# DeepMove: Predicting Human Mobility with Attentional Recurrent Networks

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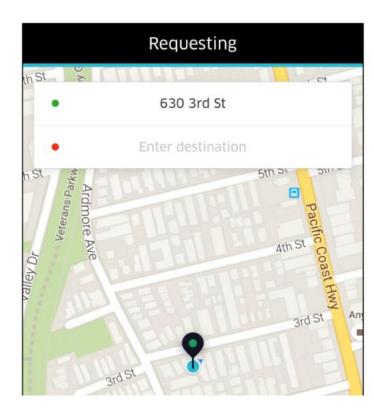
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Human mobility prediction is of great importance for a lot of location-based applications

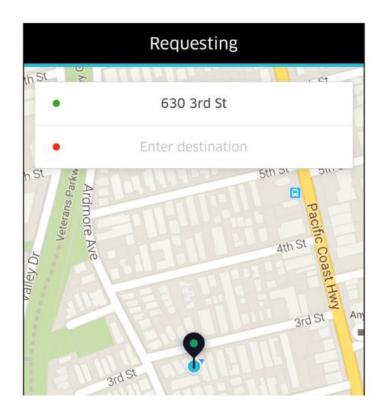
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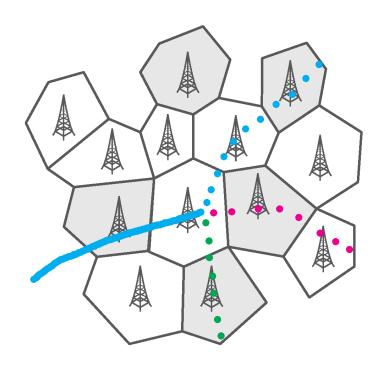


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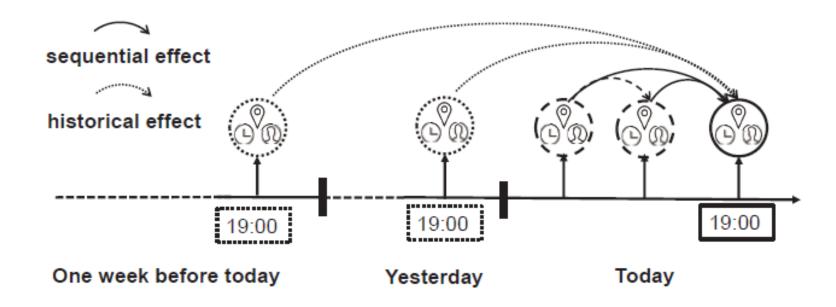
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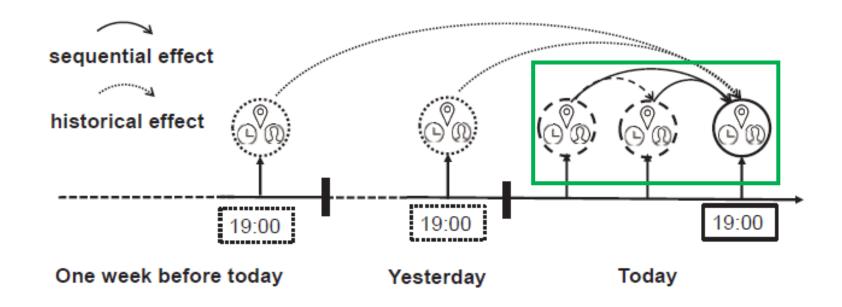
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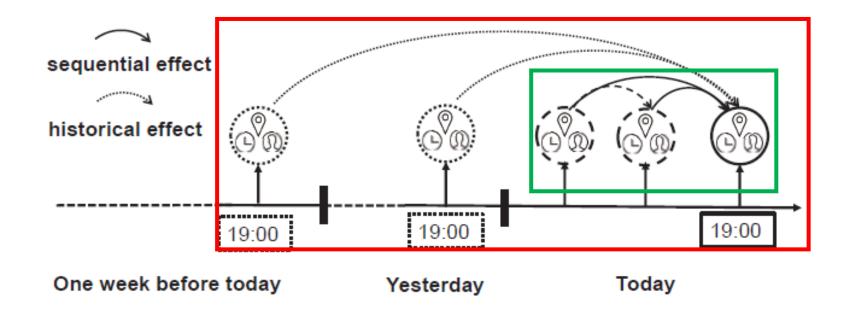
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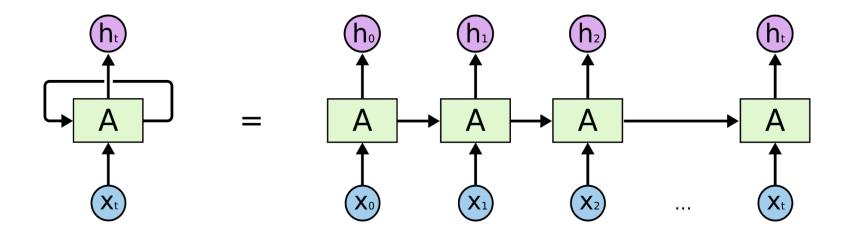
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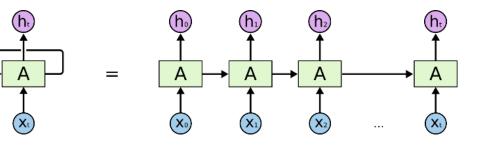
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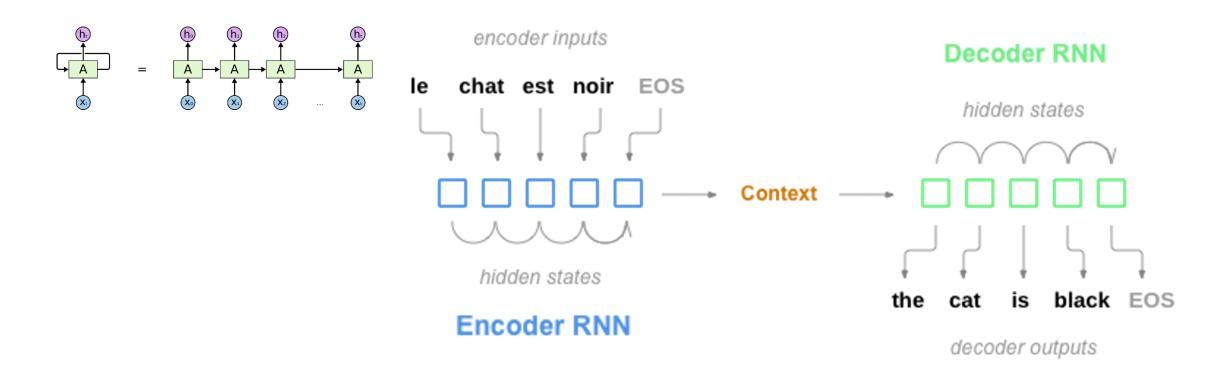
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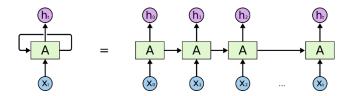
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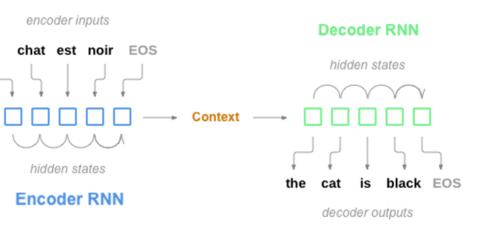
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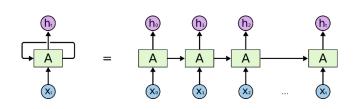


