

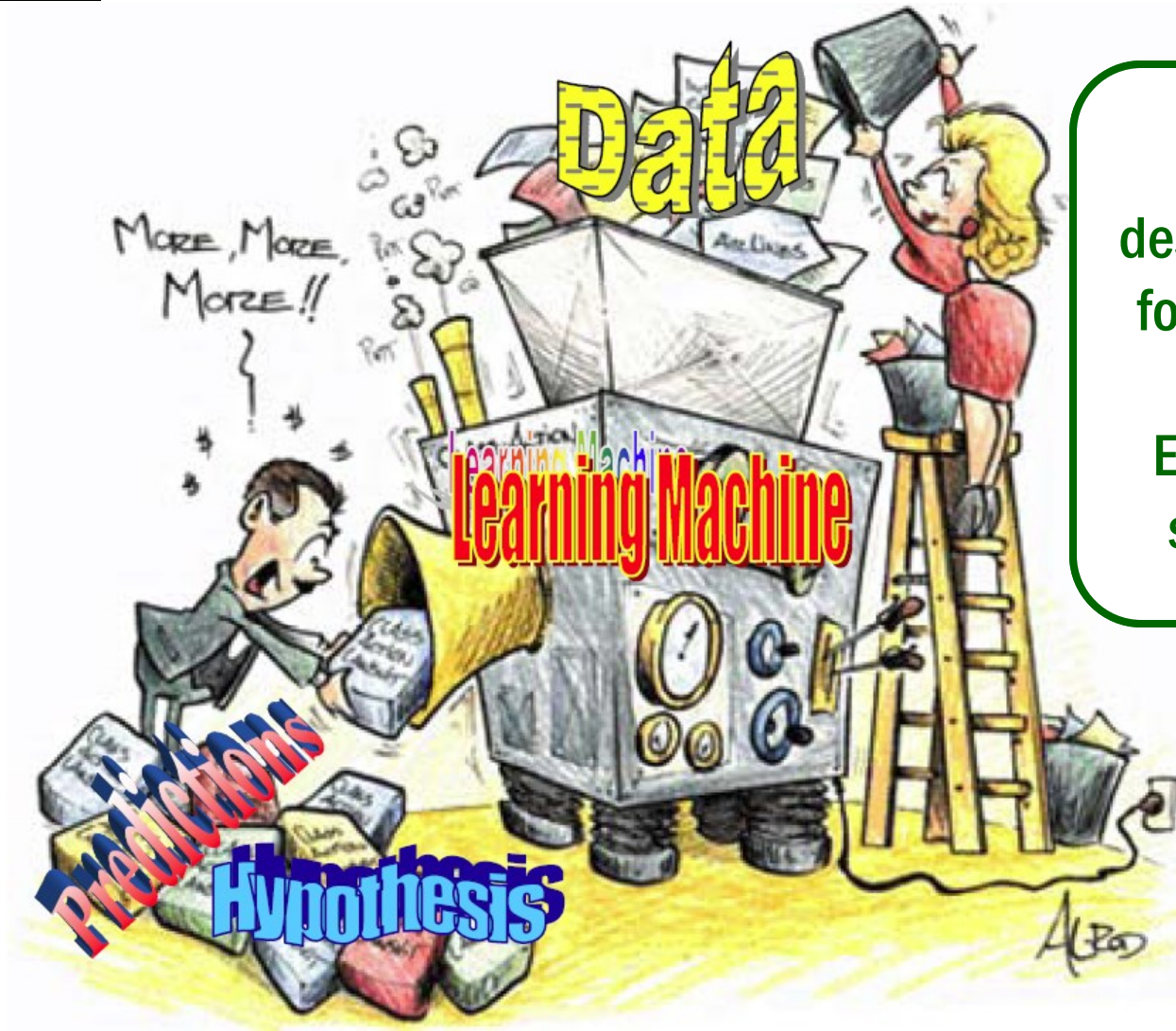
# **Embedding as a Tool for Algorithm Design**

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# What is machine learning (ML)

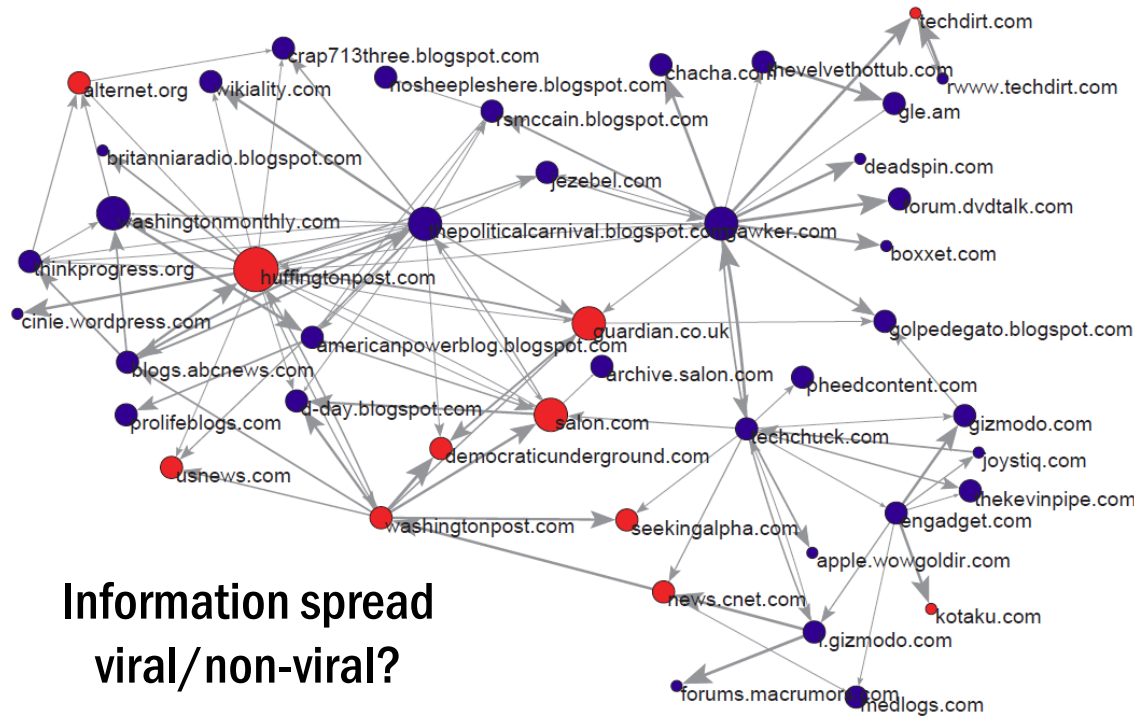
Design algorithms and systems that can improve their performance with data



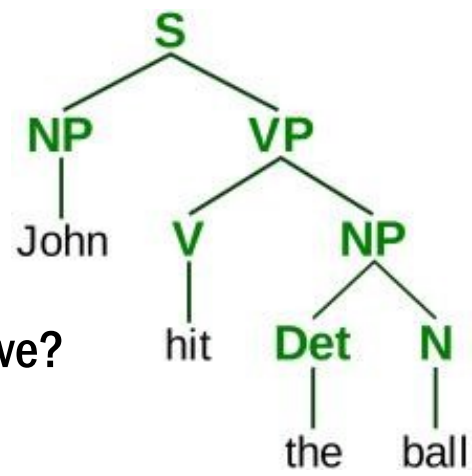
The best  
design pattern  
for big data?

Embedding  
structures

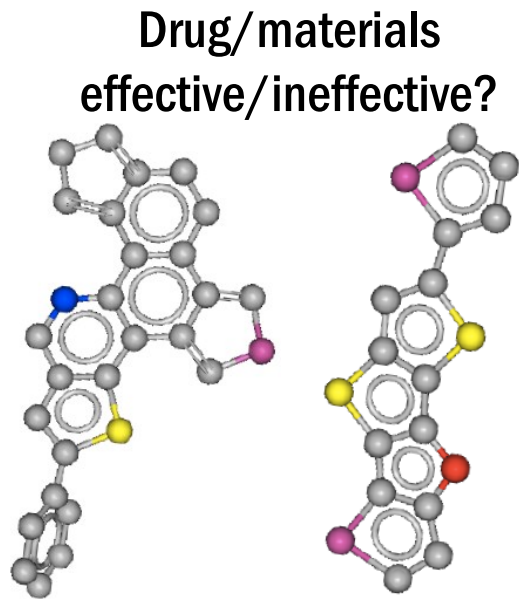
# Ex 1: Prediction for structured data



Information spread  
viral/non-viral?



Natural  
language  
positive/negative?



```
mov [esp+4Ch+var_40], edi
mov [esp+4Ch+n], 18h
mov [esp+4Ch+var_3C], edx
edx, [esi]
mov [esp+4Ch+dest], 0
mov [esp+4Ch+src], edx
call eax
```

code graphs  
benign/  
malicious?

```
loc_80C1B2B:
cmp bp, 1
jz short loc_80C1B88
```

```
xor eax, eax
cmp bp, 2
jz short loc_80C1B48
```

