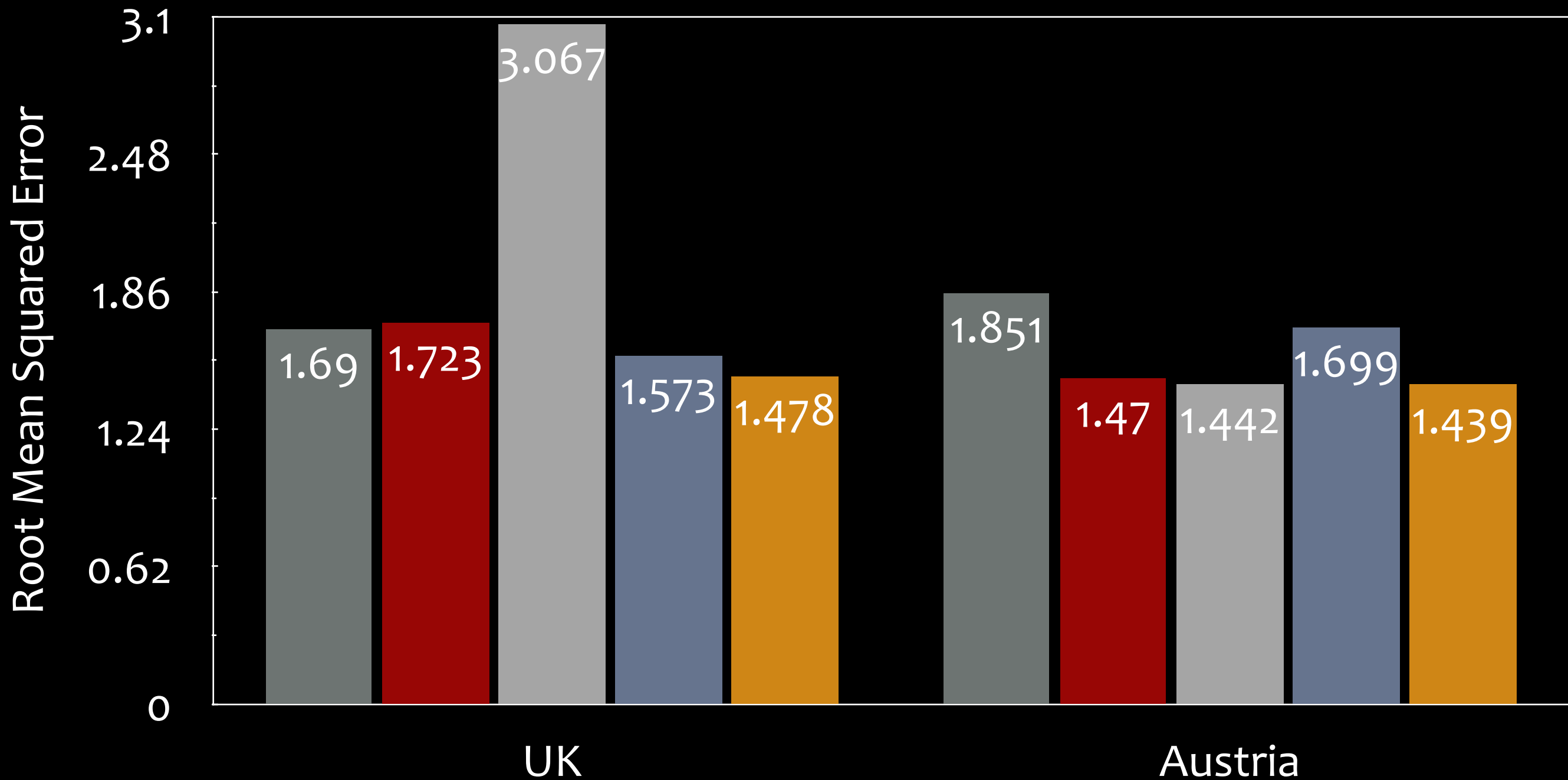
UK — 3 parties, 42K users (~ to regional population), 81K unigrams, 240 polls, 2 years

Right side:

Austria — 4 parties, 1.1K manually selected users, 23K unigrams, 98 polls, 1 year

Performance figures — BGL prevails

■ Mean poll ■ Last poll ■ Elastic Net (words) ■ BEN ■ BGL



BGL-scored tweet examples (Austria)

Party	Tweet	Score	User type
SPÖ	<i>Inflation rate in Austria slightly down in July from 2.2 to 2.1%. Accommodation, Water, Energy more expensive.</i>	0.745	Journalist
ÖVP	<i>Can really recommend the book “Res Publica” by Johannes #Voggenhuber! Food for thought and so on #Europe #Democracy</i>	-2.323	User
FPÖ	<i>Campaign of the Viennese SPO on “Living together” plays right into the hands of right-wing populists</i>	-3.44	Human rights
GRÜ	<i>Protest songs against the closing-down of the bachelor course of International Development: <link> #ID_remains #UniBurns #UniRage</i>	1.45	Student Union

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Predicting user impact on Twitter

- + *Validate a hypothesis: “User behaviour on a social platform reflects on user impact”*
- + *What parts of user behaviour are more relevant to a notion of user impact?*
- + *In this regard, how informative are the text inputs from the users?*

Defining an impact score (S)

$$S(\phi_{in}, \phi_{out}, \phi_{\lambda}) = \ln \left(\frac{(\phi_{\lambda} + \theta) (\phi_{in} + \theta)^2}{\phi_{out} + \theta} \right)$$

$$(\phi_{in}^2 / \phi_{out}) = (\phi_{in} - \phi_{out}) \times (\phi_{in} / \phi_{out}) + \phi_{in}$$