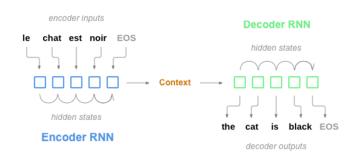


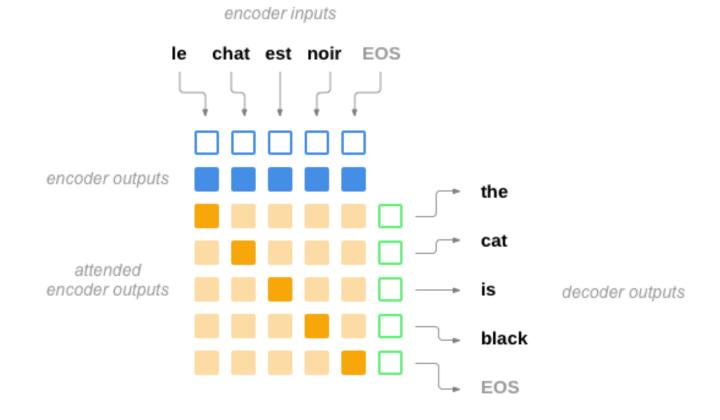










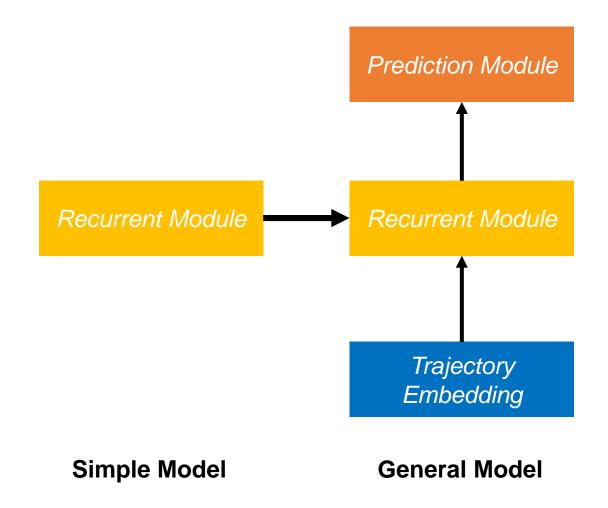


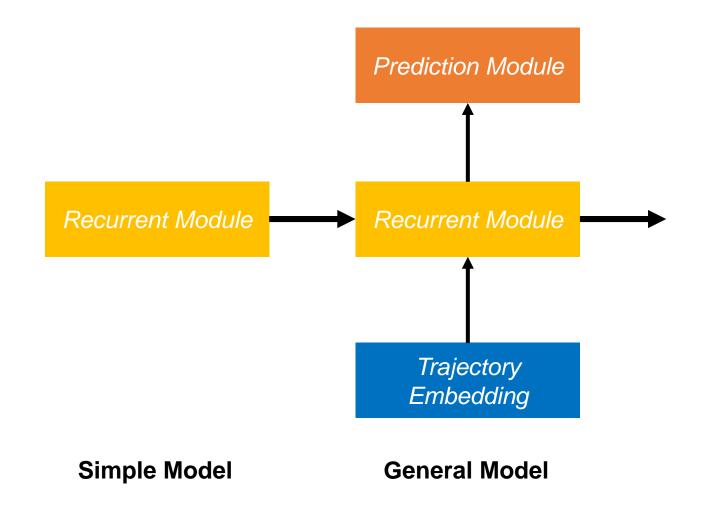
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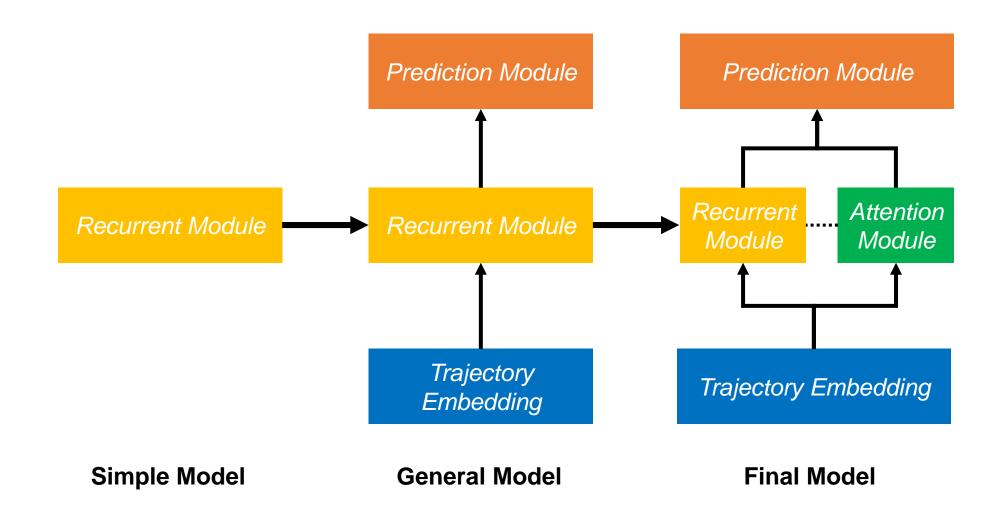
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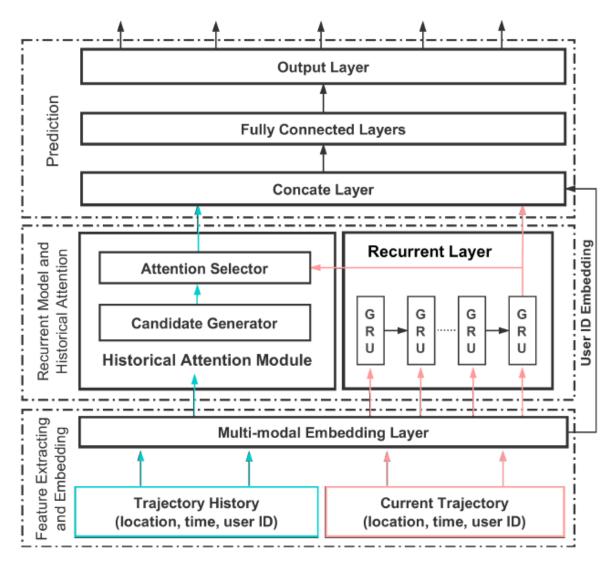
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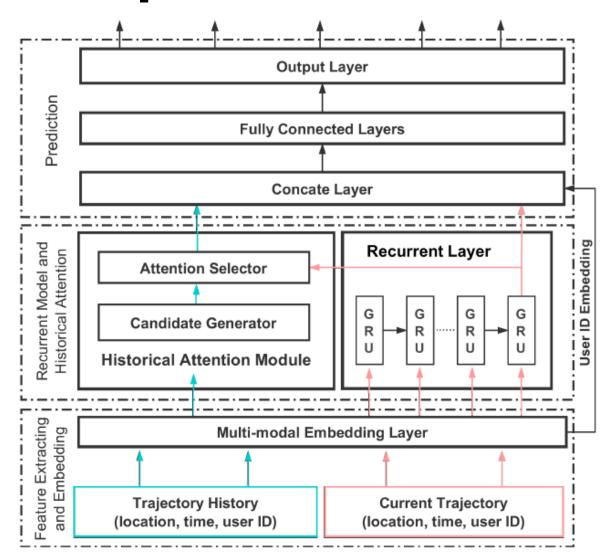




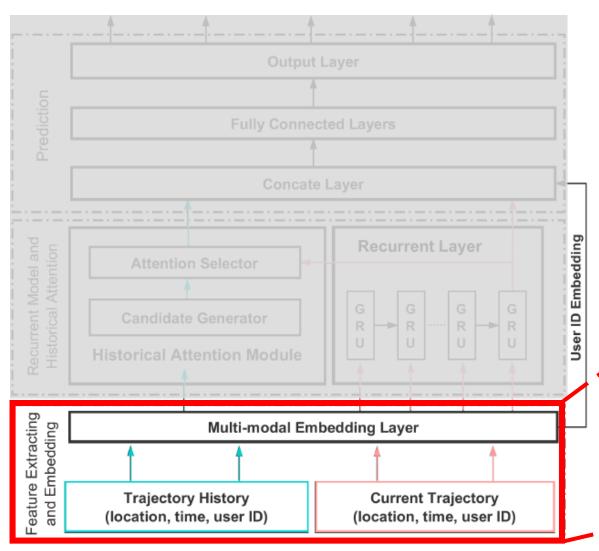
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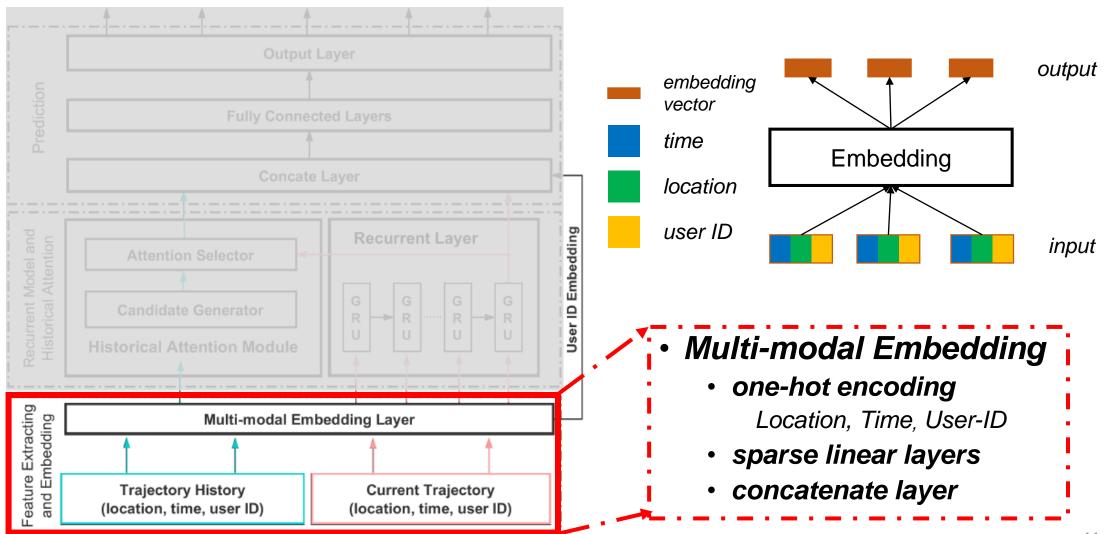
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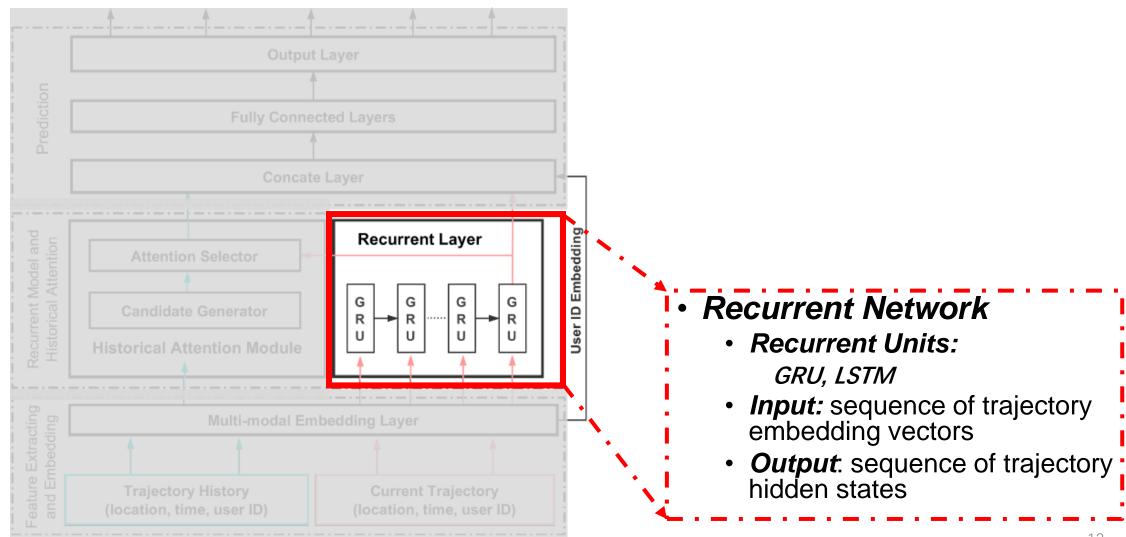
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    Location, Time, User-ID
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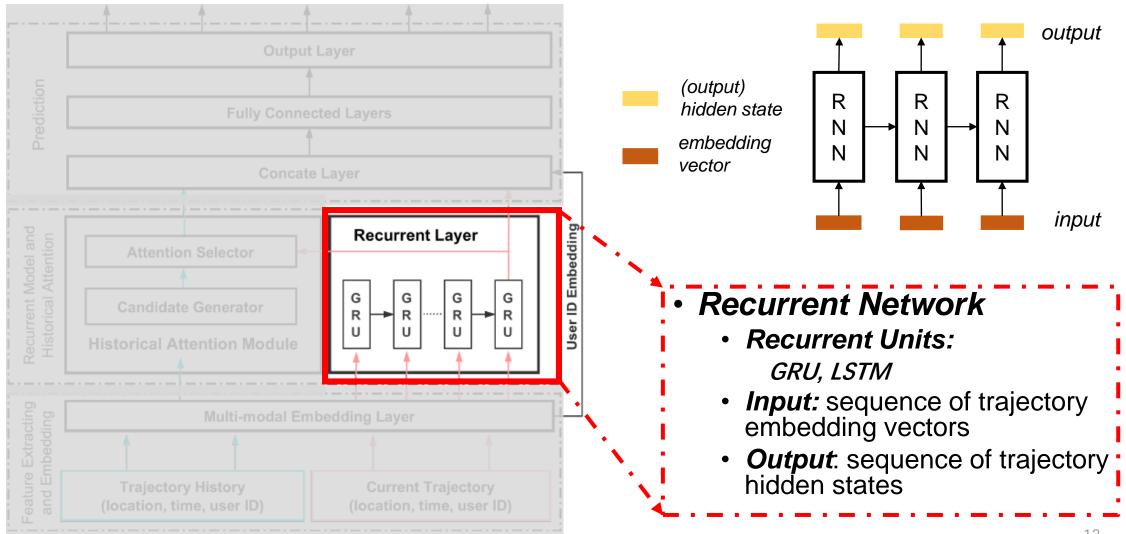
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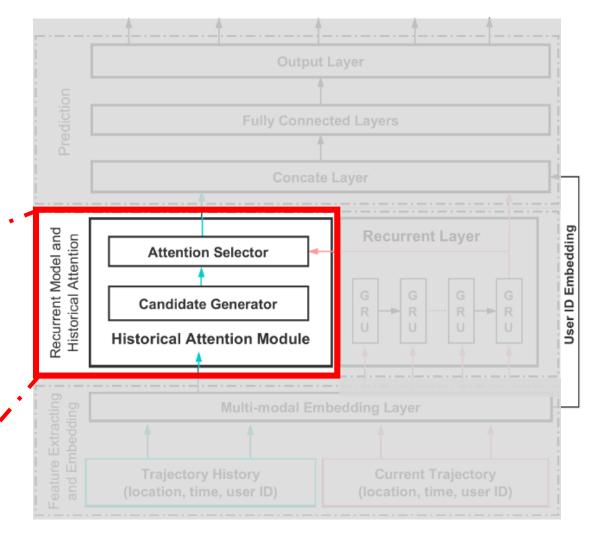
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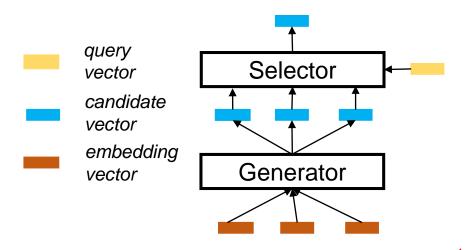