```
loc_80C1B48:
cmp ebx, 12h
movzx edx, byte ptr [edi+3]
movzx ecx, byte ptr [edi+4]
jnz short loc_80C1B39
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mov [esp+4Ch+var_24], eax
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# Big dataset, explosive feature space

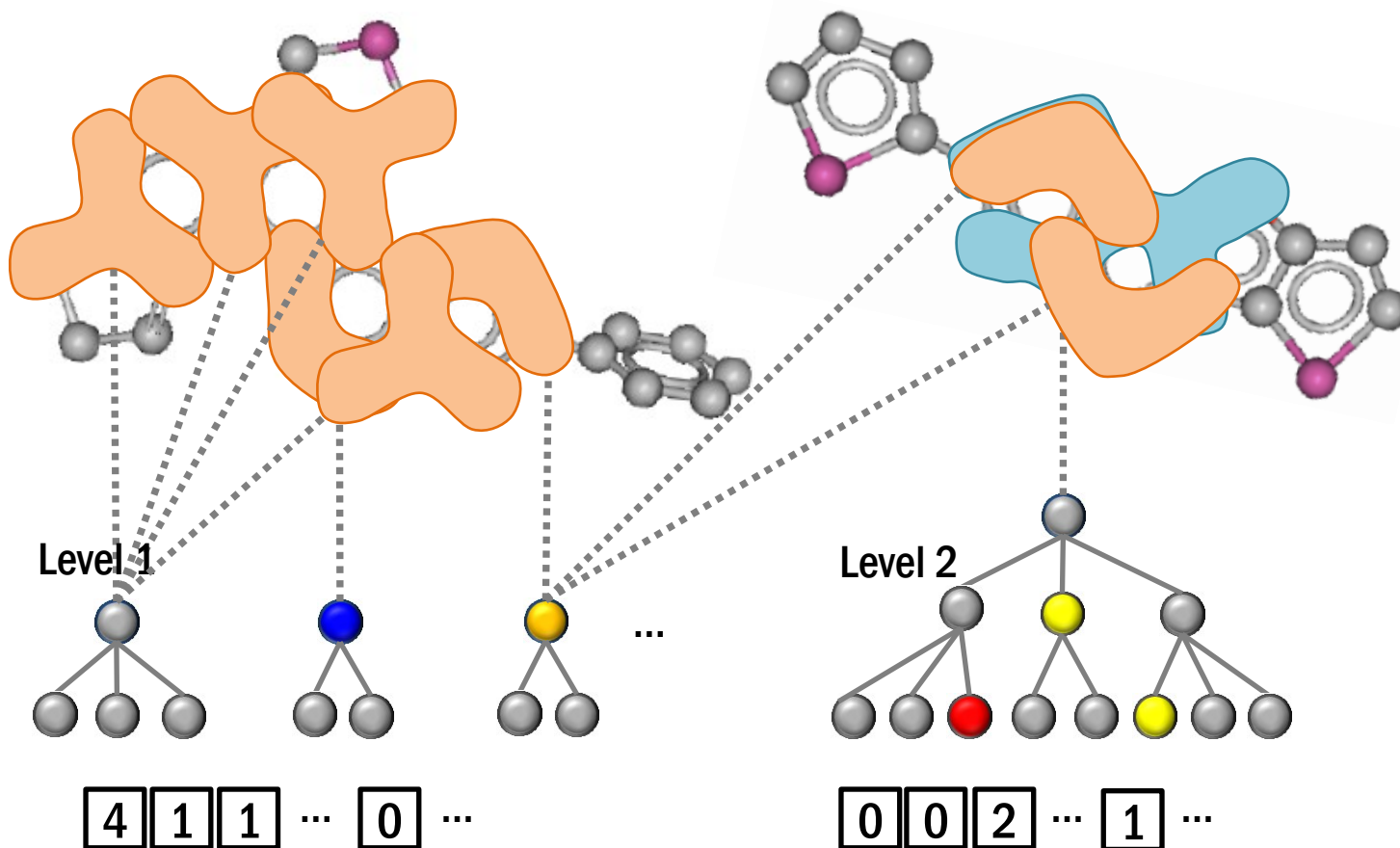
2.3 million  
organic  
materials

Structure  
elements

Feature  
vector

Predict

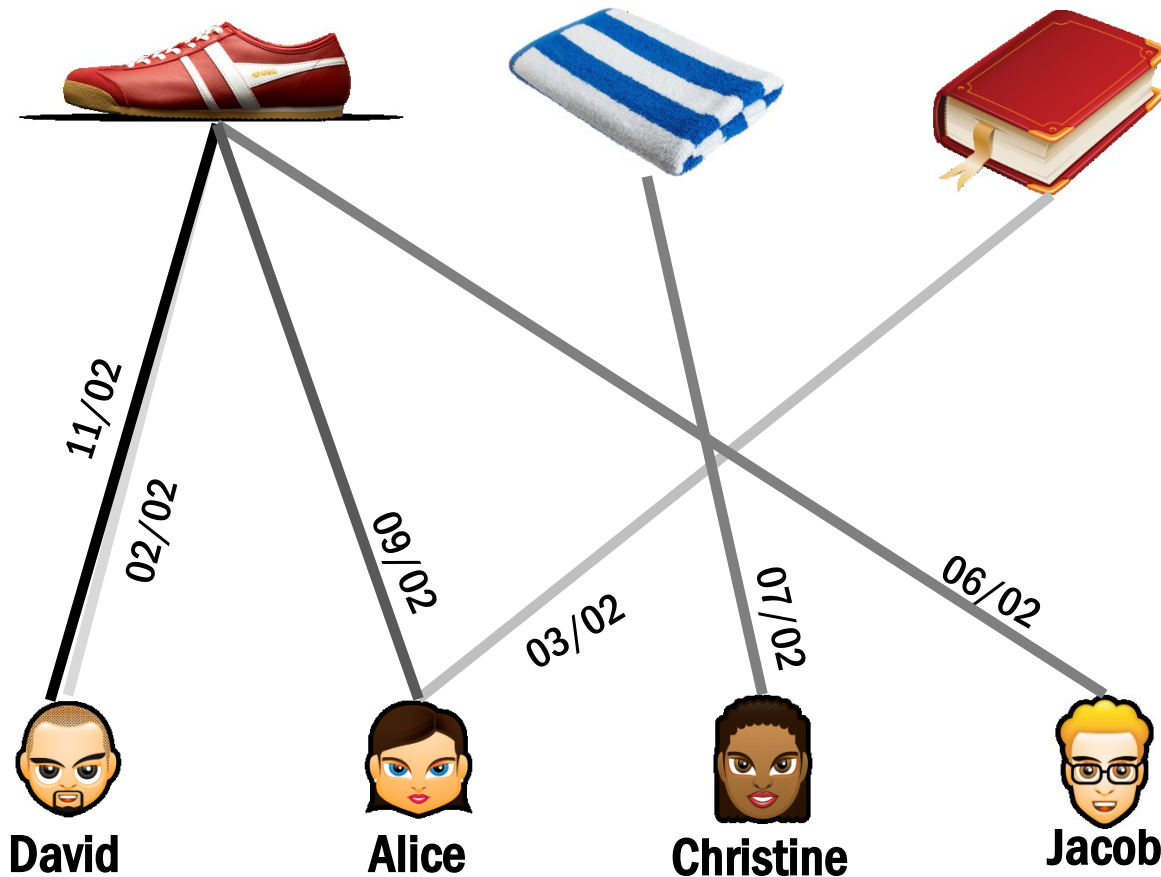
Efficiency (PCE)  
(0 - 12 %)



| method    | dimension   | MAE   |
|-----------|-------------|-------|
| Level 6   | 1.3 billion | 0.096 |
| Embedding | 0.1 million | 0.085 |

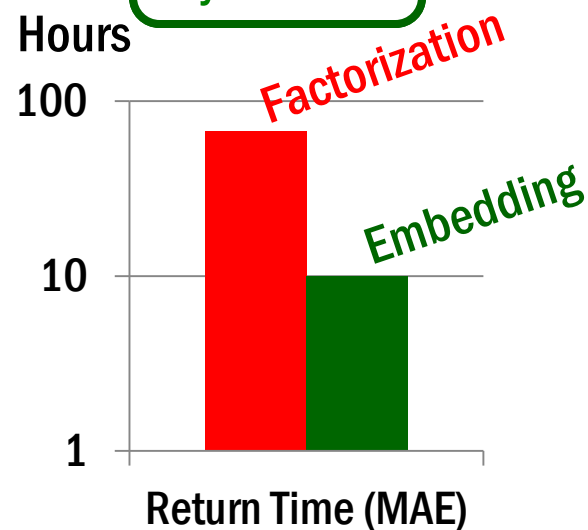
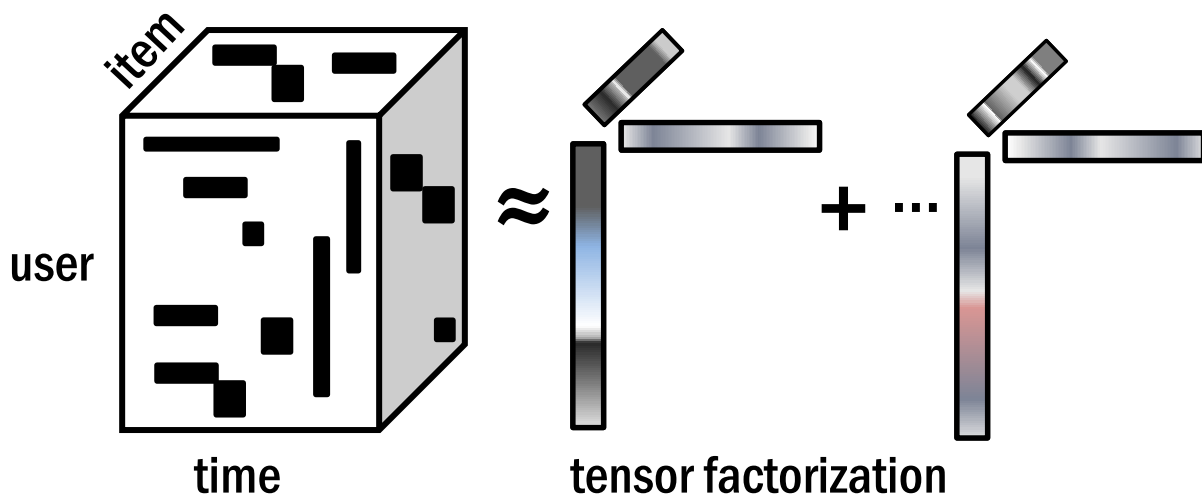
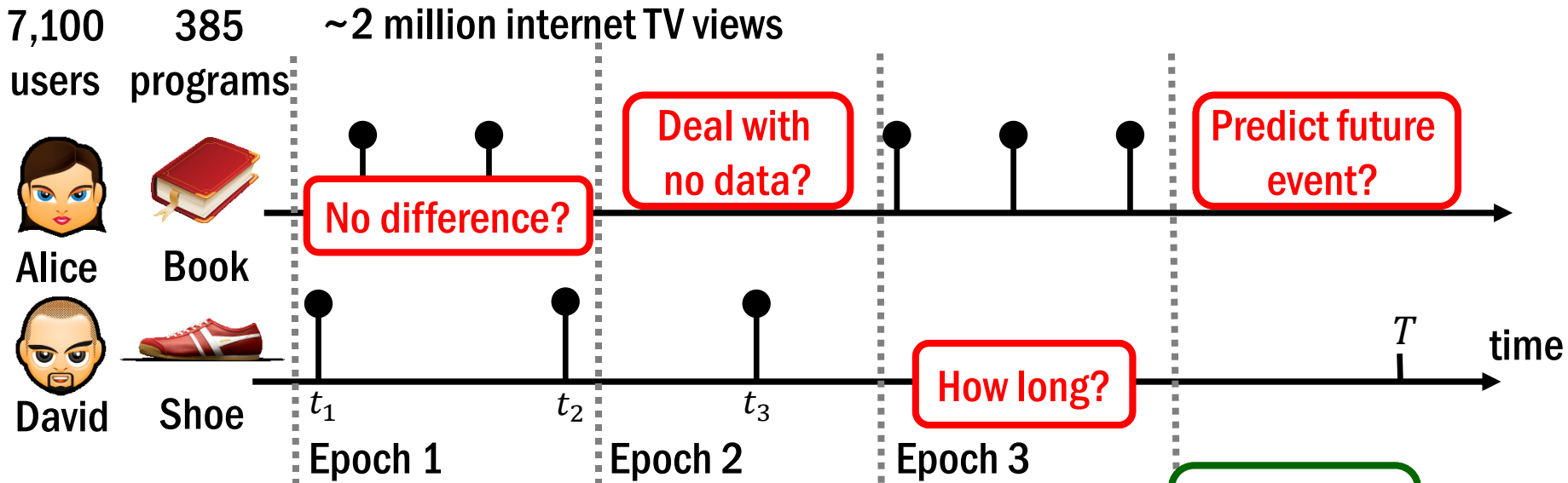
Reduce model  
size by  
10,000 times!

## Ex 2: Social information network modeling



who and when  
will do what?