ϕ_{in} → number of followers

ϕ_{λ} → number of times listed

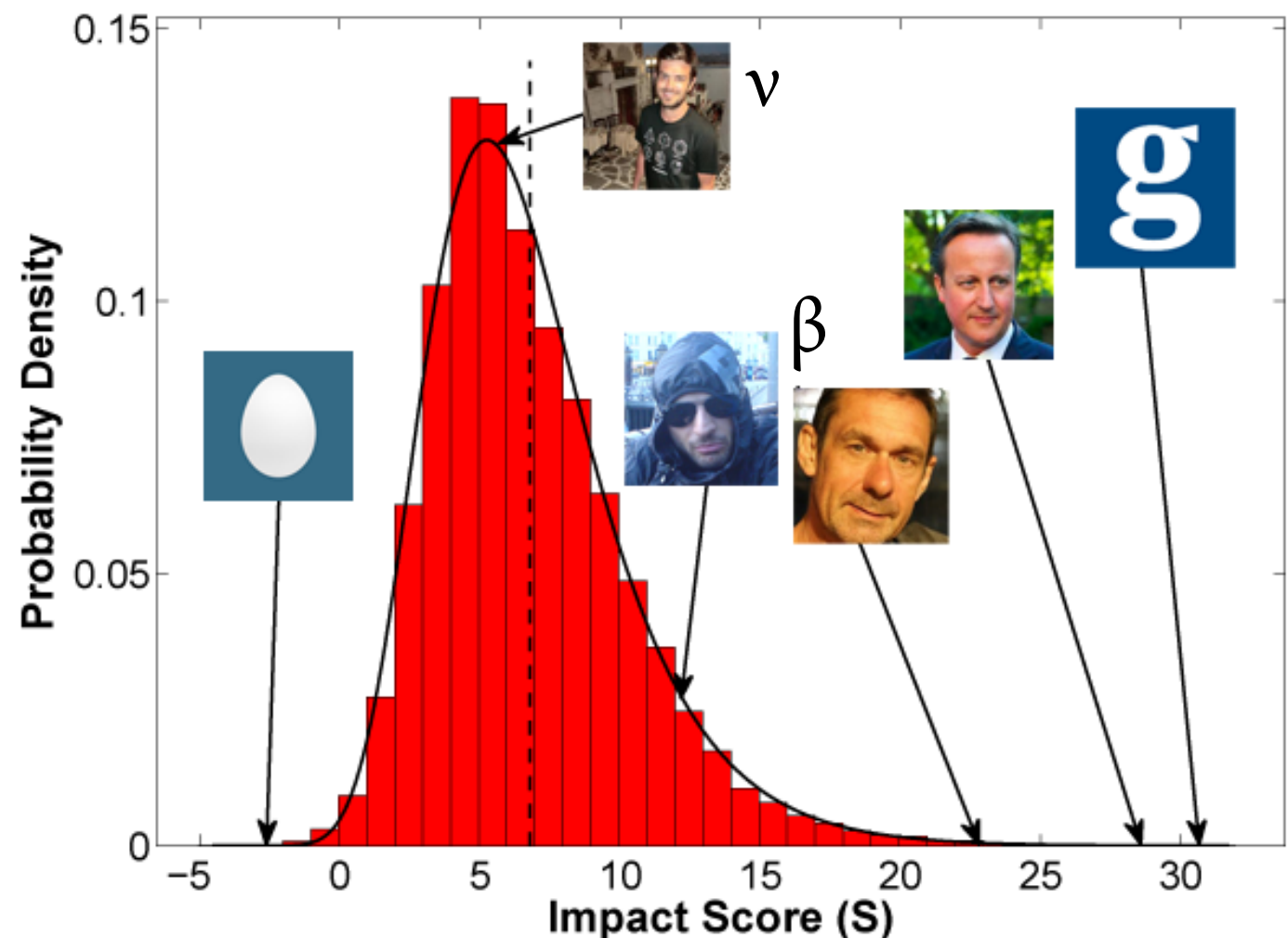
ϕ_{out} → number of followees

$\theta = 1$ → logarithm is applied on a positive

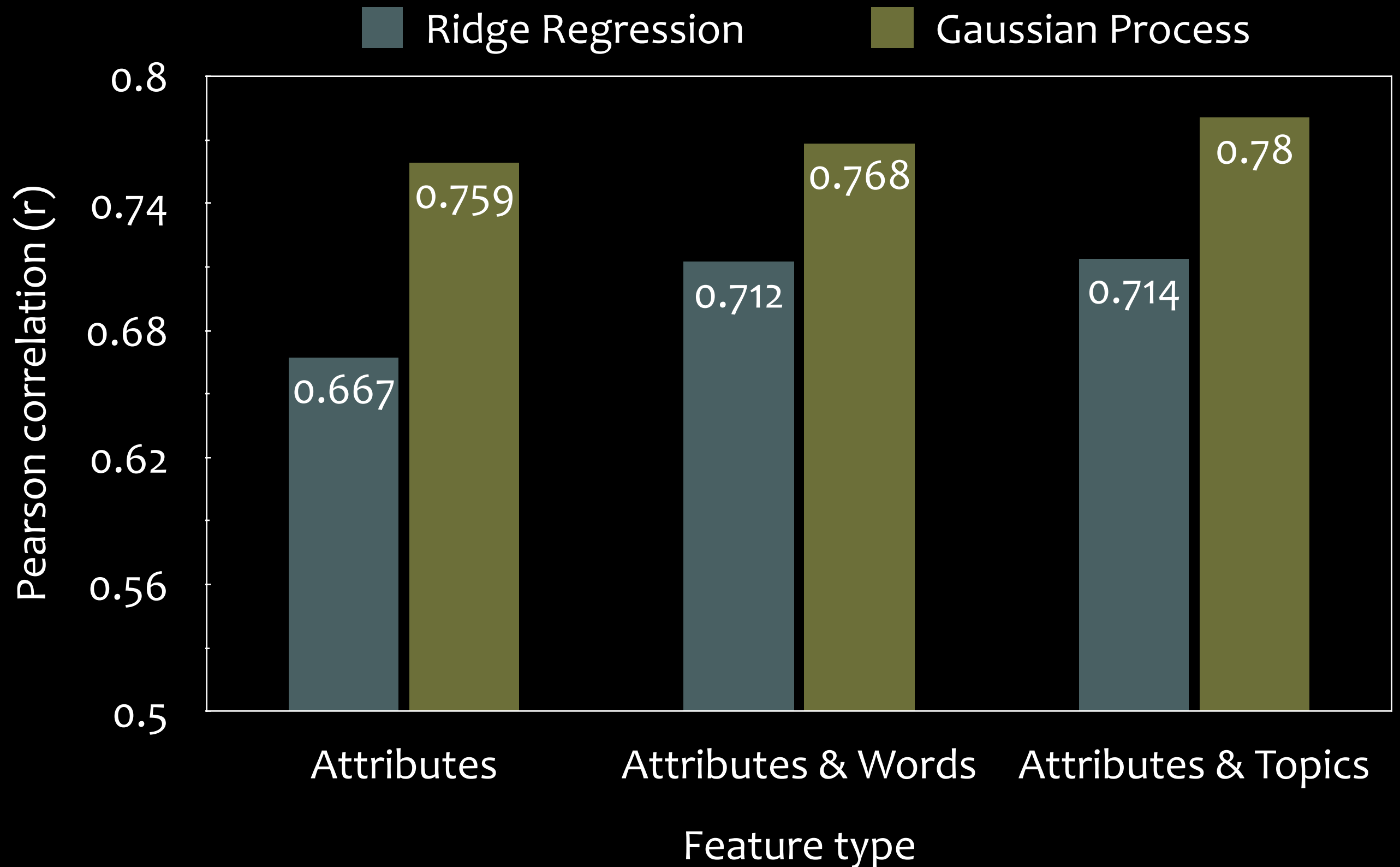
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40K Twitter accounts (UK) considered