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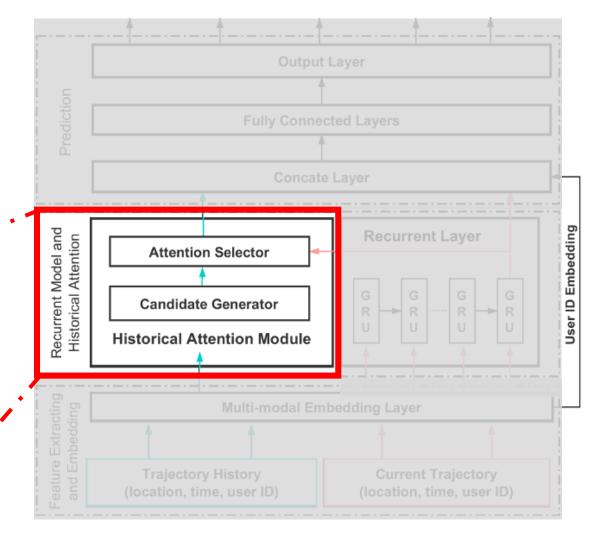


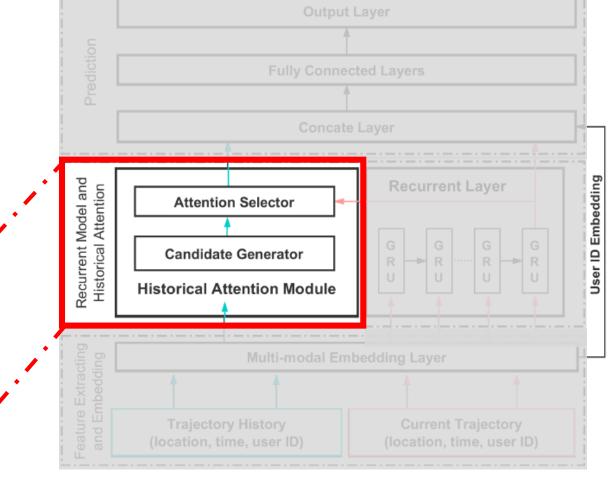
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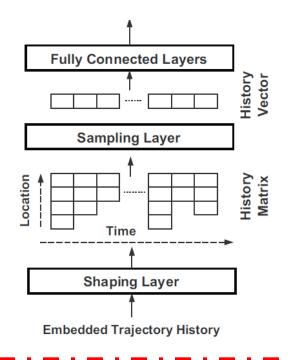


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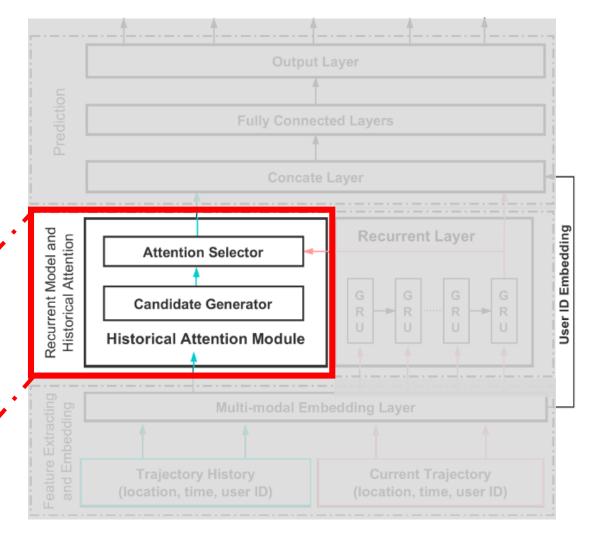


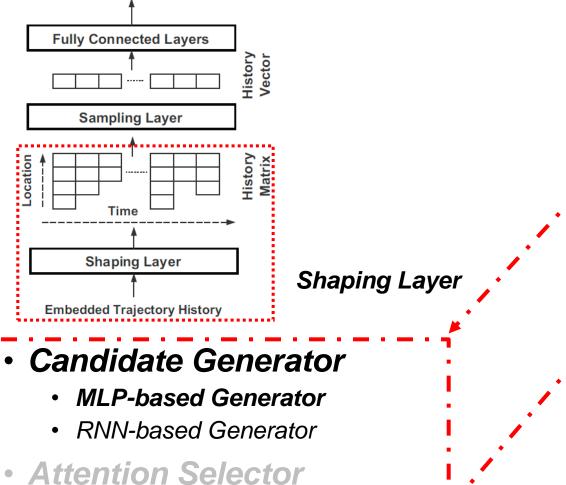


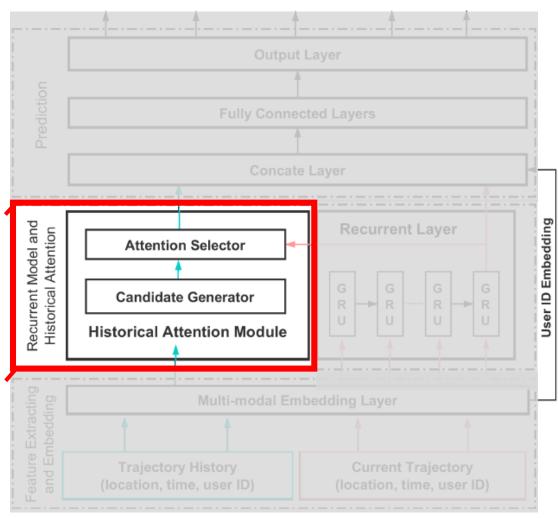
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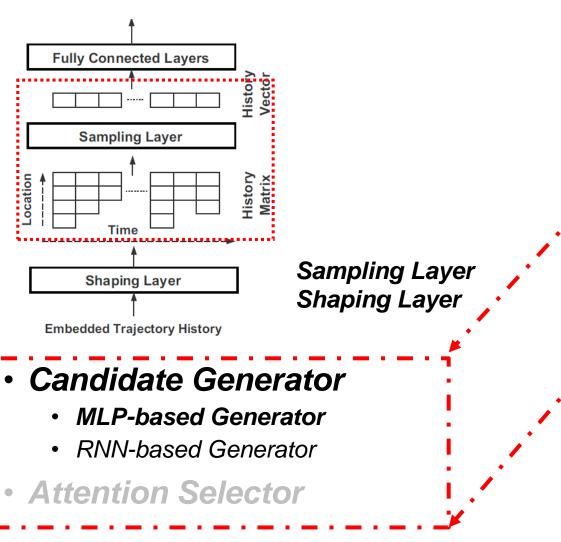