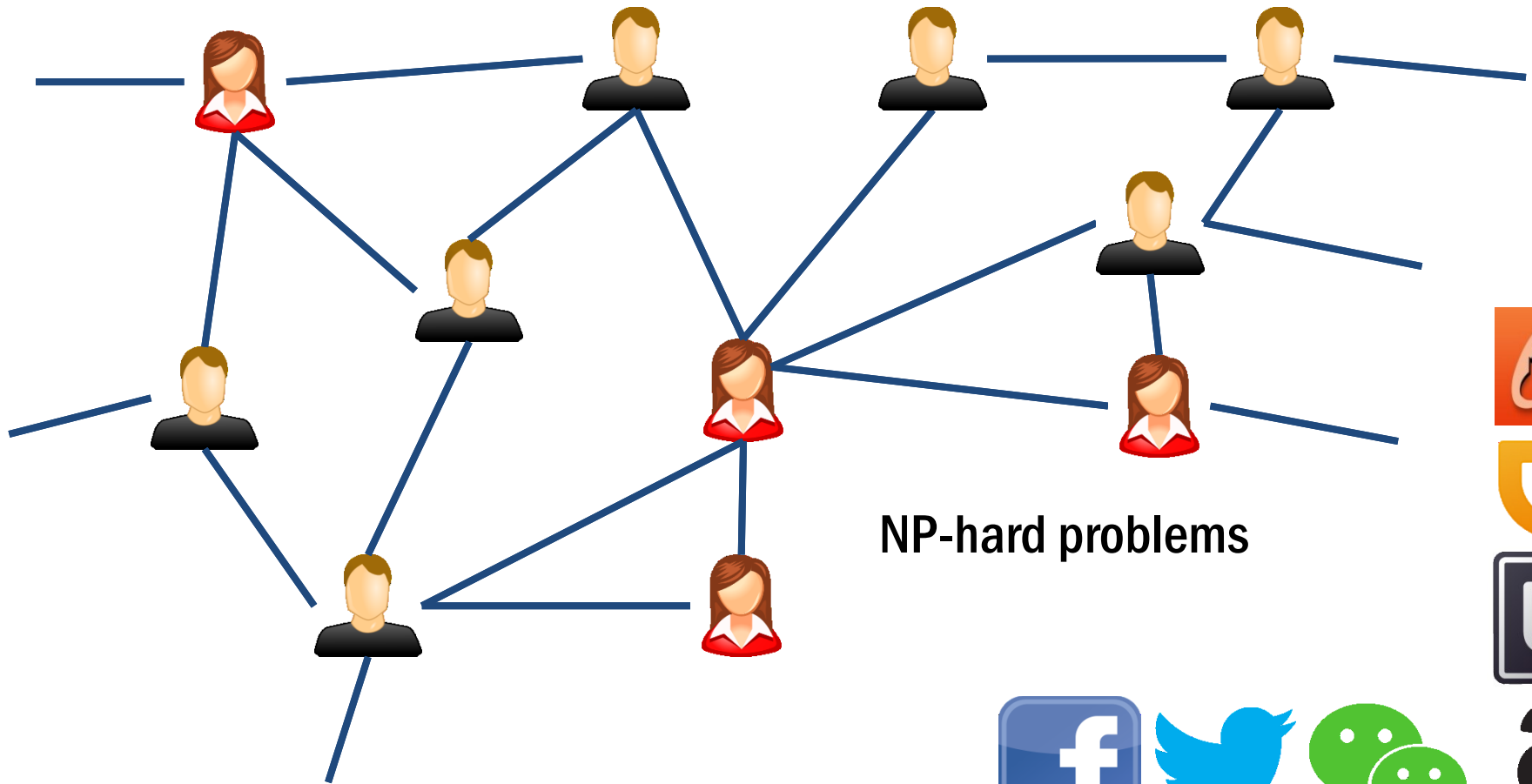
# Complex behavior not well modeled



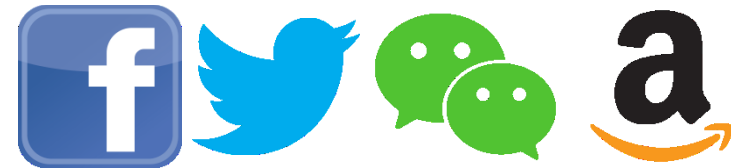


# Ex 3: Combinatorial optimizations over graphs

| Application  | Optimization Problem  |
|--|---|
| Influence maximization<br>Community discovery<br>Resource scheduling | Minimum vertex/set cover<br>Maximum cut<br>Traveling salesman |



NP-hard problems



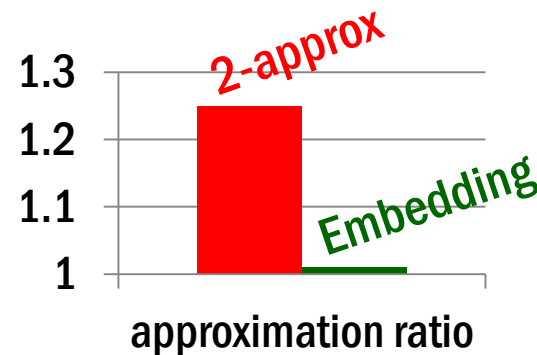
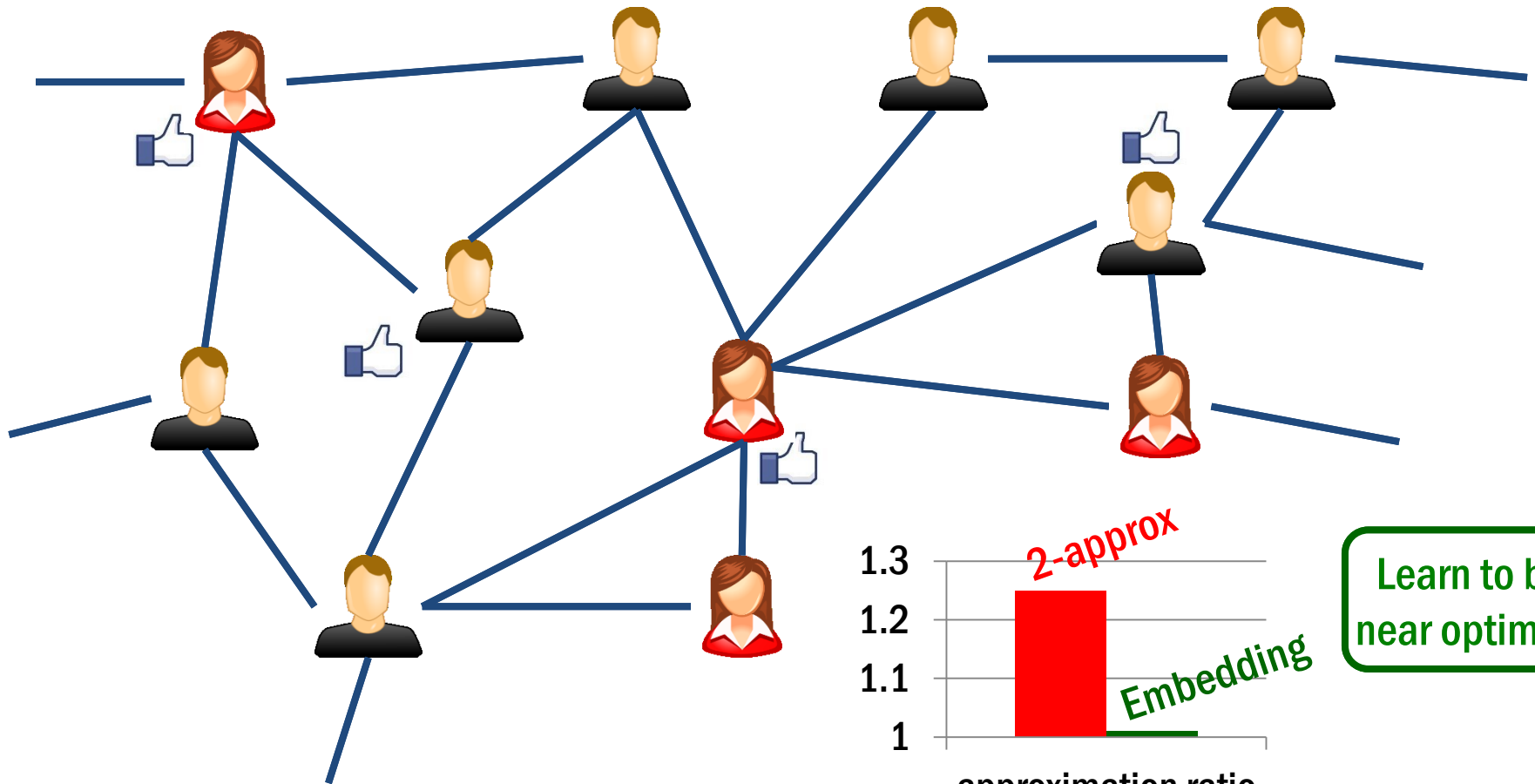
# Simple heuristics do not exploit data

## 2 - approximation for minimum vertex cover

Repeat till all edges covered:

1. Select uncovered edge with **largest total degree**

Decision not  
data-driven.  
Can we learn  
from data?

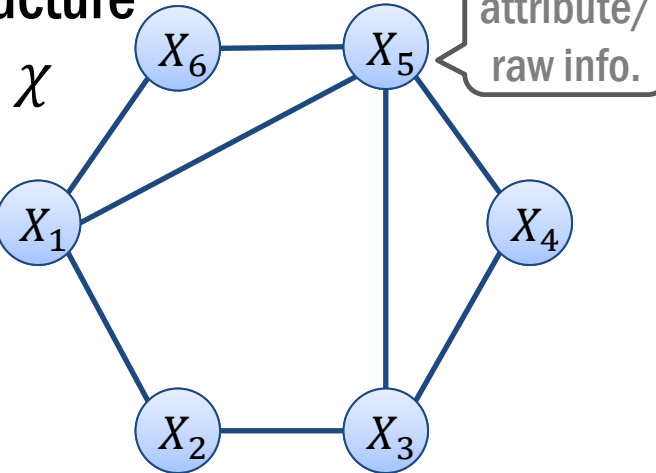


Learn to be  
near optimal!



# Fundamental problems

## Structure

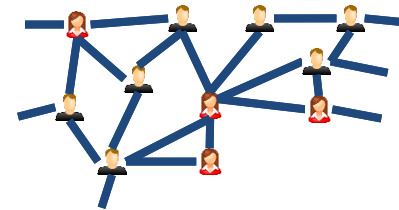
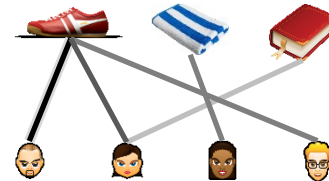
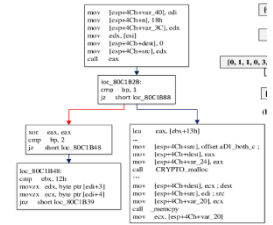
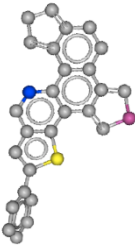
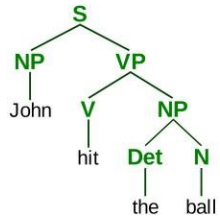


How to describe node?

How to describe entire structure?

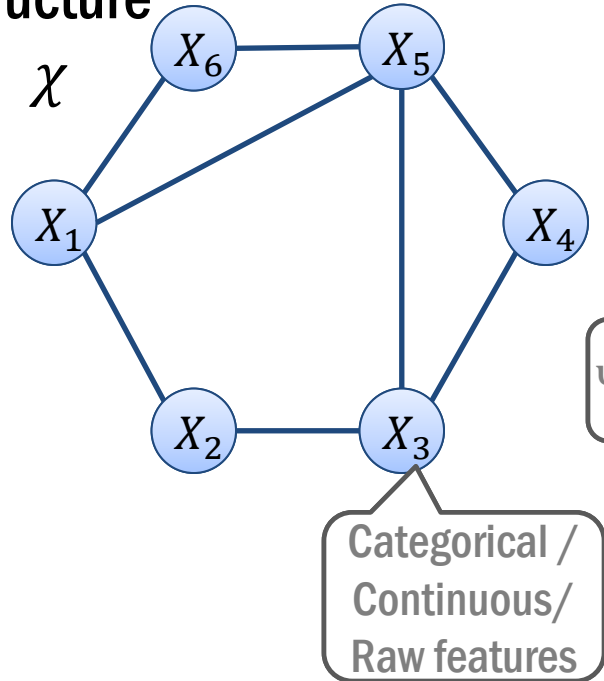
How to incorporate various info.?

How to do it efficiently?



# Represent structure as latent variable model (LVM)

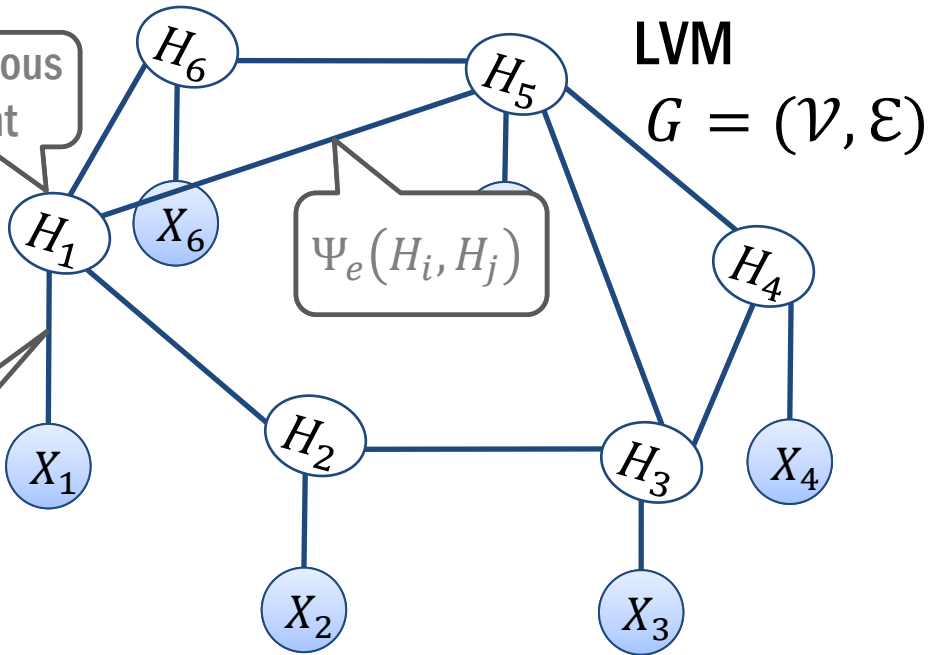
Structure



Represent

$\Psi_v(H_i, X_i)$

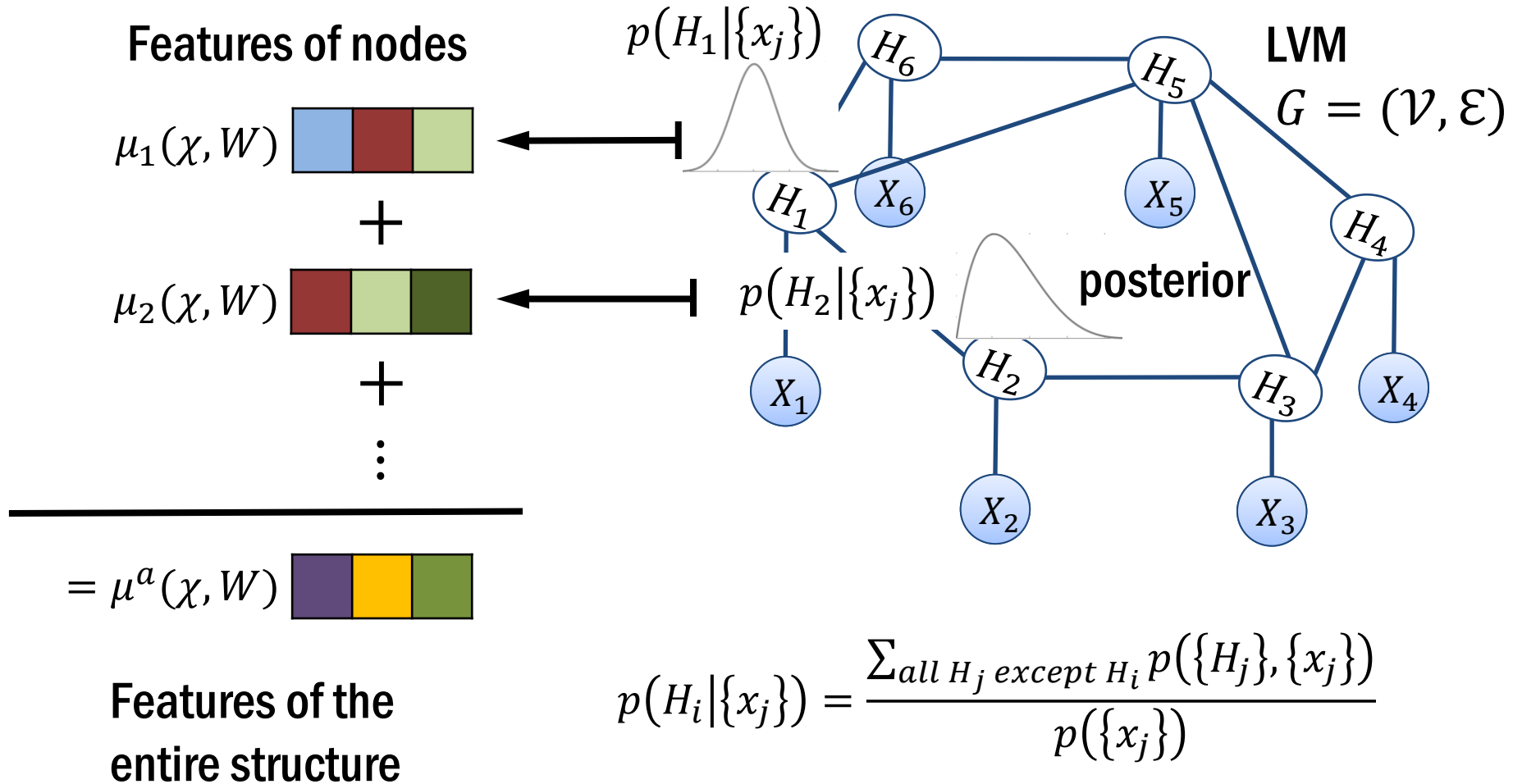
Continuous Latent



Joint likelihood

$$p(\{H_i\}, \{X_i\}) \propto \prod_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \underbrace{\Psi_v(H_i, X_i | \theta_v)}_{\text{Nonnegative node potential}} \prod_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} \underbrace{\Psi_e(H_i, H_j | \theta_e)}_{\text{Nonnegative edge potential}}$$

# Posterior distribution as features



Capture both nodal and topological info.  