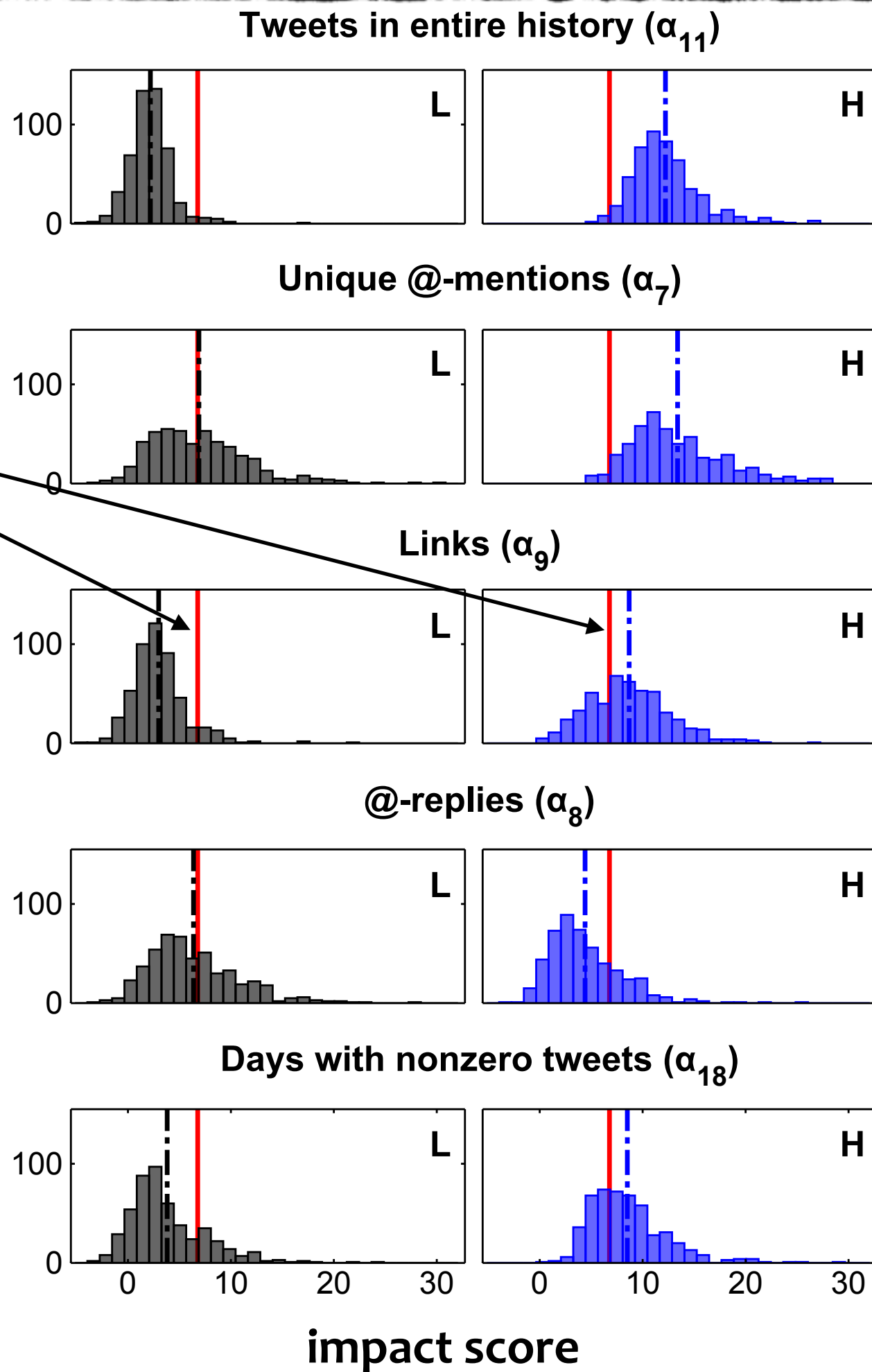


Impact prediction as a regression task



mean
impact score
for ALL users

number of users



(Lampos, Aletras,
Preotiuc-Pietro &
Cohn, 2014)

Some of the most
important **user
attributes for impact**
(*excl. topics*)

500 accounts with
the lower (L) and
higher (H) impacts
for an attribute

Impact *plus*

- + more tweets
- + more @mentions
- + more links
- + less @replies
- + less inactive days

Impact *minus*

- + less tweets
- + less links
- + more inactive days

We can guess the impact
of user from user activity,
but can we infer his / her
occupation?

Inferring the occupational class of a Twitter user

“Socioeconomic variables are influencing language use.”