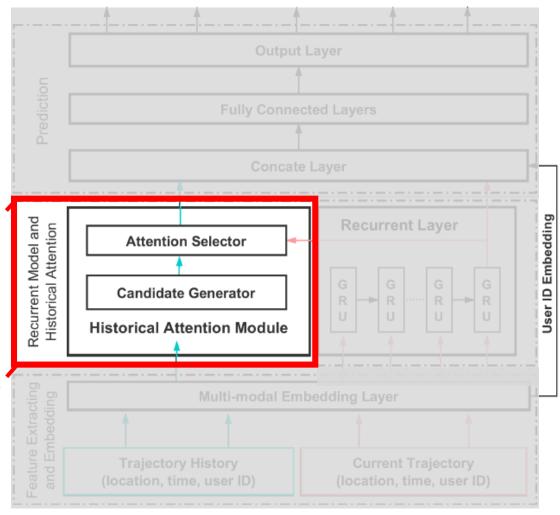
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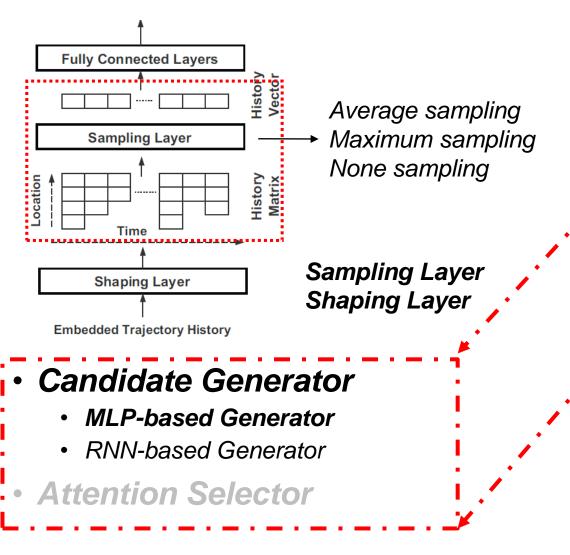


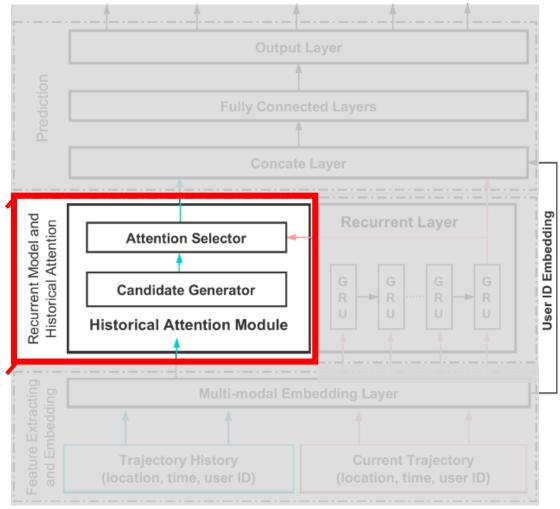


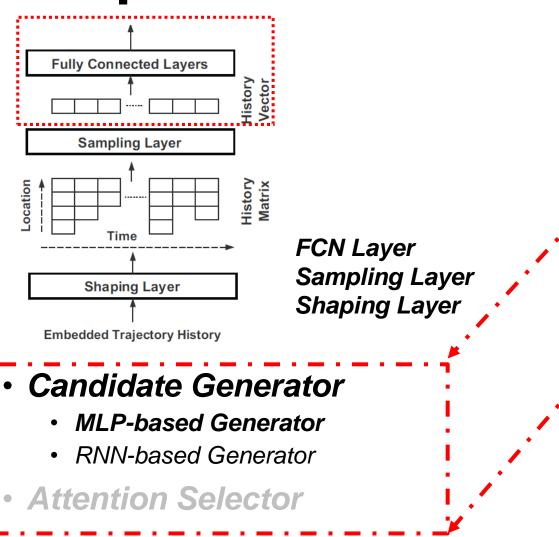


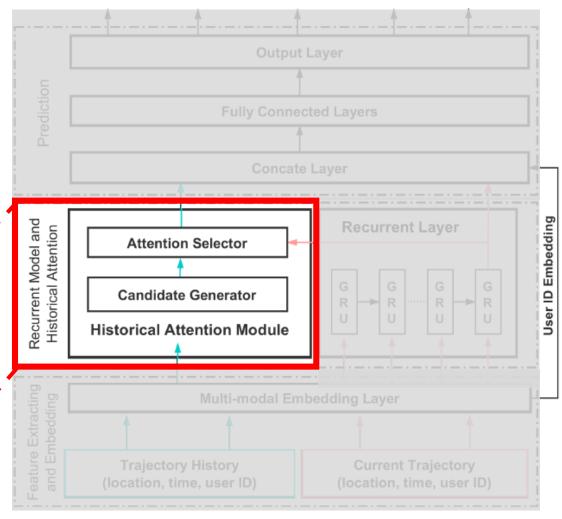


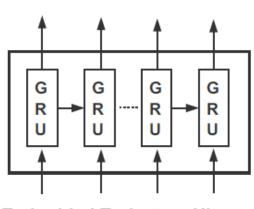






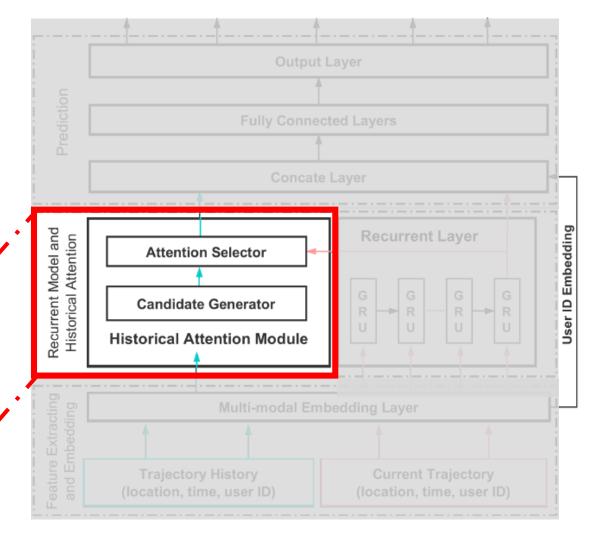






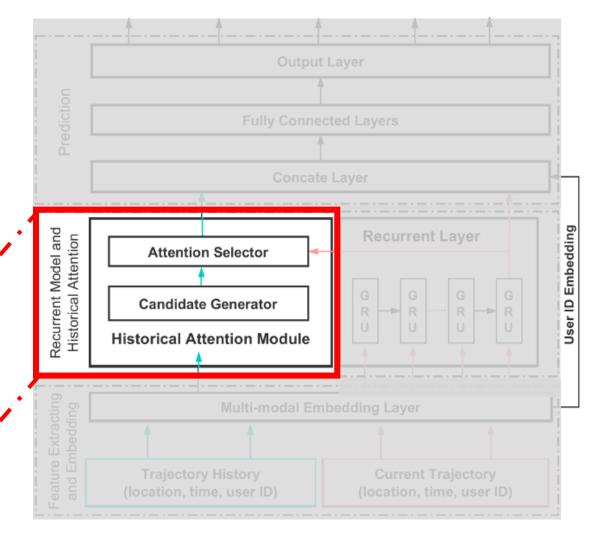
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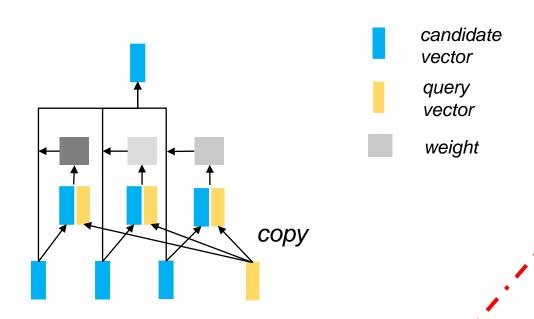
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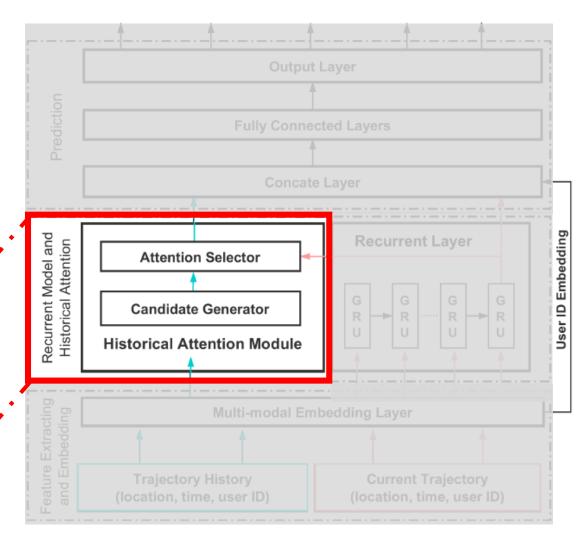


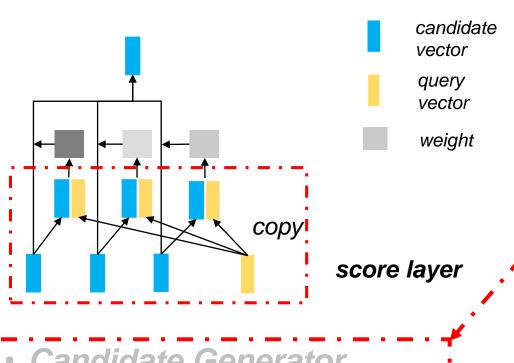
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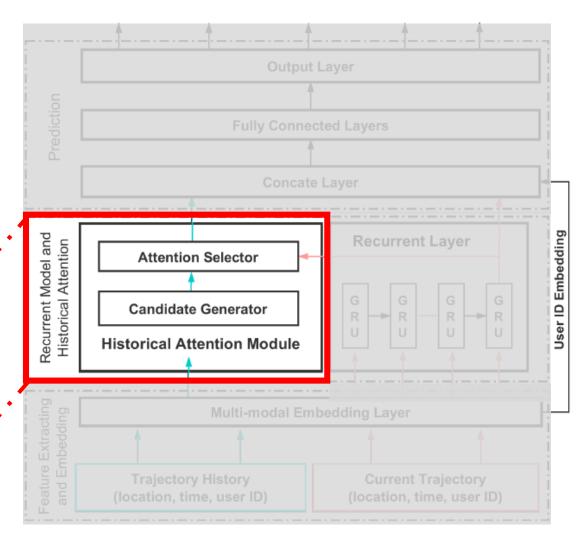