Aggregate information from distant nodes

# Mean field algorithm aggregates information

Approximate posterior

$$p(H_i | \{x_j\}) \approx q_i(H_i)$$

via fixed point update

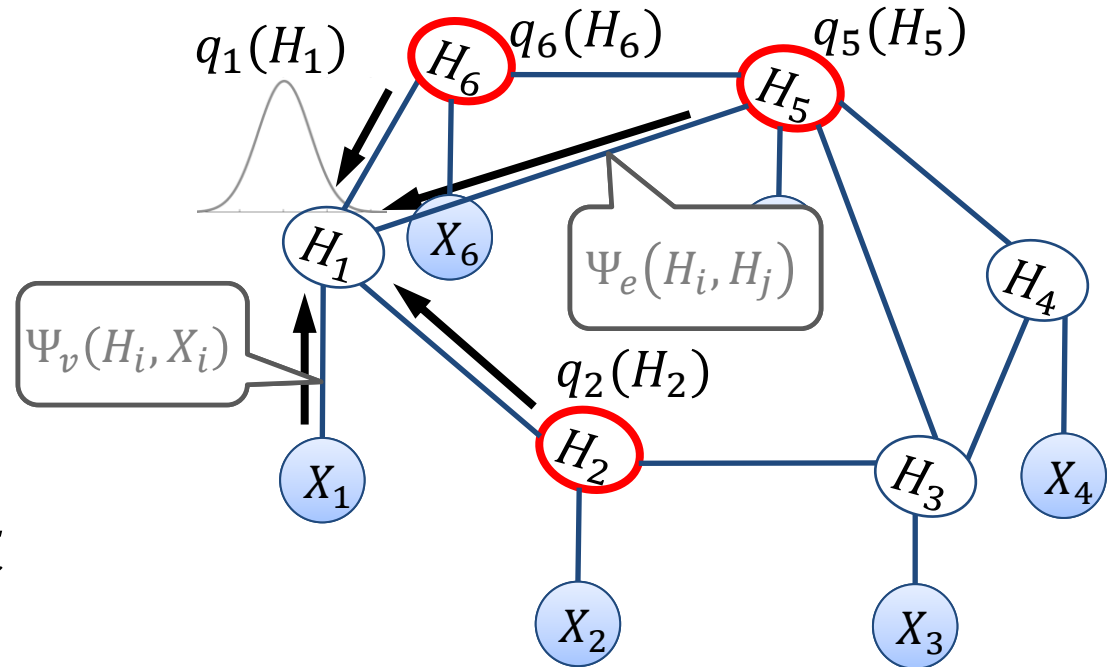
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2. Iterate many times

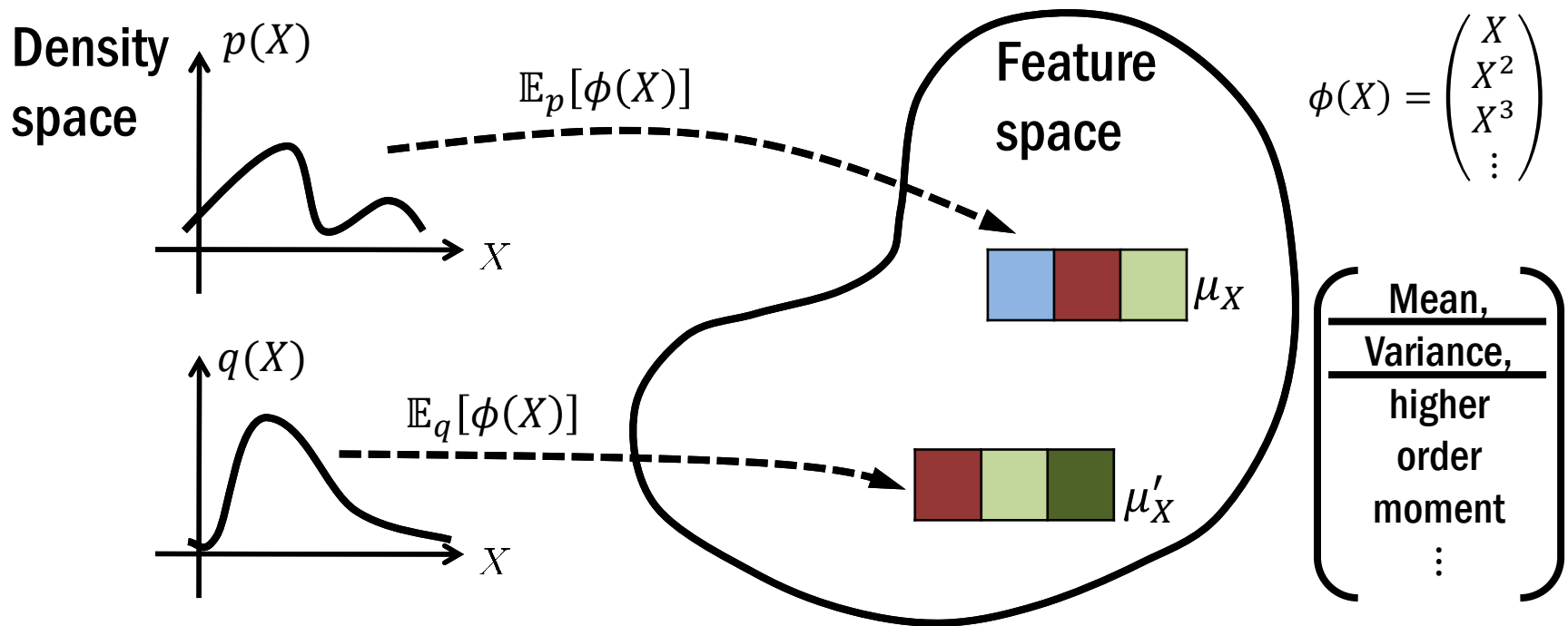
$$q_i(H_i) \leftarrow \Psi_v(H_i, X_i) \cdot$$

$$\underbrace{\prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} \exp \left( \int_{\mathcal{H}} q_j(H_j) \log(\Psi_e(H_i, H_j)) dH_j \right)}_{\mathcal{T} \circ \left( X_i, \{q_j(H_j)\}_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} \right)}, \forall i$$

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# Embedding of distribution



Injective for rich nonlinear feature  $\phi(x)$

$\mu_X$  is a sufficient statistic of  $p(X)$

Operator View

$$\mathcal{T} \circ p(x) = \tilde{\mathcal{T}} \circ \mu_X$$

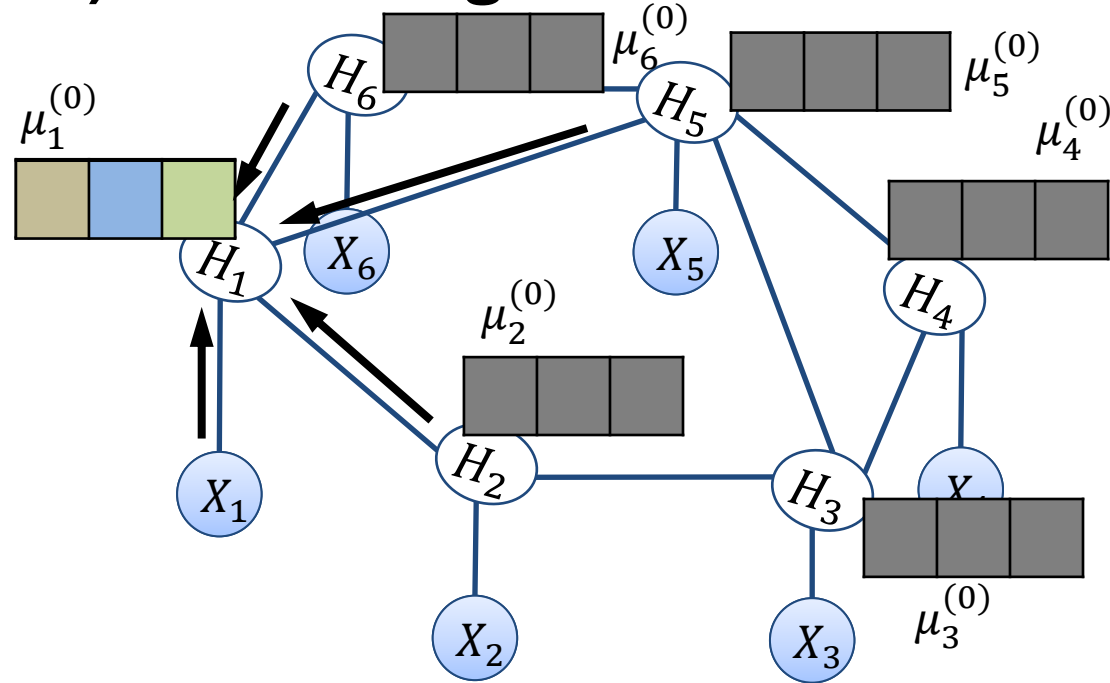
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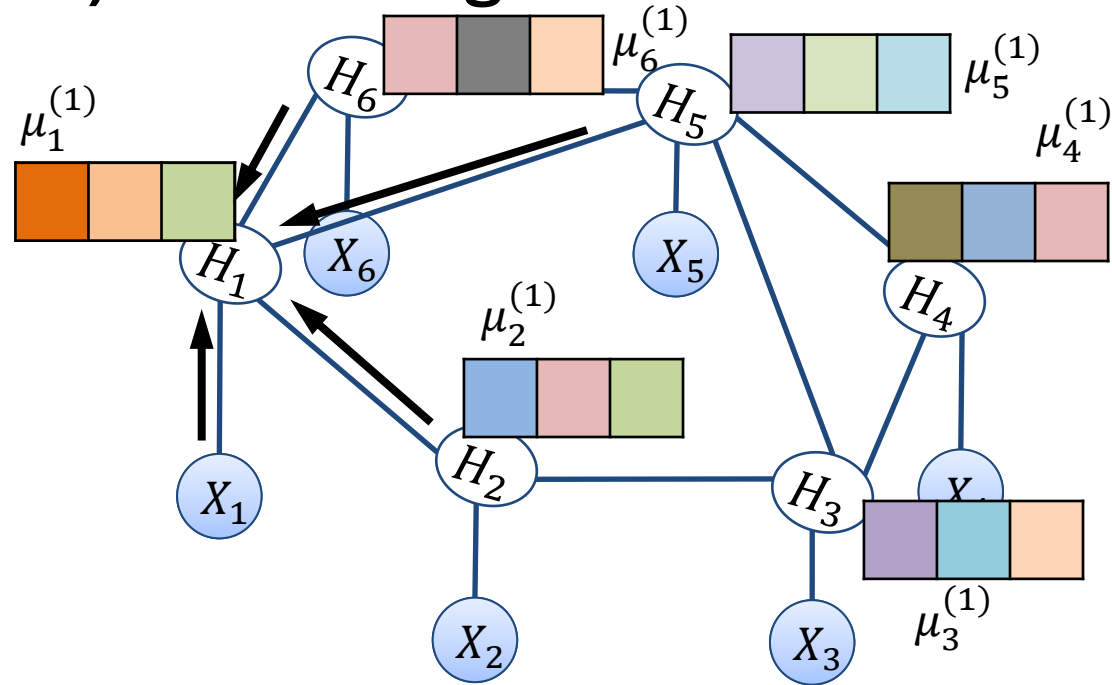
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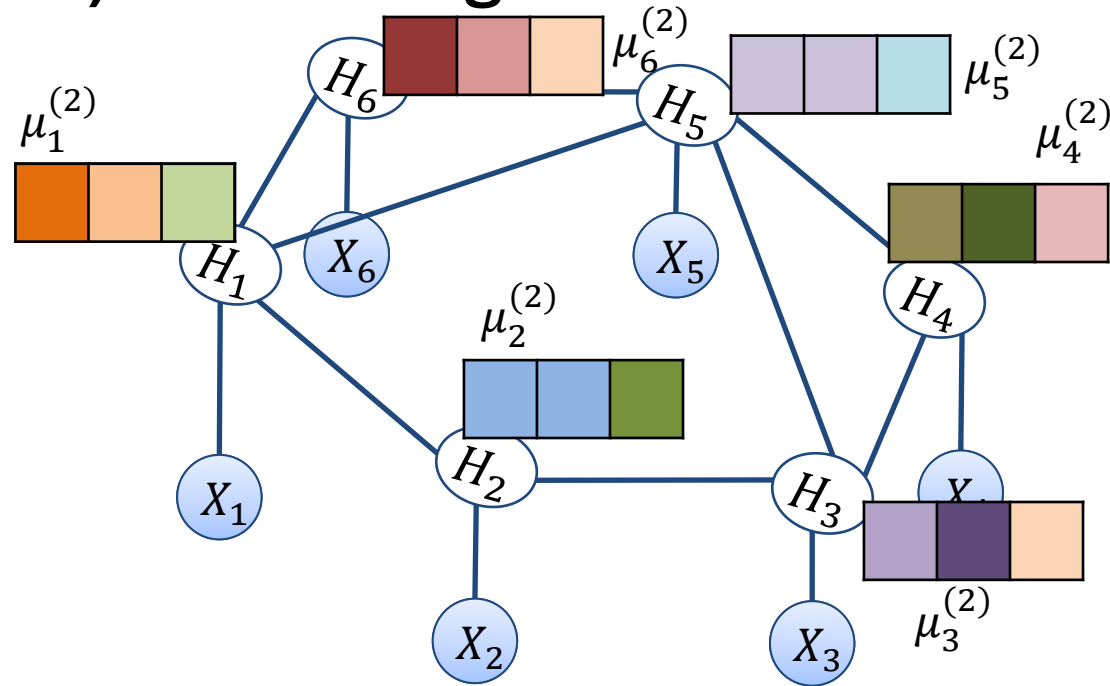
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How to parametrize  $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$ ?