(Bernstein, 1960; Labov, 1972/2006)

- + Validate this hypothesis on a larger data set
- + Downstream applications
 - + research (social science & other domains)
 - + commercial
- + Proxy for income, socioeconomic class etc., i.e. further applications

(Preotiuc-Pietro, Lampos & Aletras, 2015)

Standard Occupational Classification (SOC, 2010)

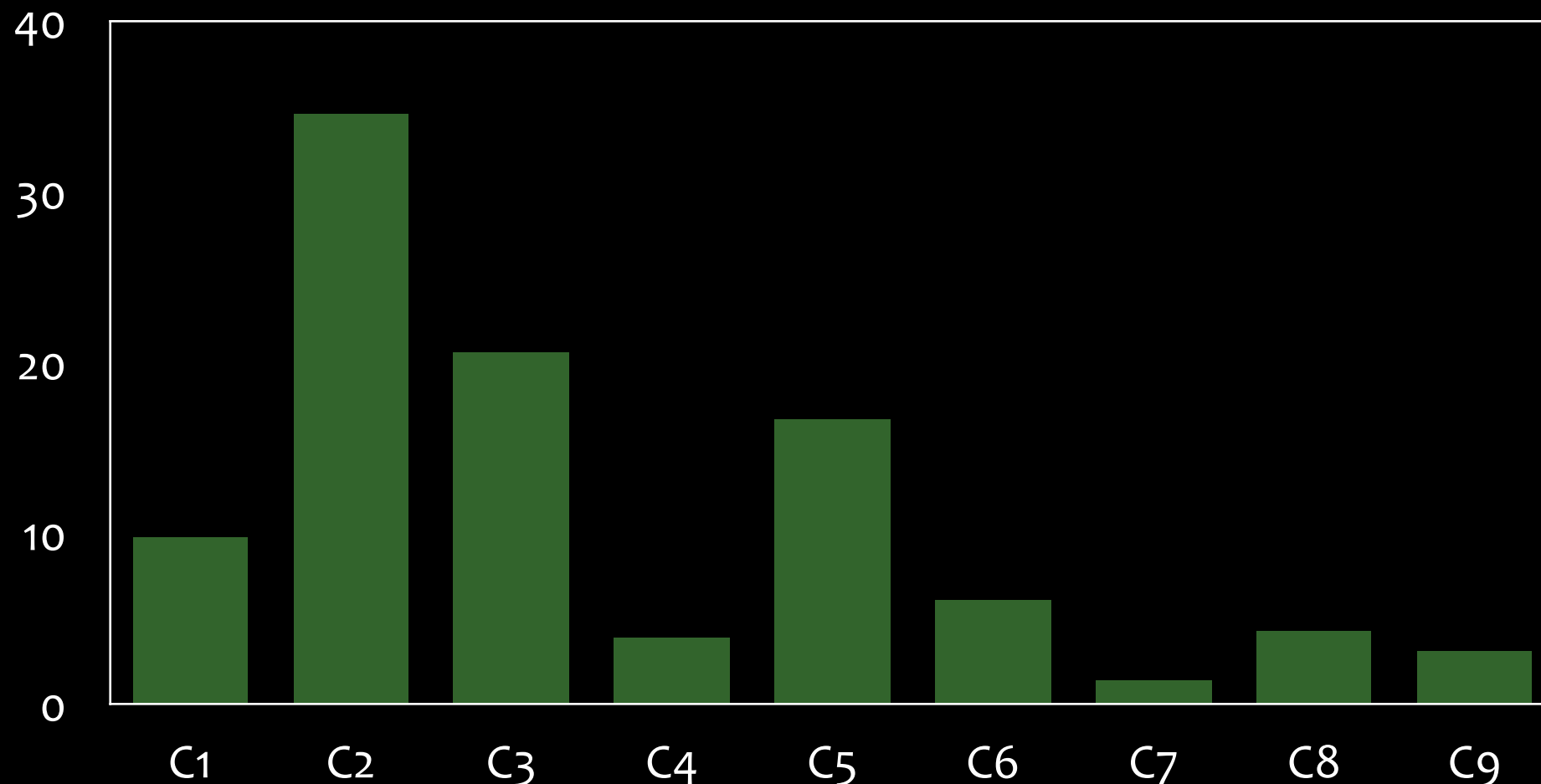
- C1** Managers, Directors & Senior Officials — *chief executive, bank manager*
- C2** Professional Occupations — *mechanical engineer, pediatricist, postdoc (!)*
- C3** Associate Professional & Technical — *system administrator, dispensing optician*
- C4** Administrative & Secretarial — *legal clerk, company secretary*
- C5** Skilled Trades — *electrical fitter, tailor*
- C6** Caring, Leisure, Other Service — *nursery assistant, hairdresser*
- C7** Sales & Customer Service — *sales assistant, telephonist*
- C8** Process, Plant and Machine Operatives — *factory worker, van driver*
- C9** Elementary — *shelf stacker, bartender*

Google “ONS” AND “SOC” for more information

Data

- + 5,191 users mapped to their occupations, then mapped to one of the 9 SOC categories — *manual* (!) labelling
- + 10 million tweets
- + Get processed data: <http://www.sas.upenn.edu/~danielpr/jobs.tar.gz>

% of users per SOC category



Features

User attributes (18)

- + number of followers, friends, listings, follower/friend ratio, favourites, tweets, retweets, hashtags, @-mentions, @-replies, links and so on

Topics — Word clusters (200)

- + **SVD** on the graph laplacian of the word x word similarity matrix using normalised PMI, i.e. a form of spectral clustering
(*Bouma, 2009; von Luxburg, 2007*)
- + Skip-gram model with negative sampling to learn word embeddings (**Word2Vec**); pairwise cosine similarity on the embeddings to derive a word x word similarity matrix; then spectral clustering on the
(*Mikolov et al., 2013*)