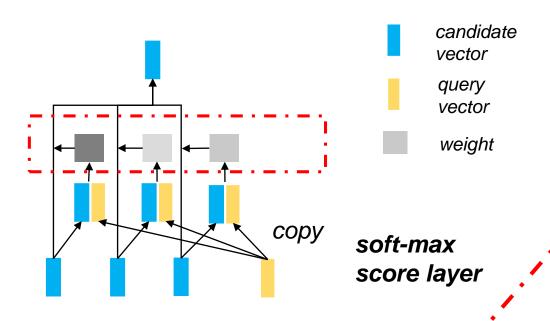
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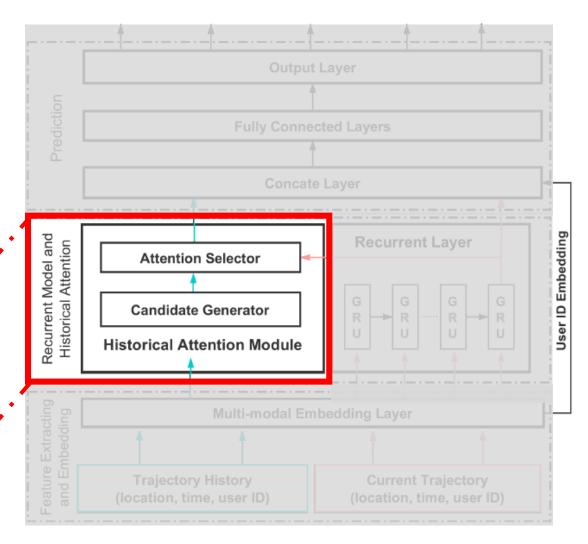


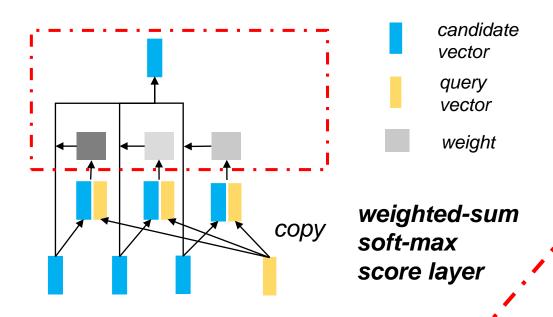
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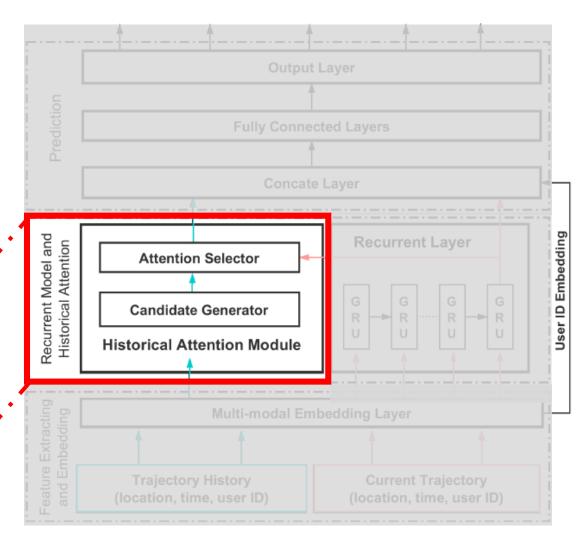


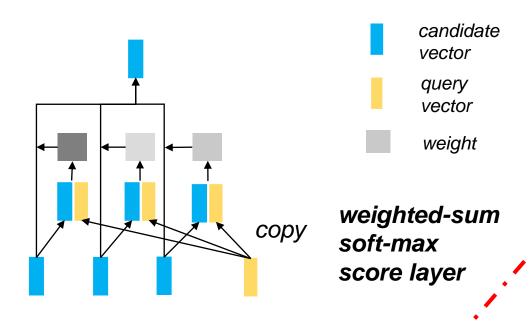
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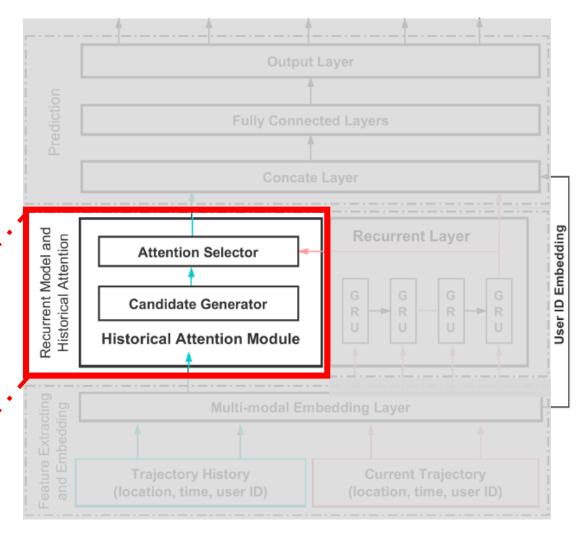


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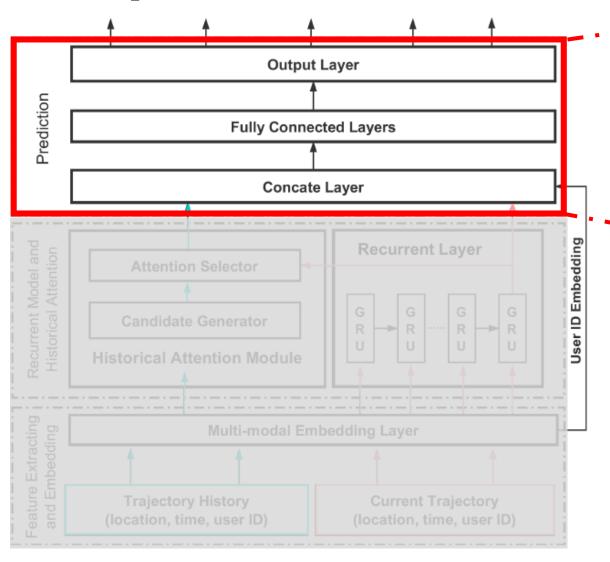




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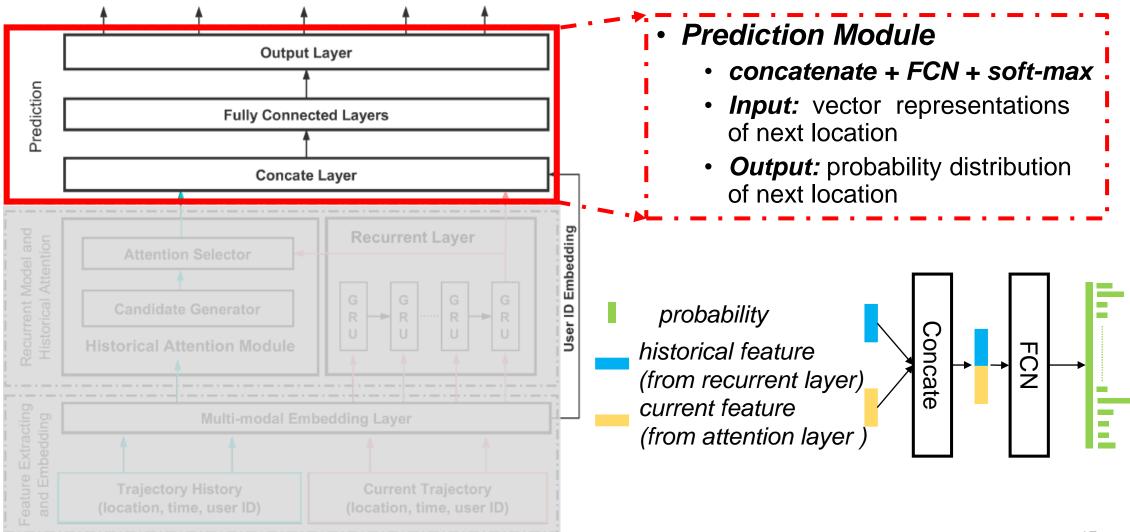


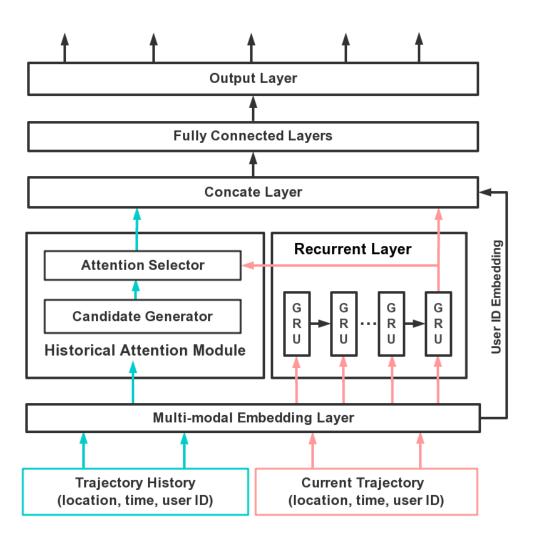
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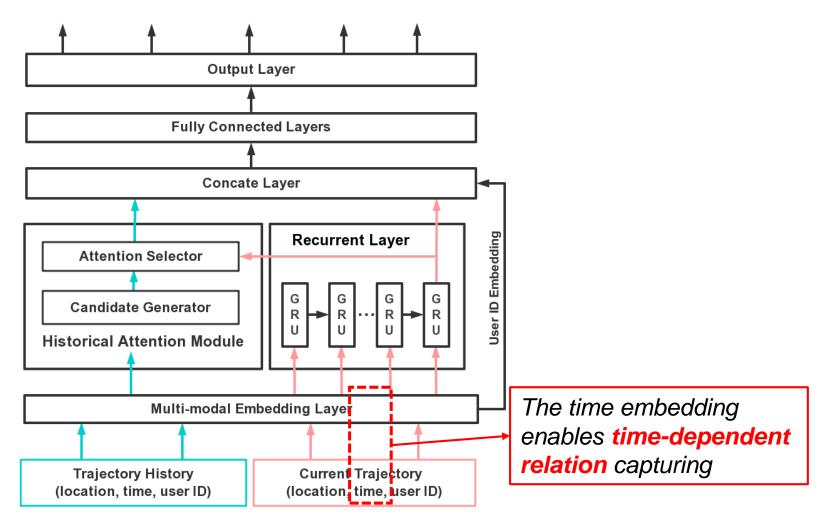