Depends on unknown  $\Psi_v(H_i, X_i)$  and  $\Psi_e(H_i, H_j)$

# Directly parameterize nonlinear mapping

$$\mu_i \leftarrow \tilde{\mathcal{F}} \circ \left( X_i, \{\mu_j\}_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} \right)$$

Any universal nonlinear function will do

Eg. assume  $\mu_i \in \mathcal{R}^d, X_i \in \mathcal{R}^n$ , neural network parameterization

The diagram illustrates a neural network parameterization for the nonlinear mapping. At the top, the equation  $\mu_i \leftarrow \sigma \left( W_1 X_i + W_2 \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} \mu_j \right)$  is shown. Below this, three arrows point upwards to the components of the equation: 

- An arrow from the left points to the  $\sigma$  function, with the text "max{0,·}", "tanh(·)", and "sigmoid(·)" listed vertically next to it.
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Learn with supervision, unsupervised learning, or reinforcement learning

# Embedding belief propagation

Approximate  $p(H_i | \{x_j\}, \theta)$  as

$$q_i(H_i) = \Psi_v(H_i, x_i | \theta) \cdot$$

$$\prod_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} m_{ji}(H_i)$$

$$\Psi_v(H_i, X_i)$$

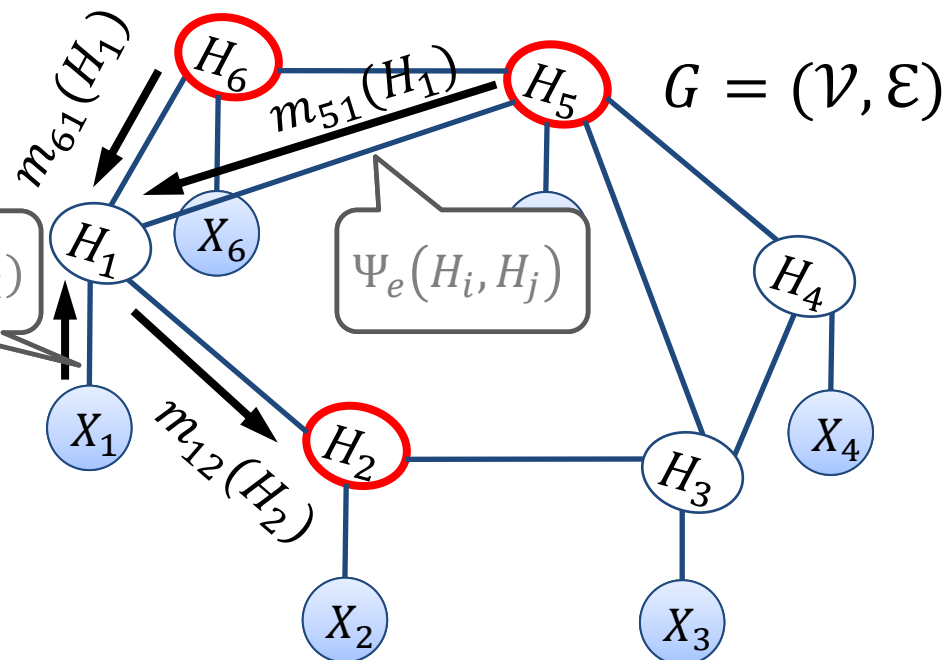
$$\mathcal{T}' \circ (X_i, \{m_{\ell i}(H_i)\}_{\ell \in \mathcal{N}(i)})$$

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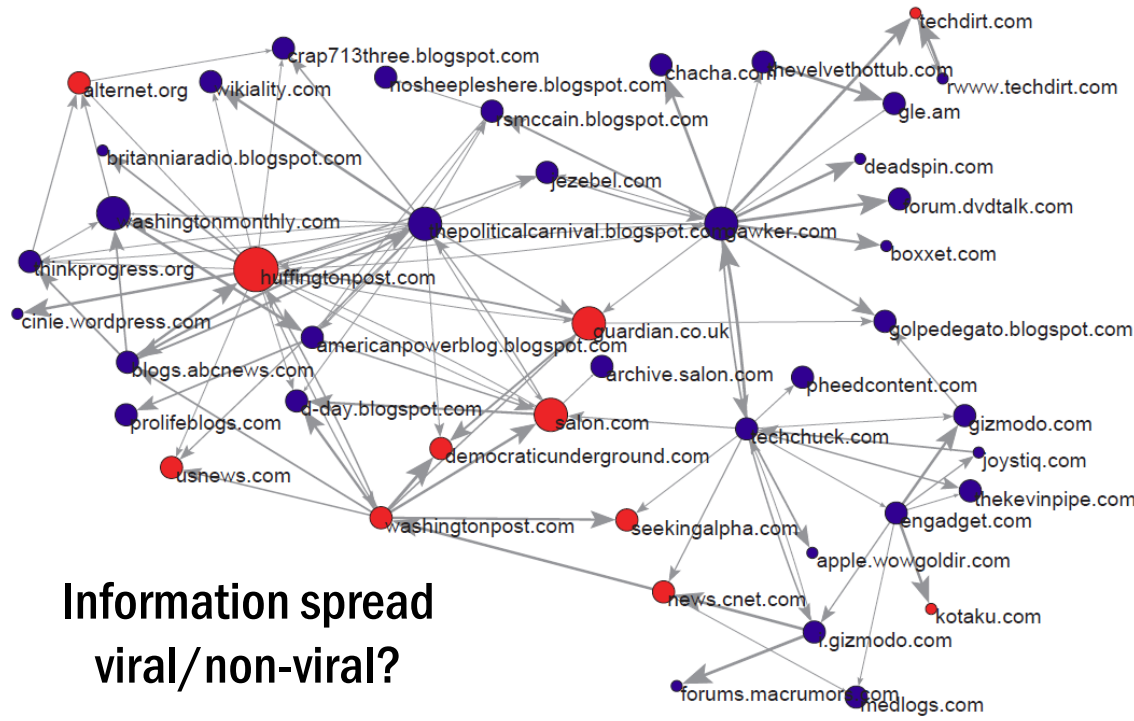
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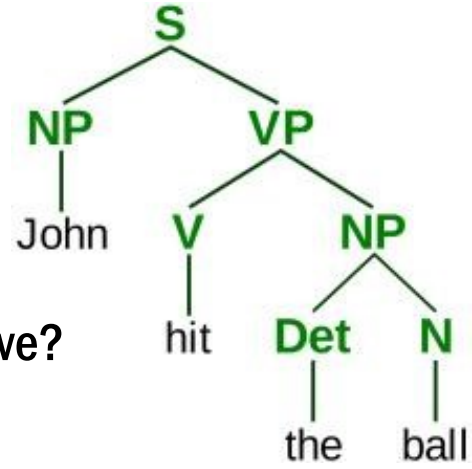


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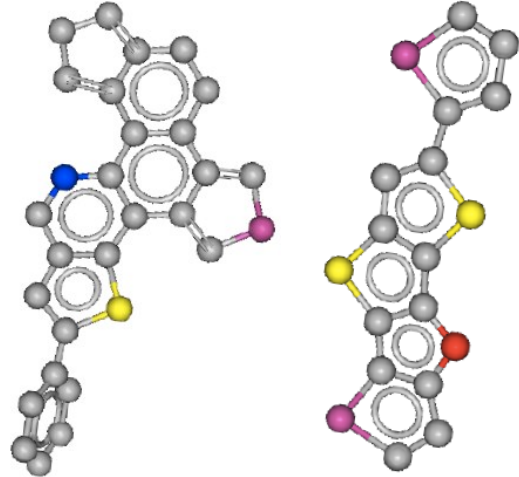


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# Algorithm learning

Given  $m$  data points  $\{\chi_1, \chi_2, \dots, \chi_m\}$

And their labels  $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\}$

Estimate parameters  $W$  and  $V$  via

$$\min_{V, W} L(V, W) := \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - V^\top \mu^a(W, \chi_i))^2$$

| Computation                                 | Operation                                   | Similar to                        |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Objective<br>$L(V, W)$                      | A sequence of nonlinear mappings over graph | Graphical model inference         |