Occupational class (9-way) classification

Logistic Regression SVM (RBF) Gaussian Process



Topics

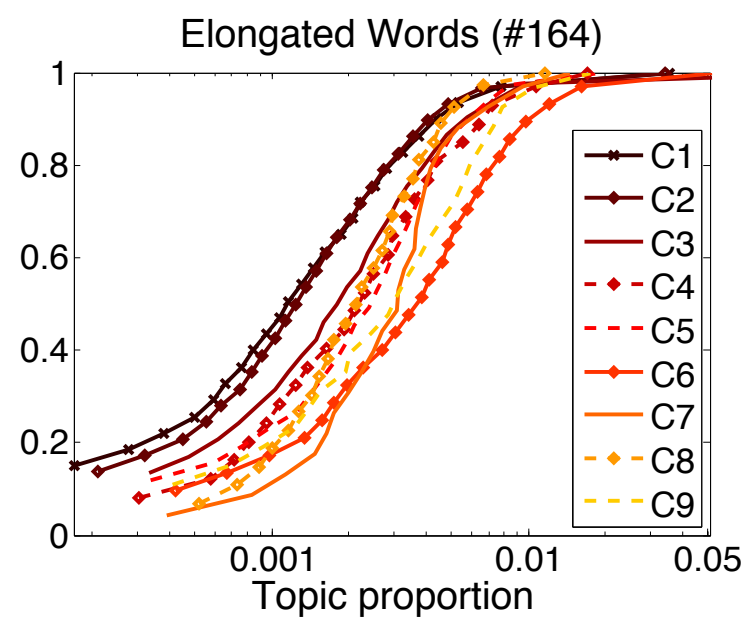
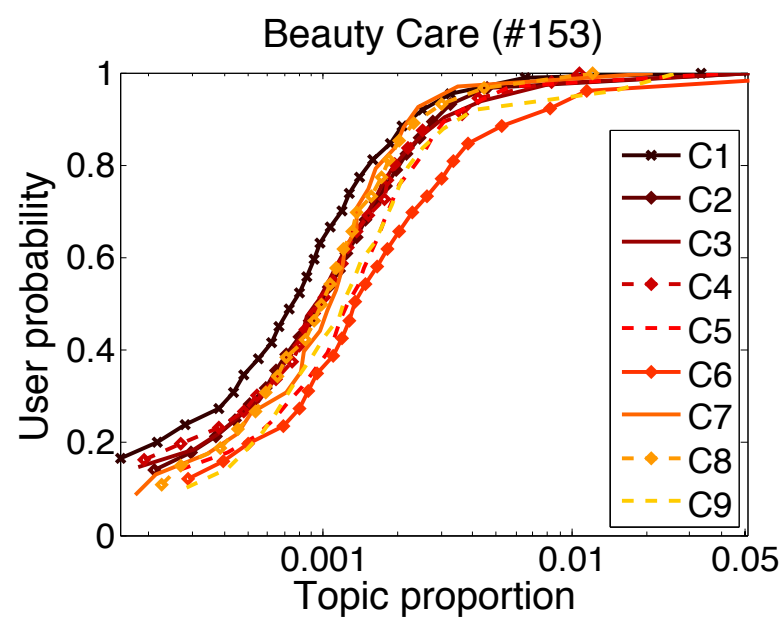
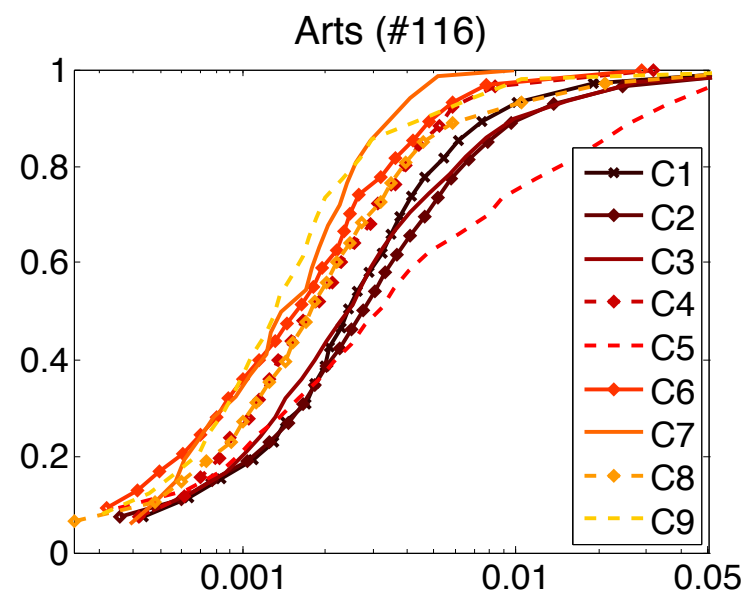
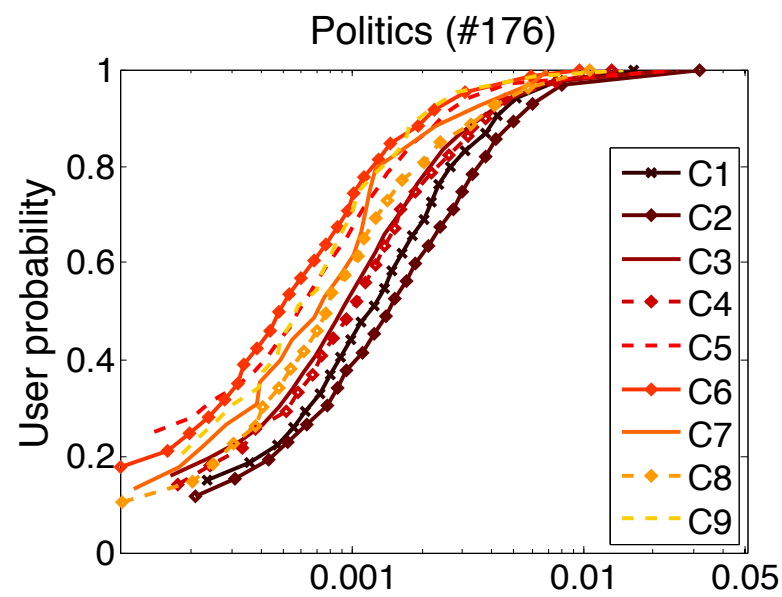
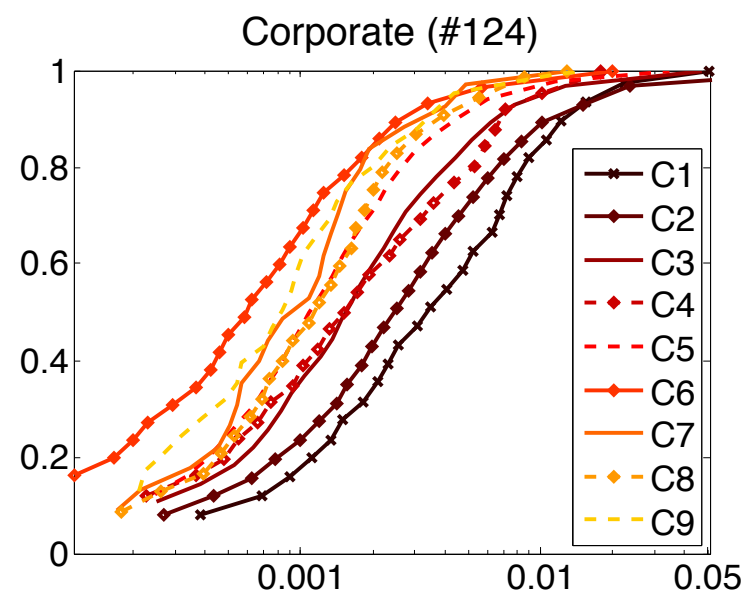
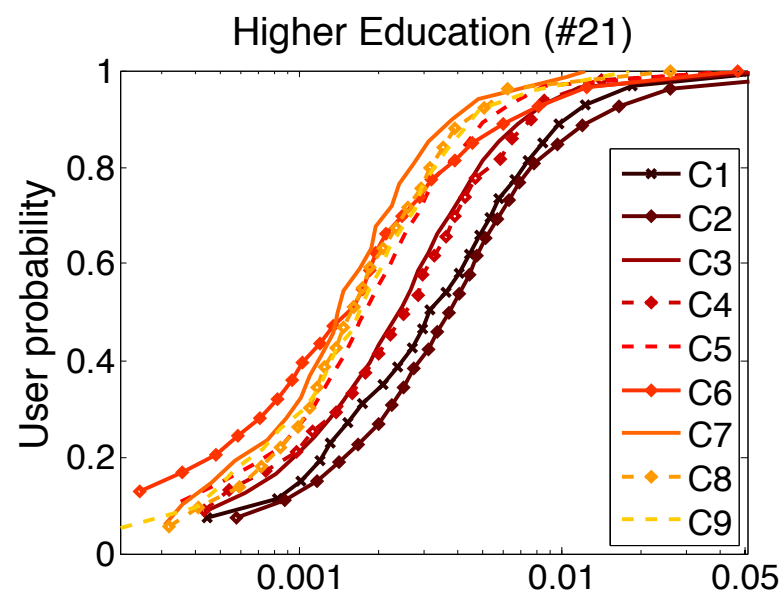
Manual label	Most central words; Most frequent words	Rank
Arts	archival, stencil, canvas, minimalist; art, design, print	1
Health	chemotherapy, diagnosis, disease; risk, cancer, mental, stress	2
Beauty Care	exfoliating, cleanser, hydrating; beauty, natural, dry, skin	3
Higher Education	undergraduate, doctoral, academic, students, curriculum; students, research, board, student, college, education, library	4
Software Engineering	integrated, data, implementation, integration, enterprise; service, data, system, services, access, security	5
Football	bardsley, etherington, gallas; van, foster, cole, winger	7
Corporate	consortium, institutional, firm's; patent, industry, reports	8
Cooking	parmesan, curried, marinated, zucchini; recipe, meat, salad	9
Elongated Words	yaaayy, wooooo, woooo, yayyyyy, yaaaaay, yayayaya, yayy; wait, till, til, yay, ahhh, hoo, woo, woot, whoop, woohoo	12
Politics	religious, colonialism, christianity, judaism, persecution, fascism, marxism; human, culture, justice, religion, democracy	16