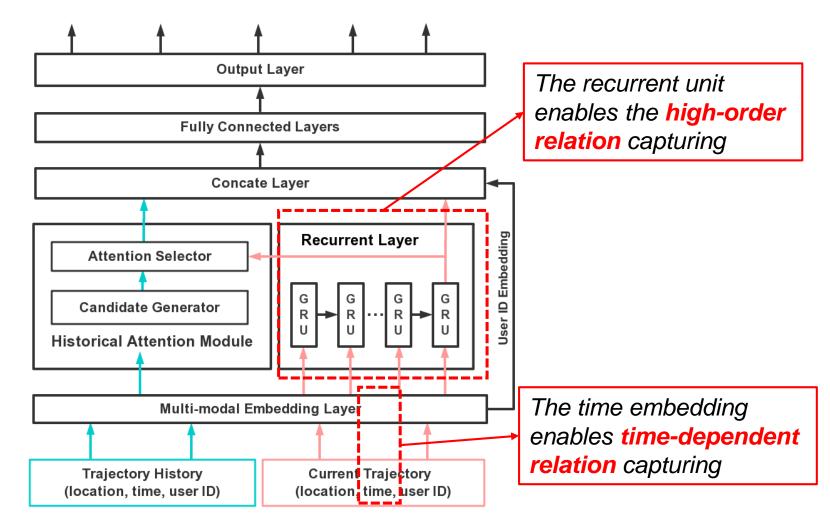
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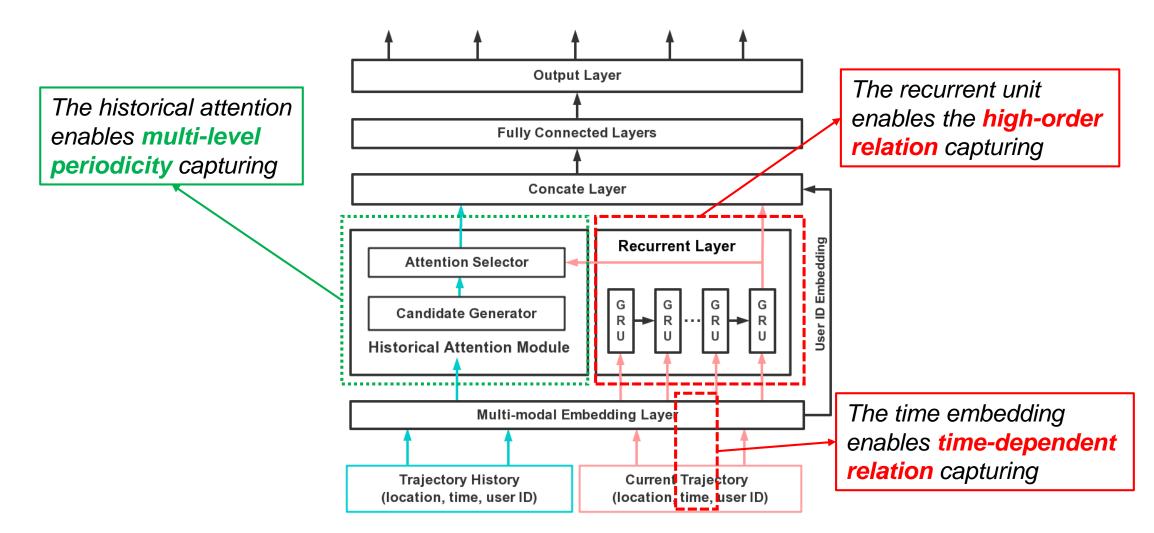
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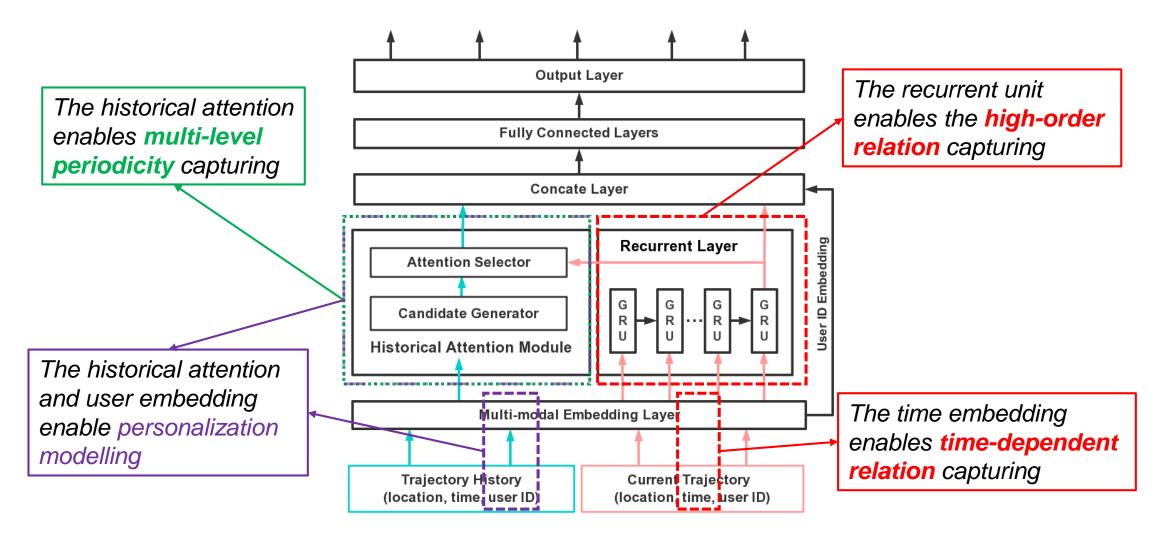












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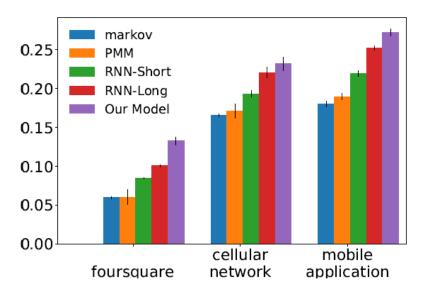
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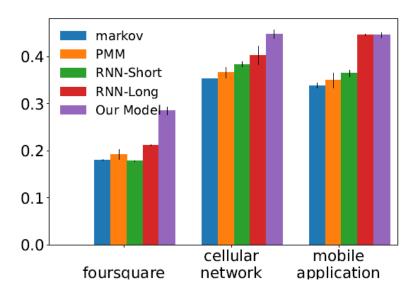
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- Markov: widely used mobility model working with state transition matrix
- **PMM:** spatiotemporal mixture model with considering periodicity
- RNN-based: simple version of our propose model without attention

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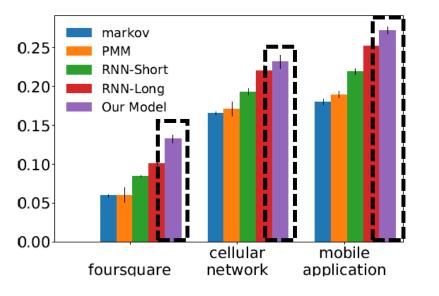


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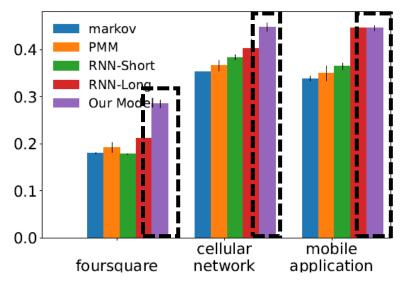


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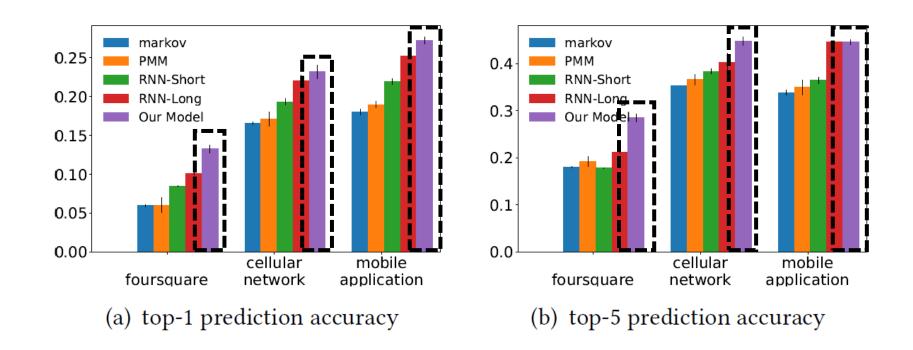


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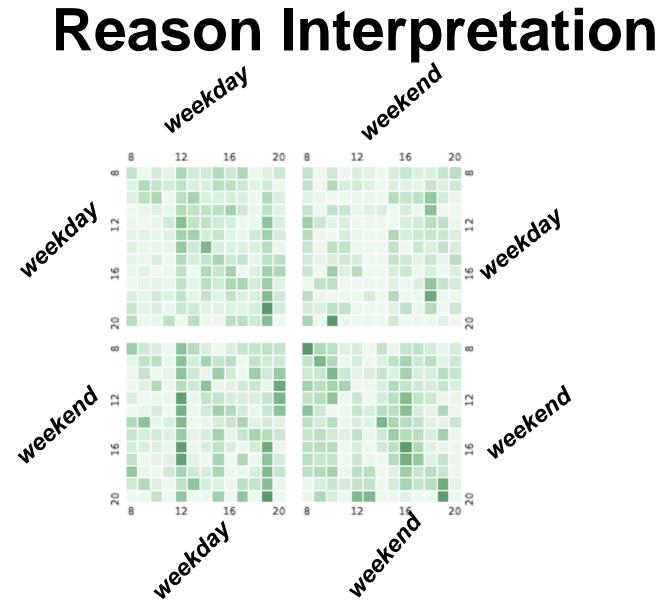