| Gradient<br>$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W}$ | Chain rule of derivatives in reverse order  | Back propagation in deep learning |

# 10,000x smaller model but accurate prediction

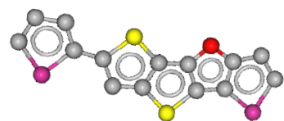
Harvard clean energy project: predict material efficiency (0-12)

2.3 million organic molecules

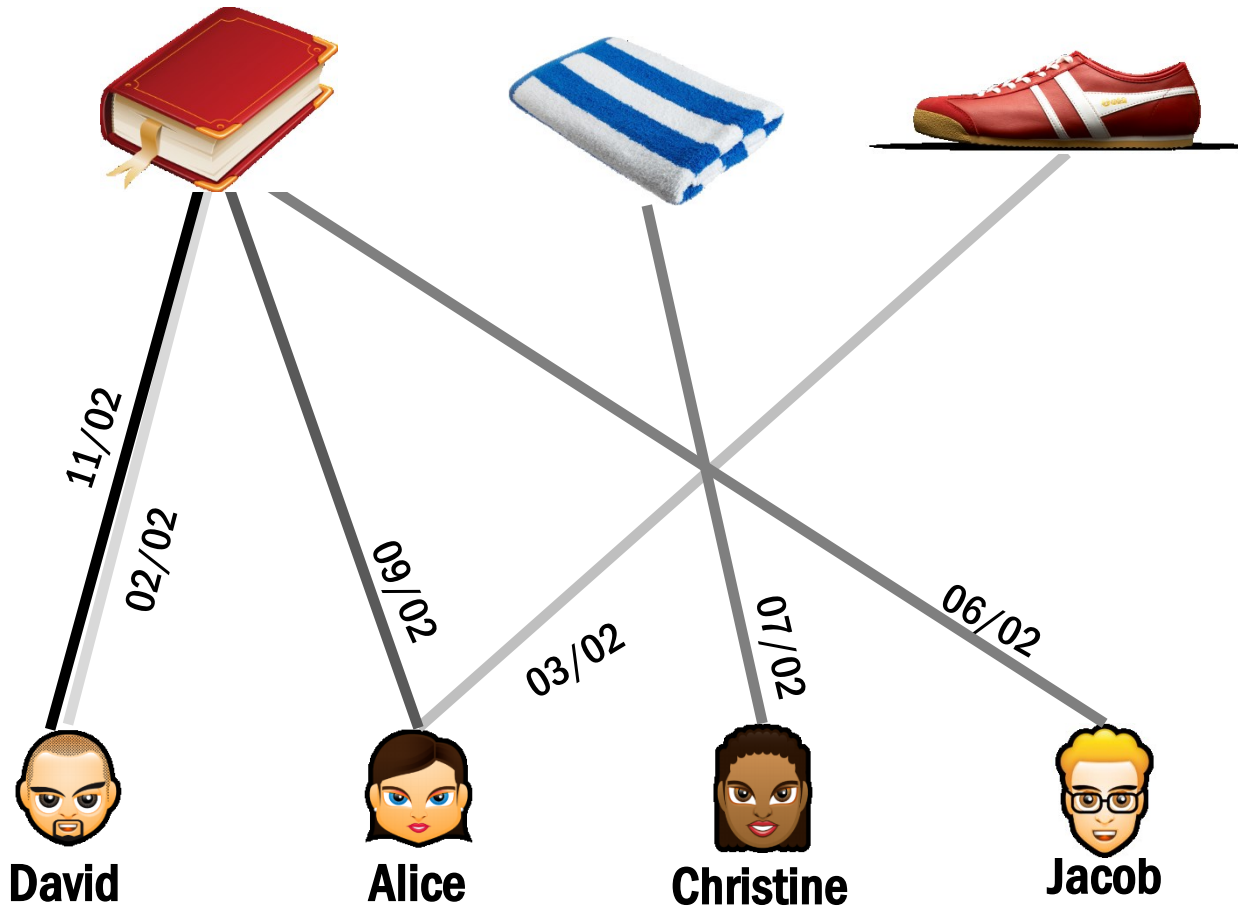
90% for training, 10% data for testing

|                | Test MAE | Test RMSE | # parameters |
|----------------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| Mean predictor | 1.986    | 2.406     | 1            |
| WL level-3     | 0.143    | 0.204     | 1.6 m        |
| WL level-6     | 0.096    | 0.137     | 1.3 b        |
| S2V-MF         | 0.091    | 0.125     | 0.1 m        |
| S2V-BP         | 0.085    | 0.117     | 0.1 m        |

~4% relative error



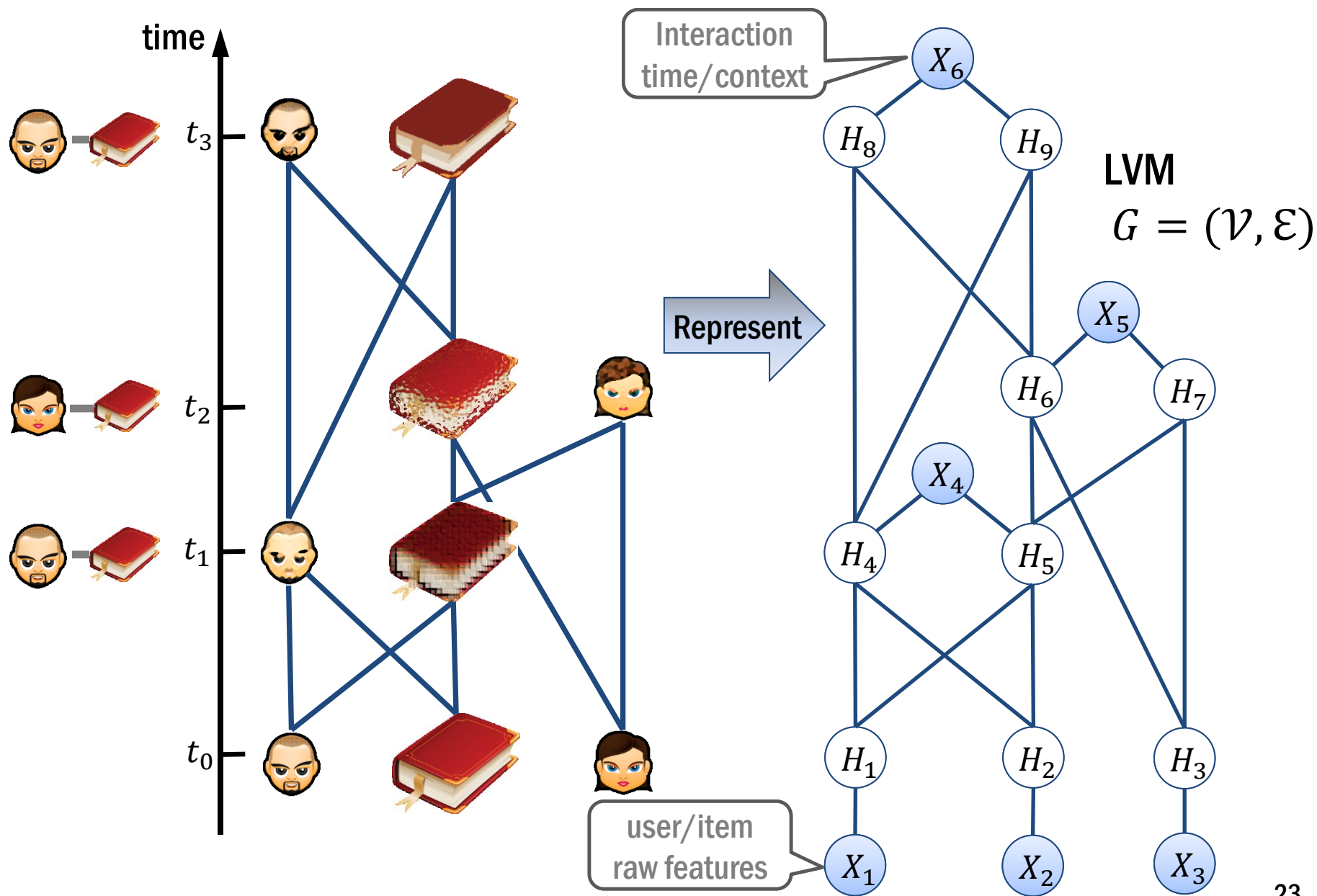
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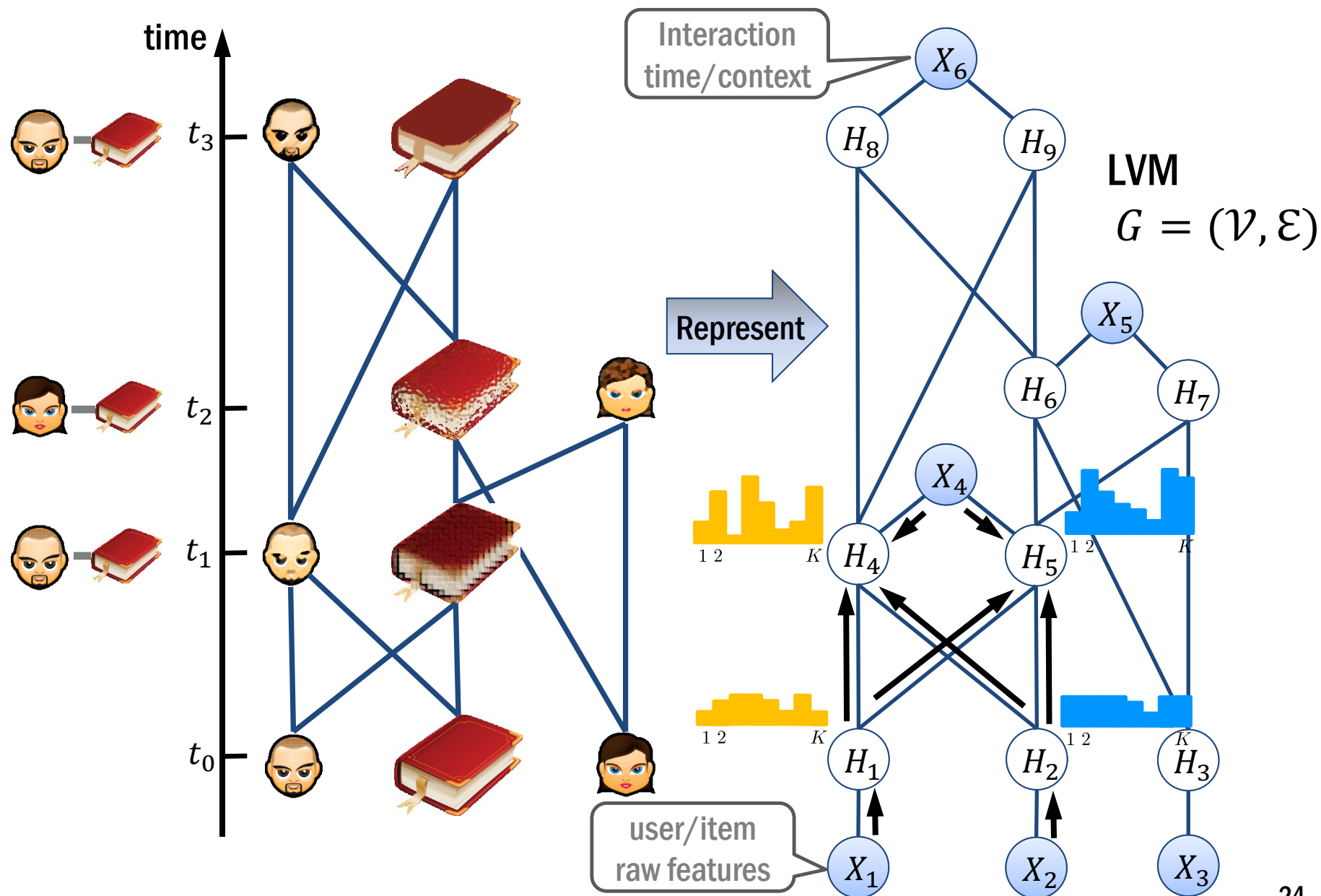