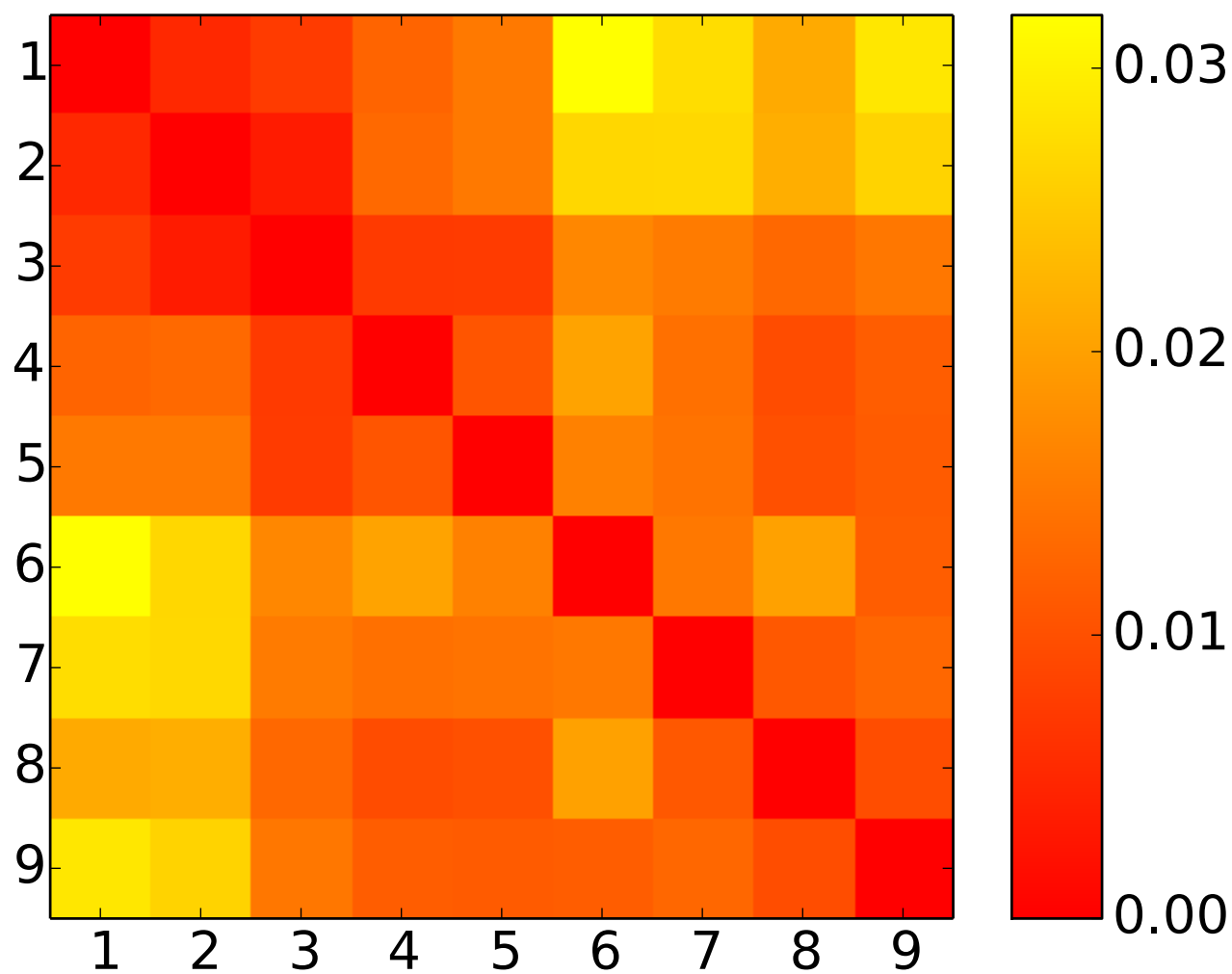
Discussion topics per occupational class — CDF plots