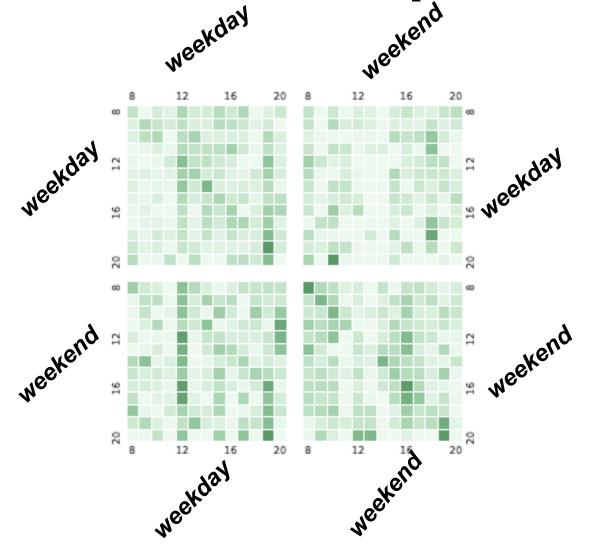
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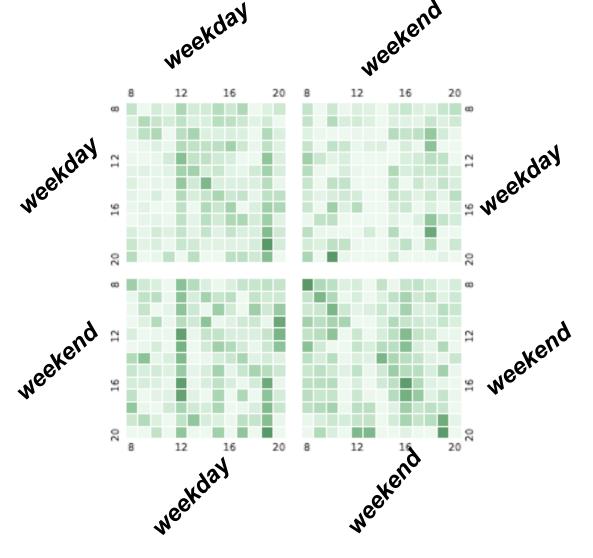


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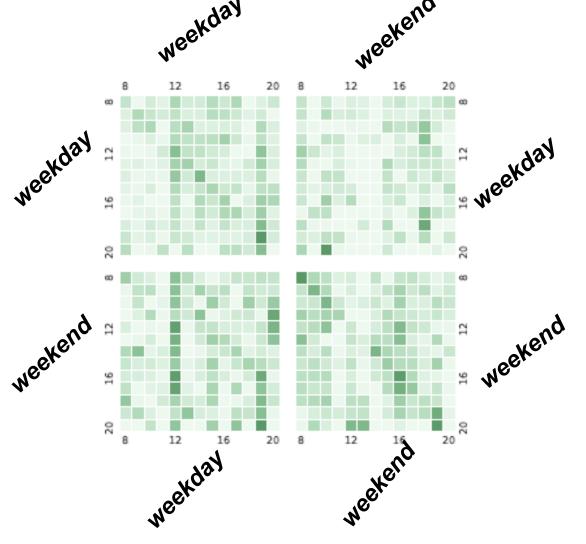


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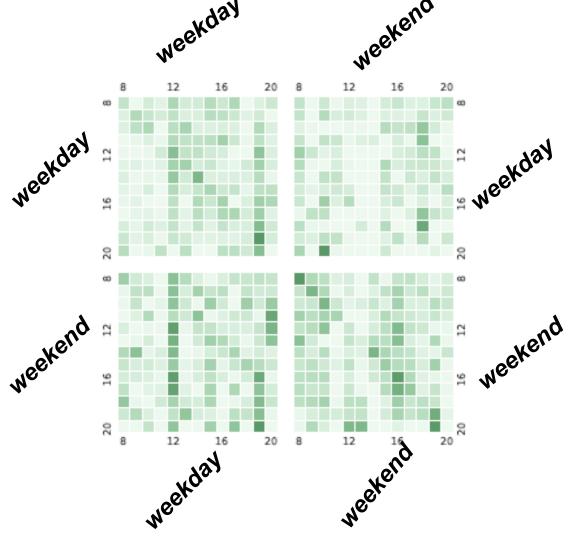
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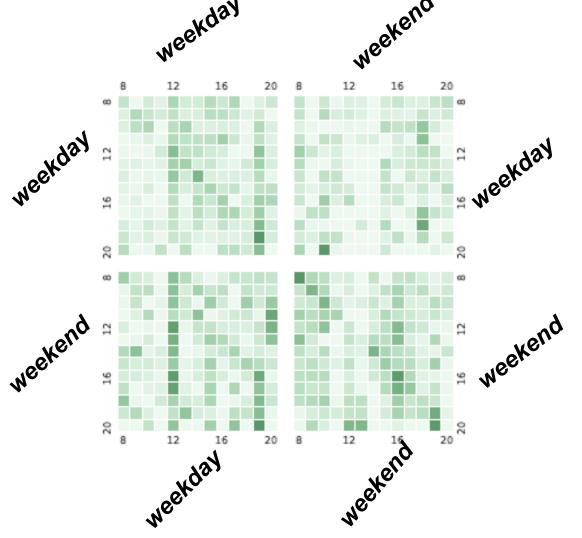
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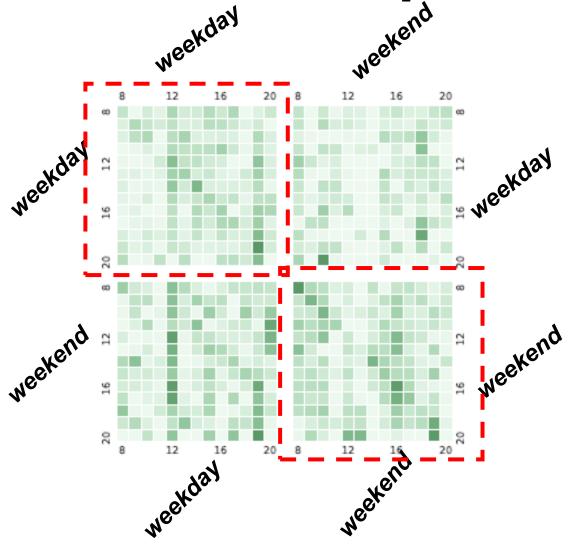


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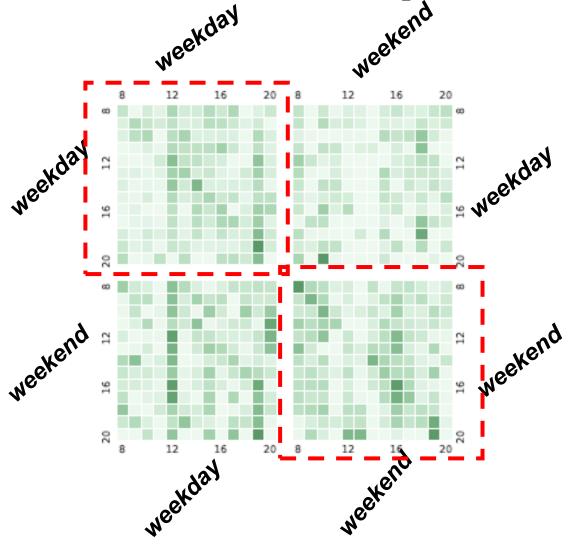


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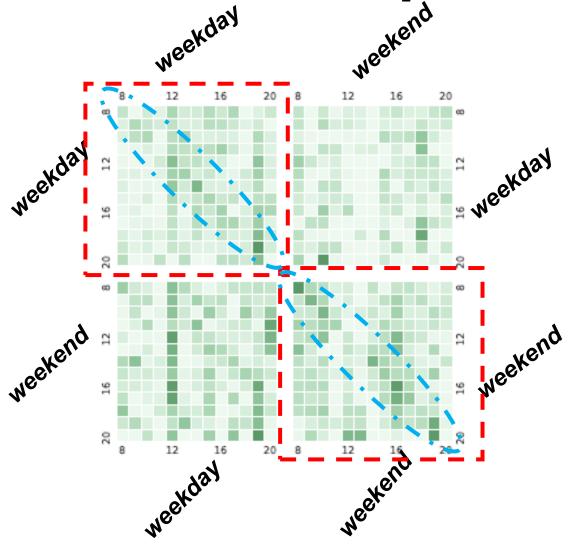


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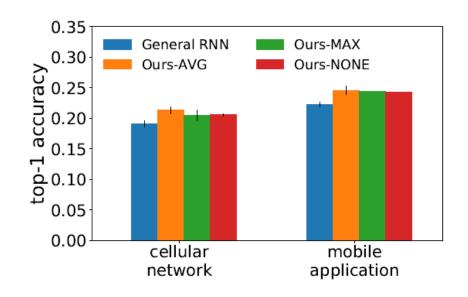


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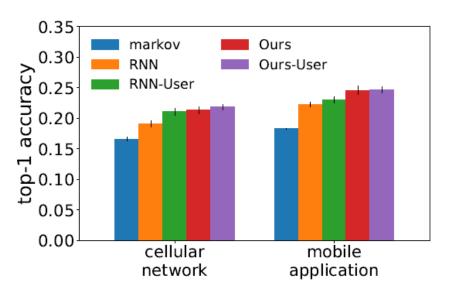
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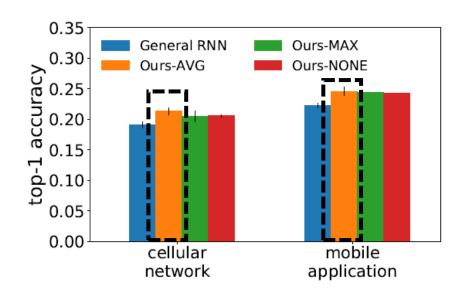
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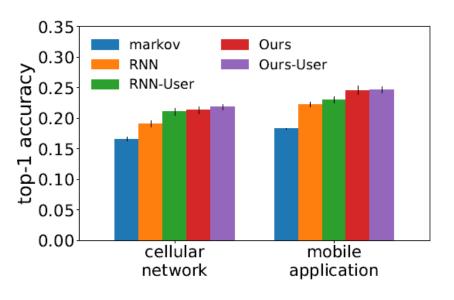
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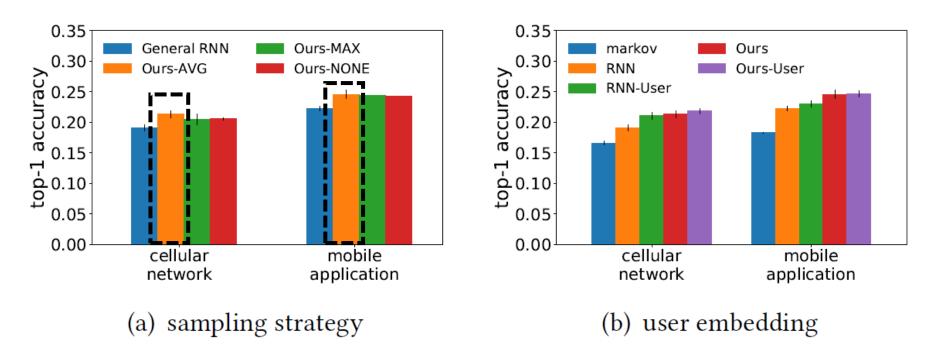
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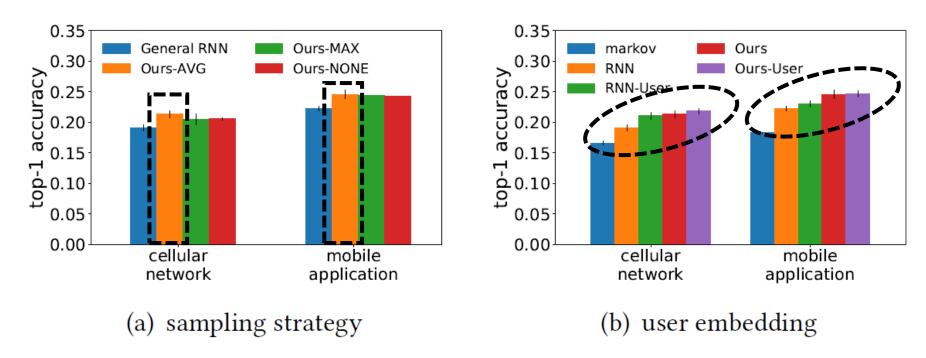
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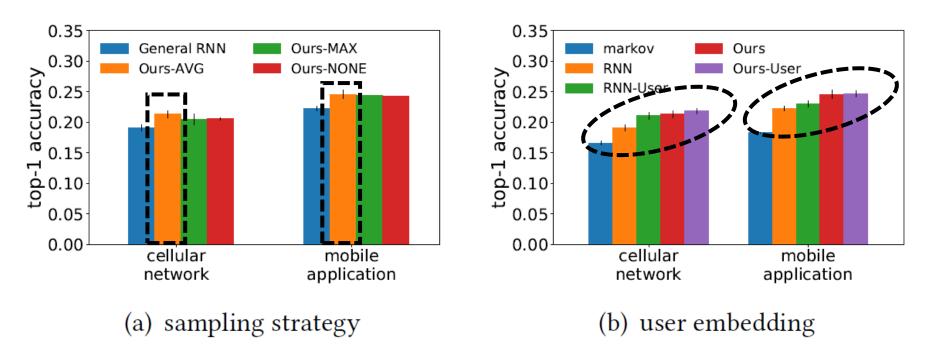
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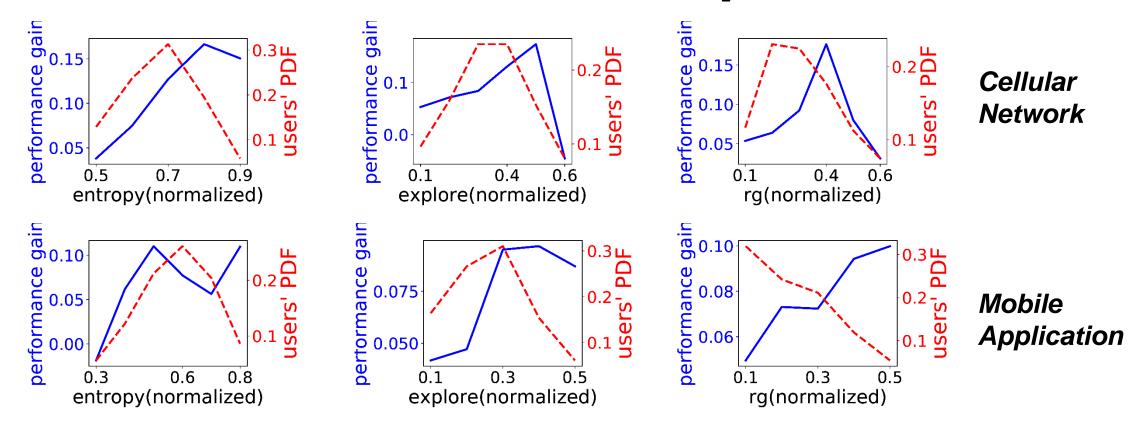


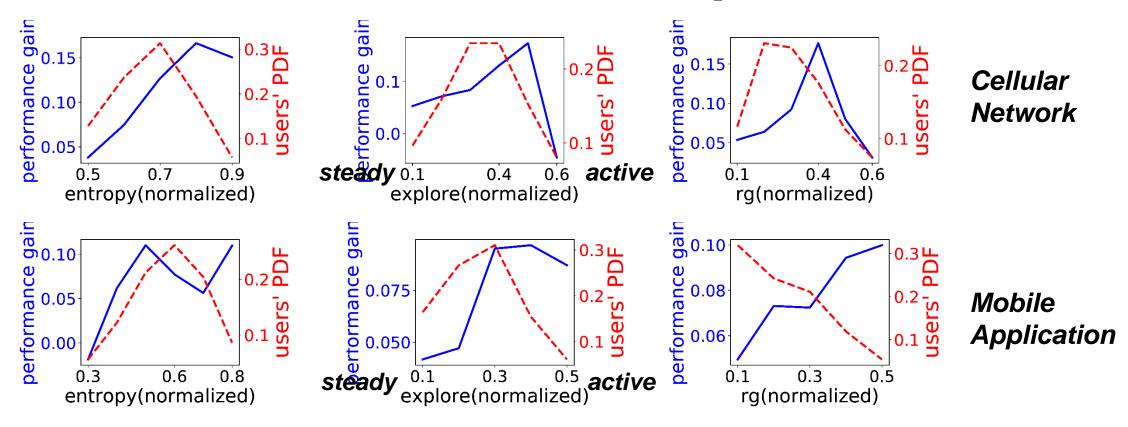
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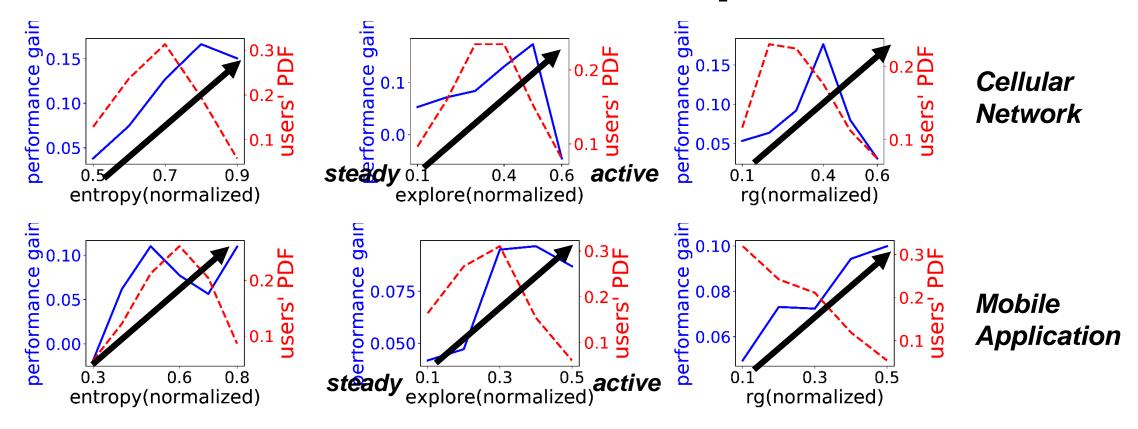
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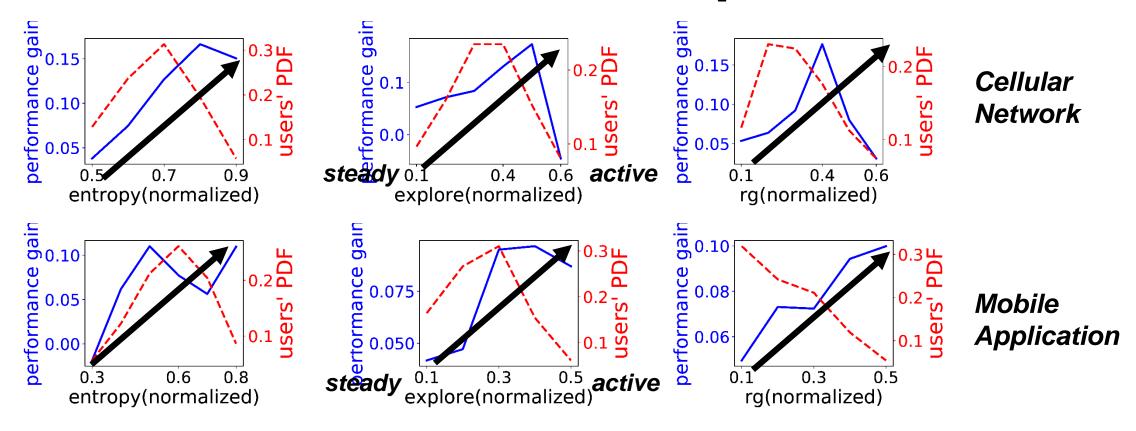




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# Thanks!

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In the near future, codes will be released in : https://github.com/vonfeng/DeepMove