Plots explained
Topic more prevalent in a class (C1-C9), if the line leans closer to the bottom-right corner of the plot

Upper classes
+ Higher Education
+ Corporate
+ Politics

Lower classes
+ Beauty Care
+ Elongated Words





Topics	C 1-2	C 6-9
Arts	4.95	2.79
Health	4.45	2.13
Beauty Care	1.40	2.24
Higher Education	6.04	2.56
Software Engineering	6.31	2.54
Football	0.54	0.52
Corporate	5.15	1.41
Cooking	2.81	2.49
Elongated Words	1.90	3.78
Politics	2.14	1.06

Left: Distance (Jensen-Shannon divergence) between topic distributions for the different occupational classes, depicted on a heatmap

Right: Comparison of mean topic usage between supersets of occupational classes (1-2 vs. 6-9)

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Conclusions

Publicly available, **user-generated content** can be used to better understand:

- + ***collective emotion***
- + disease rates or the ***magnitude of some target events***
- + ***voting intentions***
- + ***user attributes*** (impact, occupation)

A number of studies (*too many to cite*) have attempted different — sometimes improved — approaches on the methods presented here.

Many studies have also explored different data mining scenarios (e.g. infer user gender, financial indices etc.).

Some of the challenges ahead

- + Work closer with domain experts (social scientists to epidemiologists)
 - *e.g. in collaboration with Public Health England we proposed a method for assessing the impact of a health intervention through social media and search query data (Lampos, Yom-Tov, Pebody & Cox, 2015)*
- + Understand better the biases of the online media (when it is desirable to conduct more generic conclusions)
 - *note that sometimes these biases may be a good thing*
- + Attack more interesting (usually more complex) questions
 - *e.g. generalise the inference of offline from online behaviour*
- + Improve on existing methods

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Thank you!

slides available at

<http://www.lampos.net/sites/default/files/slides/ACA2015.pdf>



Bonus slides



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Training Bilinear Elastic Net (BEN)

BEN's *objective function* — — — — —>

Biconvex problem

- + fix \mathbf{u} , learn \mathbf{w} and vice versa
- + iterate through convex optimisation tasks

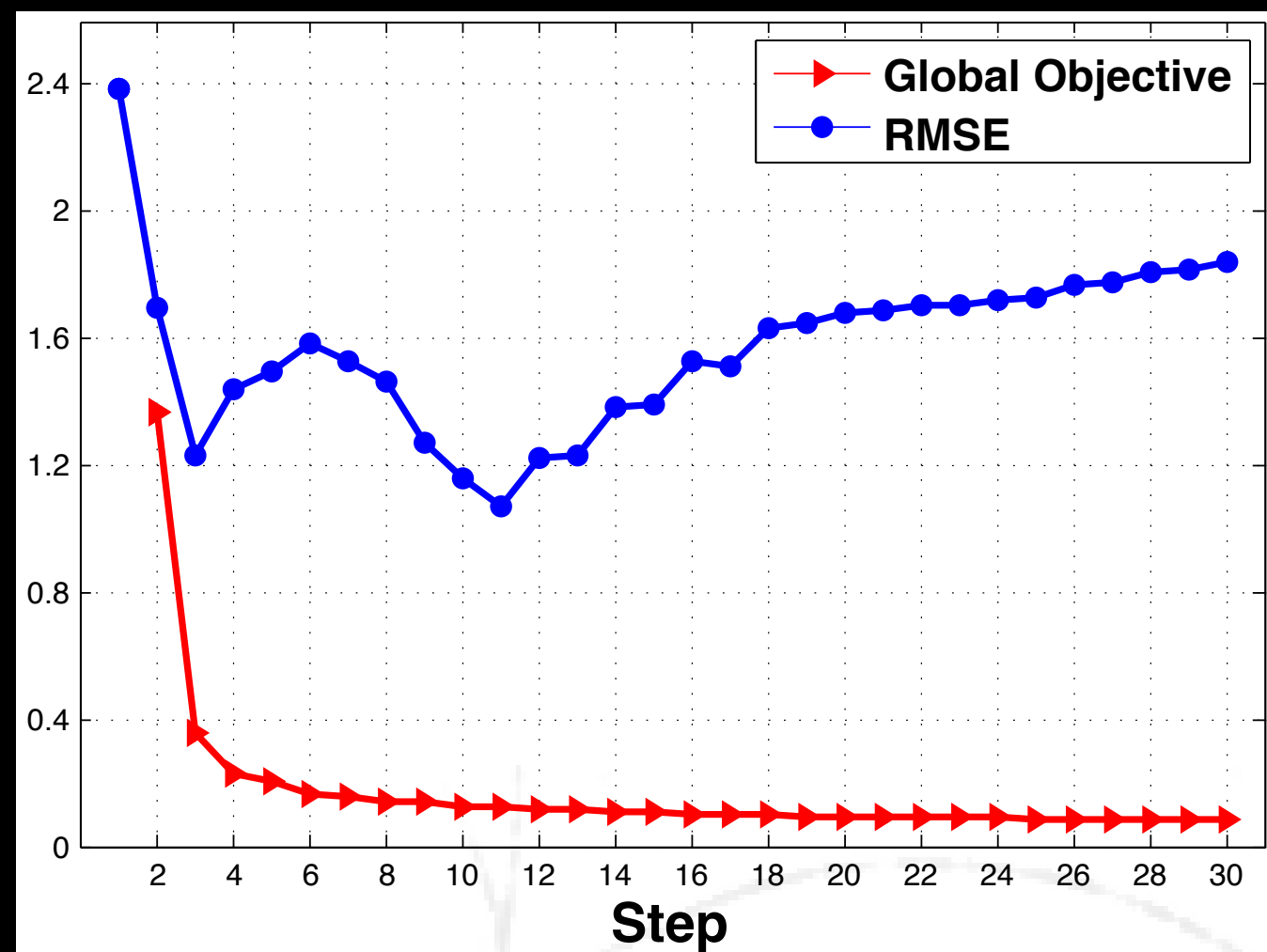
Large-scale solvers available

- + **FISTA** implemented in **SPAMS** library
(*Beck & Teboulle, 2009; Mairal et al., 2010*)

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}, \beta} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{Q}_i \mathbf{w} + \beta - y_i \right)^2 \\ & + \lambda_{u_1} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{\ell_2}^2 + \lambda_{u_2} \|\mathbf{u}\|_{\ell_1} \\ & + \lambda_{w_1} \|\mathbf{w}\|_{\ell_2}^2 + \lambda_{w_2} \|\mathbf{w}\|_{\ell_1} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Global objective function
during training (**red**)

Corresponding prediction
error on held out data (**blue**)



Bilinear modelling of EU unemployment via news summaries



Frequency



Polarity

Yes + No -

Weight

$a \longrightarrow b$

Word

Outlet

(Lamos et al., 2014)

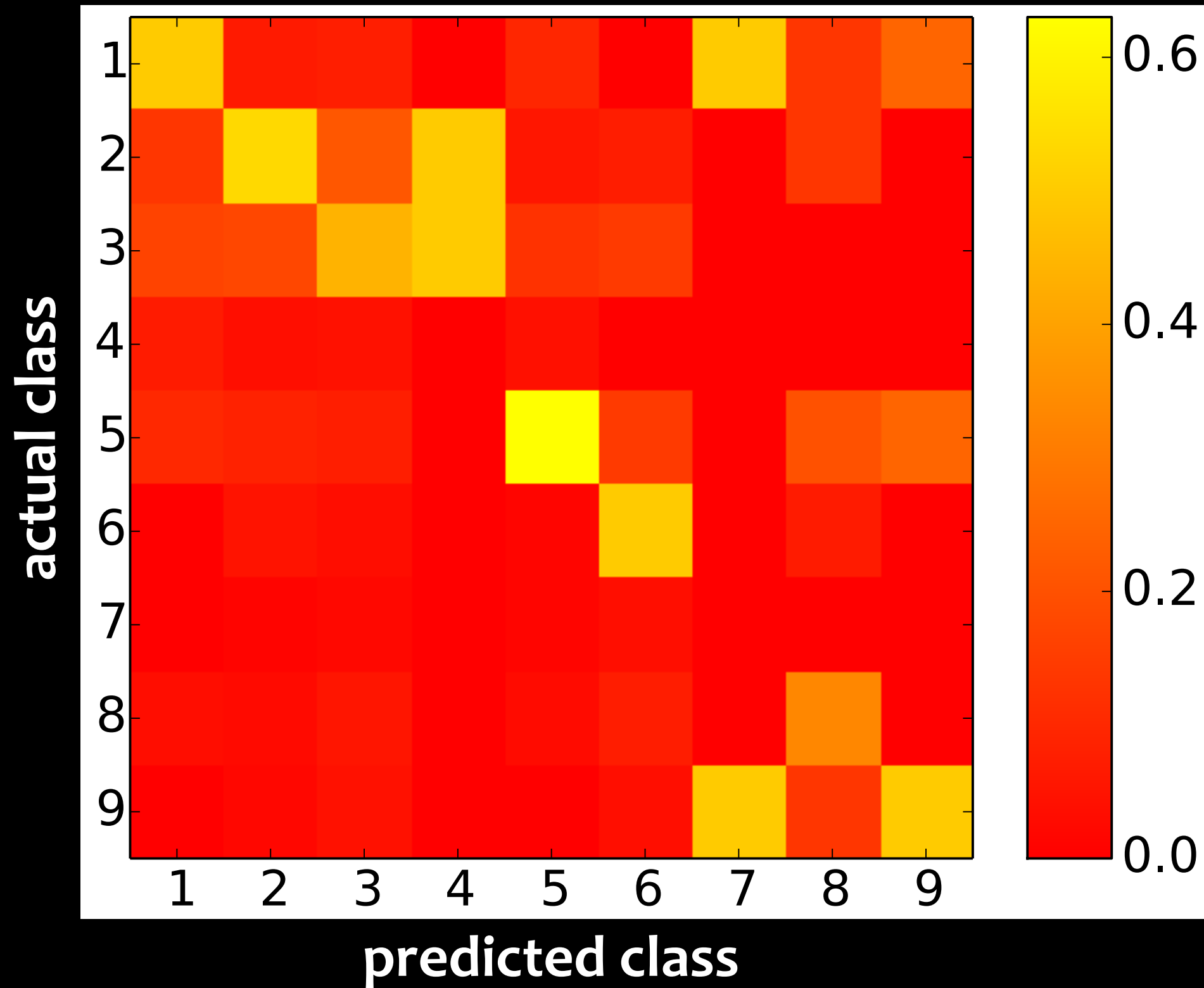
More information about Gaussian Processes

- + non-linear, kernelised, non-parametric, modular
- + applicable in both regression and classification scenarios
- + interpretable

Pointers

- + Book — “*Gaussian Processes for Machine Learning*”
<http://www.gaussianprocess.org/gpml/>
- + Tutorial — “*Gaussian Processes for Natural Language Processing*”
<http://people.eng.unimelb.edu.au/tcohn/tutorial.html>
- + Video-lecture — “*Gaussian Process Basics*”
http://videlectures.net/gpip06_mackay_gpb/
- + Software I — GPML for Octave or MATLAB
<http://www.gaussianprocess.org/gpml/code>
- + Software II — GPy for Python
<http://sheffieldml.github.io/GPy/>

Occupational class (9-way) classification confusion matrix



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