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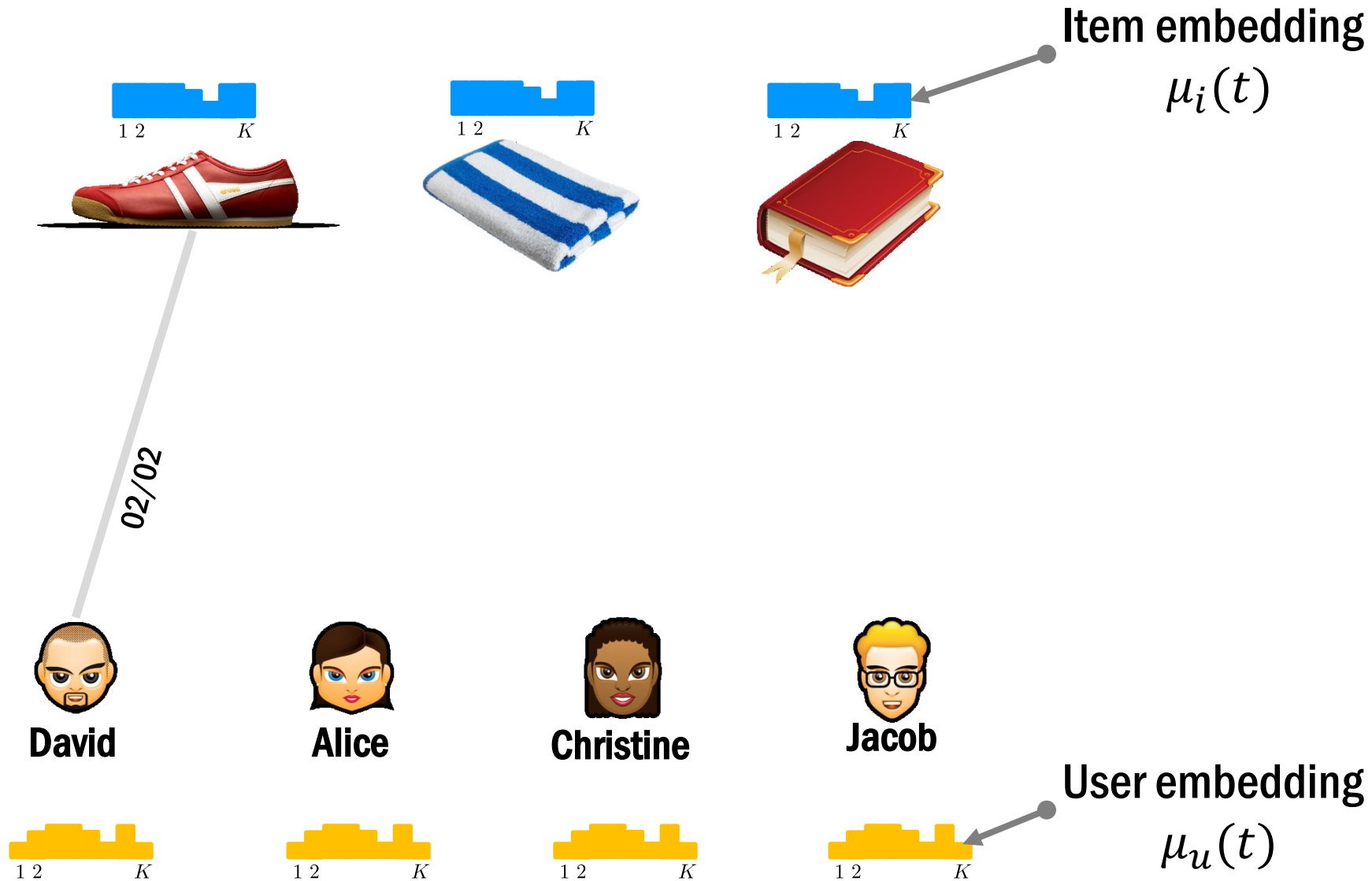
# Unroll: time-varying dependency structure



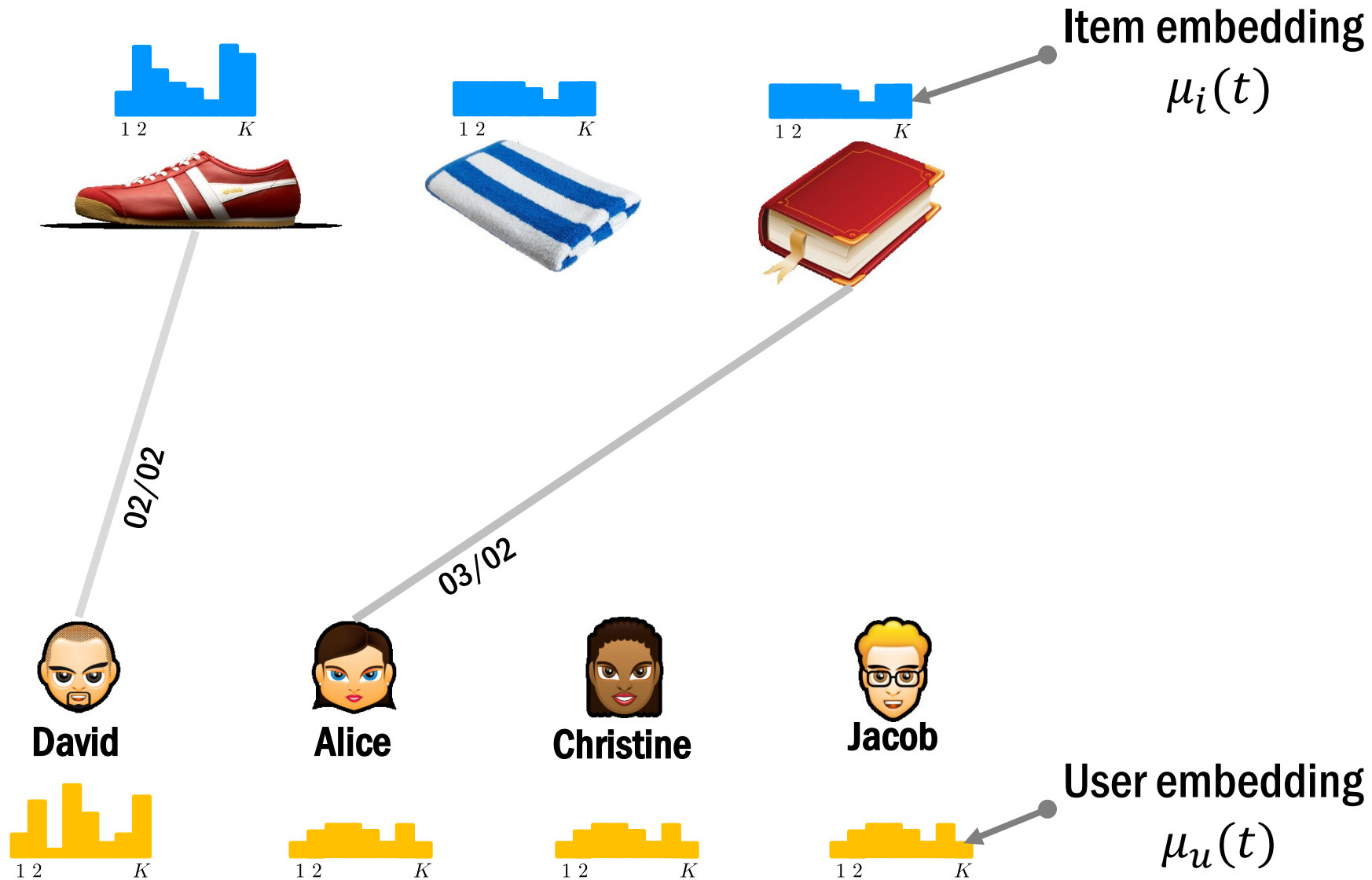
# Embed filtering/forward belief propagation



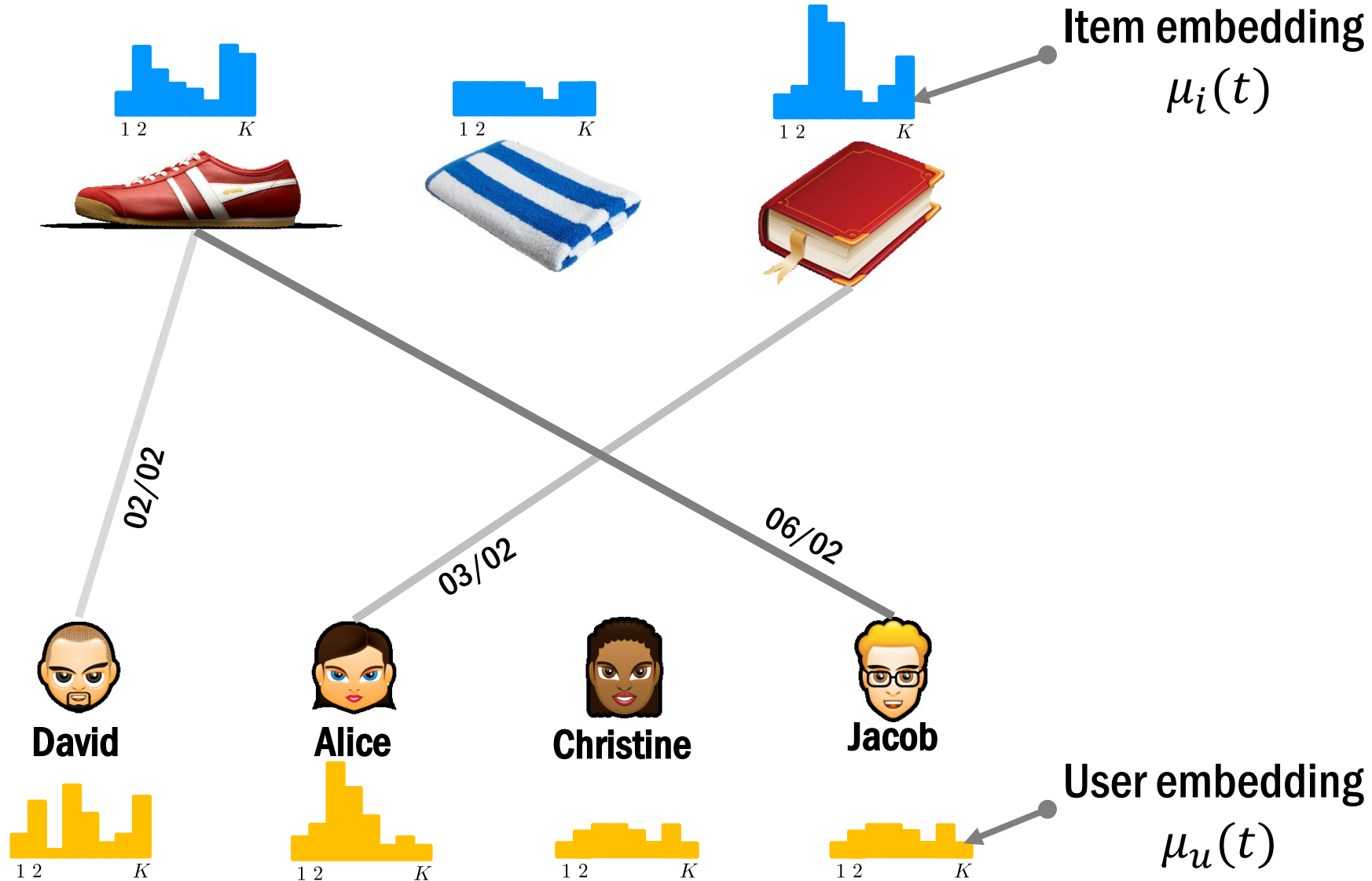
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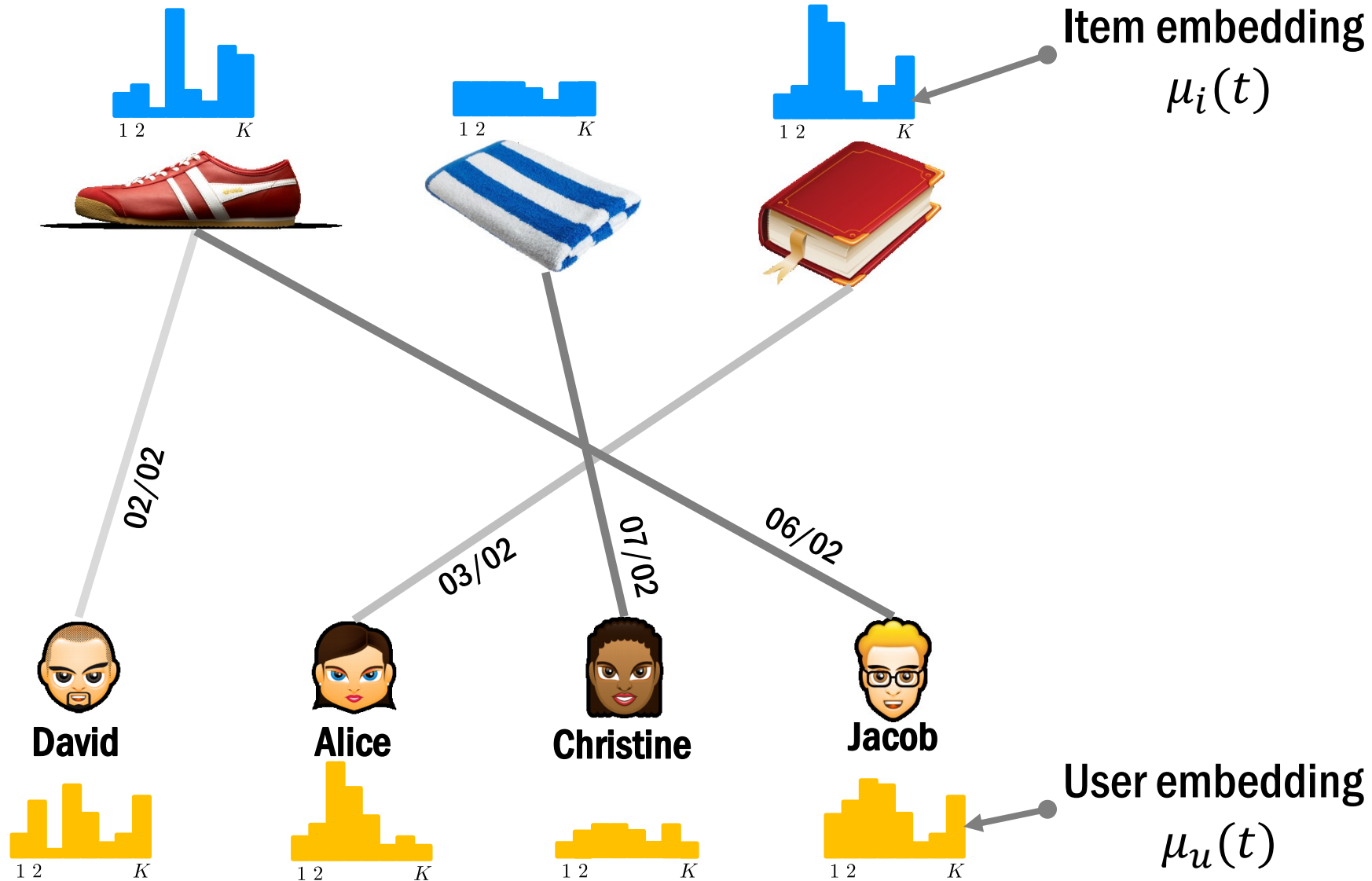
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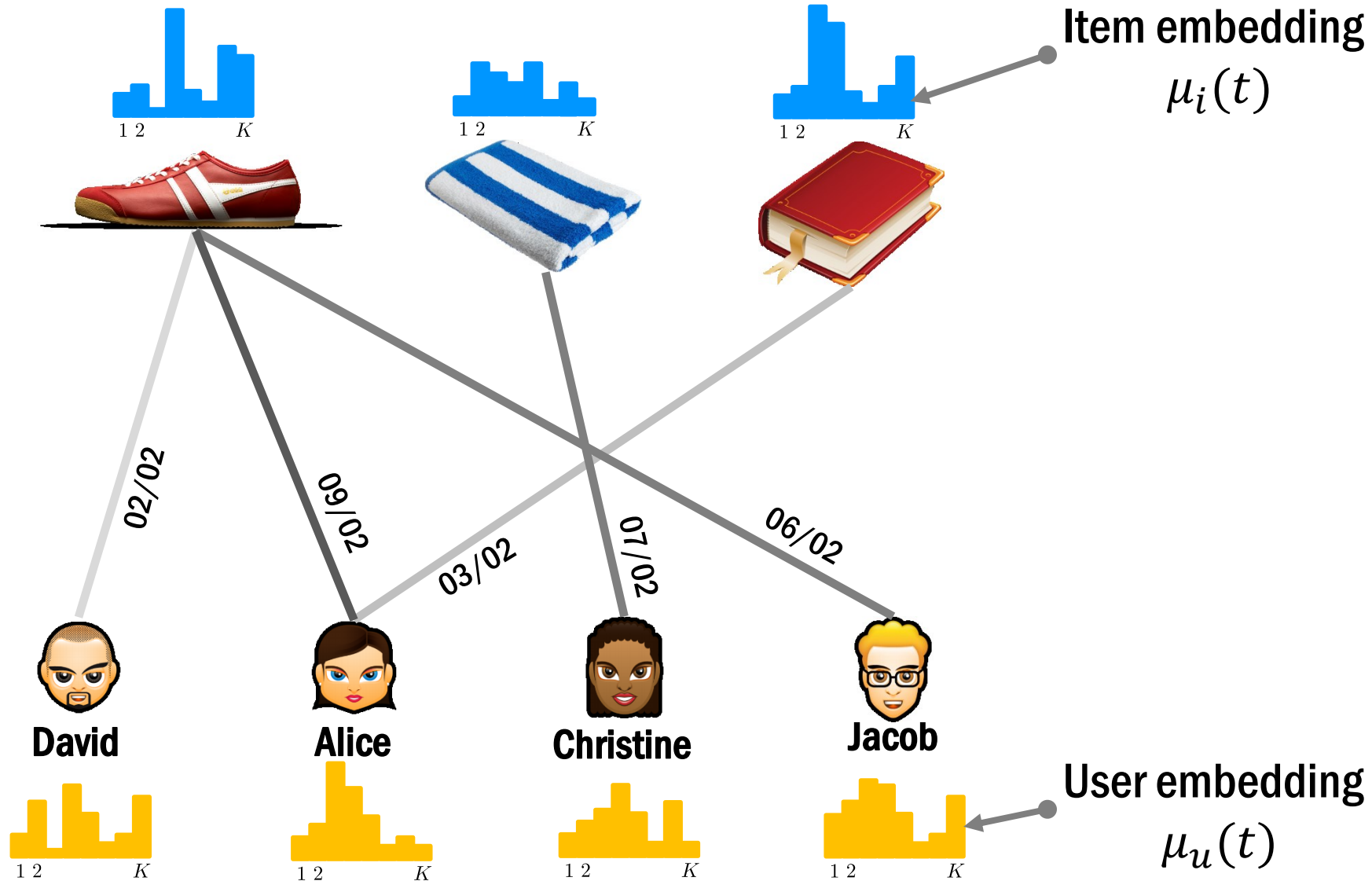
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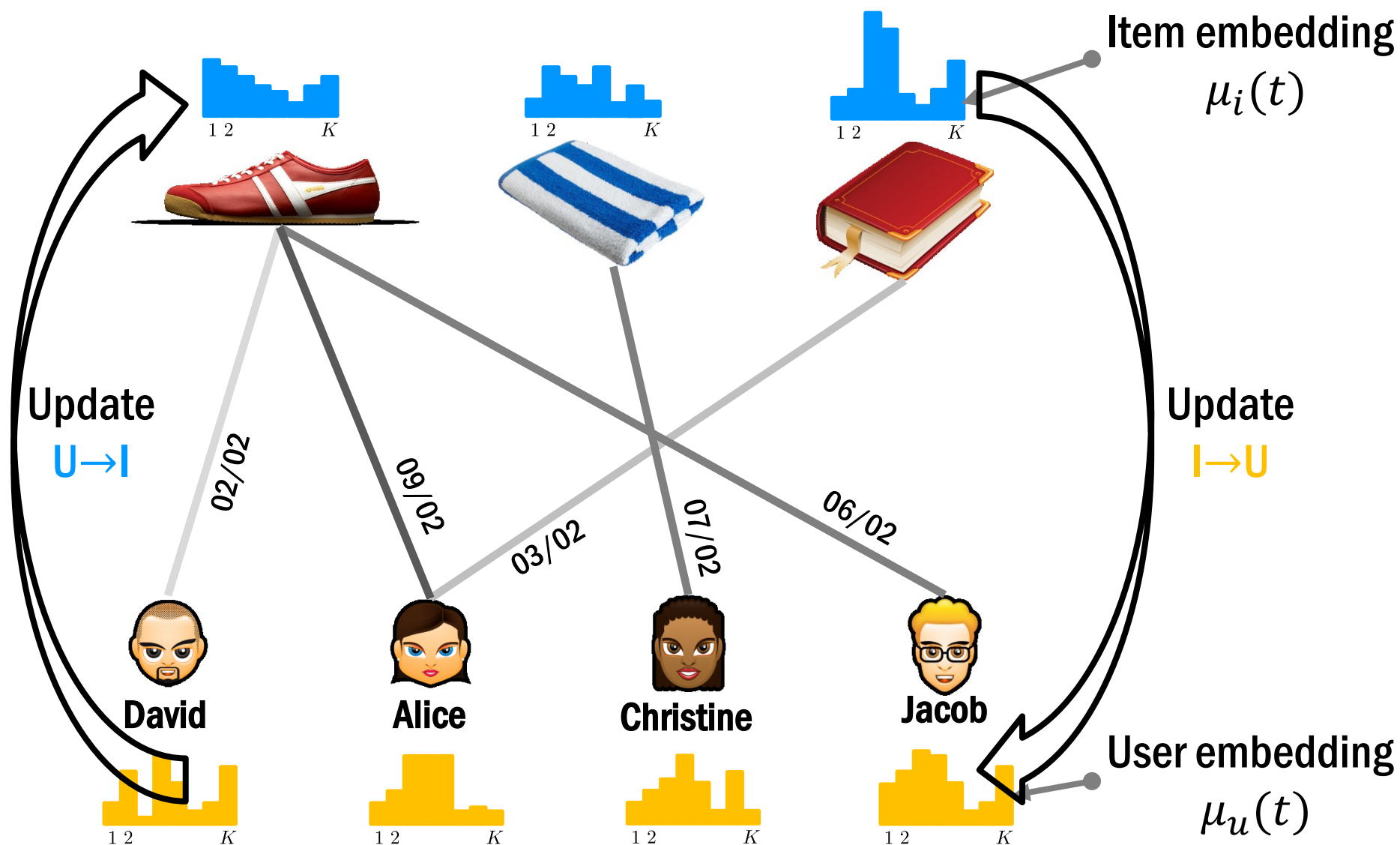


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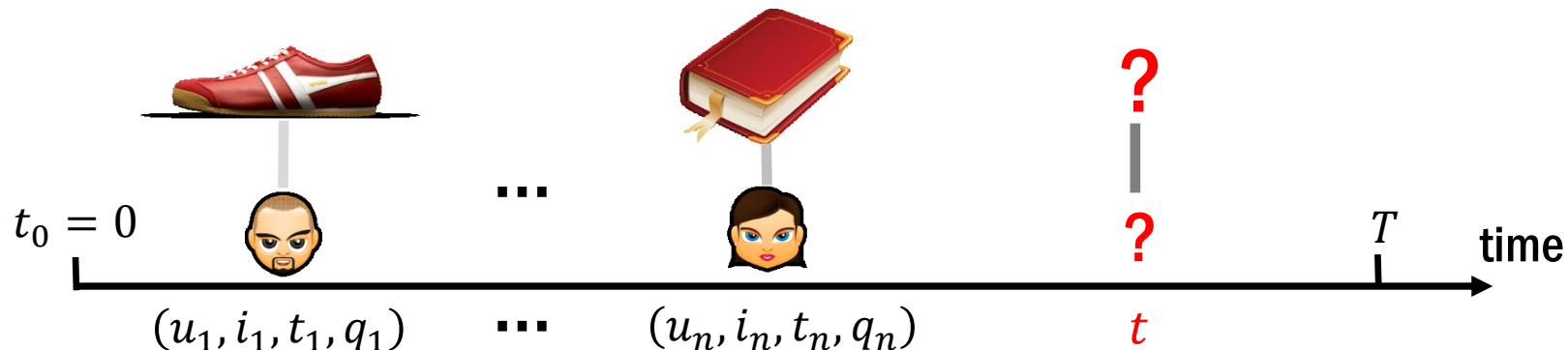


# Co-evolutionary embedding



# From embedding to next interaction time

Link embedding with interaction data using generative model



Intensity of interaction determined by **compatibility** and **time-lapse**

$$\lambda_{ui}(t|t_n) = \exp(\mu_u^\top(t_n)\mu_i(t_n)) \cdot (t - t_n)$$

Density function

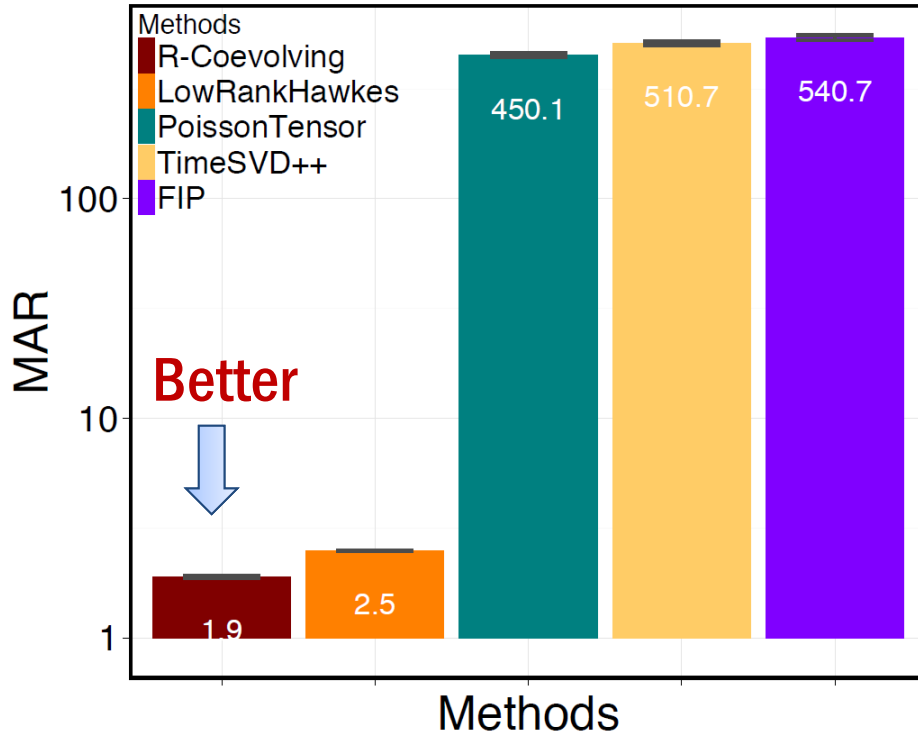
$$p_{ui}(t|t_n) = \lambda_{ui}(t|t_n) S_{ui}(t|t_n)$$

Survival function

$$S_{ui}(t|t_n) = \exp\left(-\int_{t_n}^t \lambda_{ui}(\tau) d\tau\right)$$

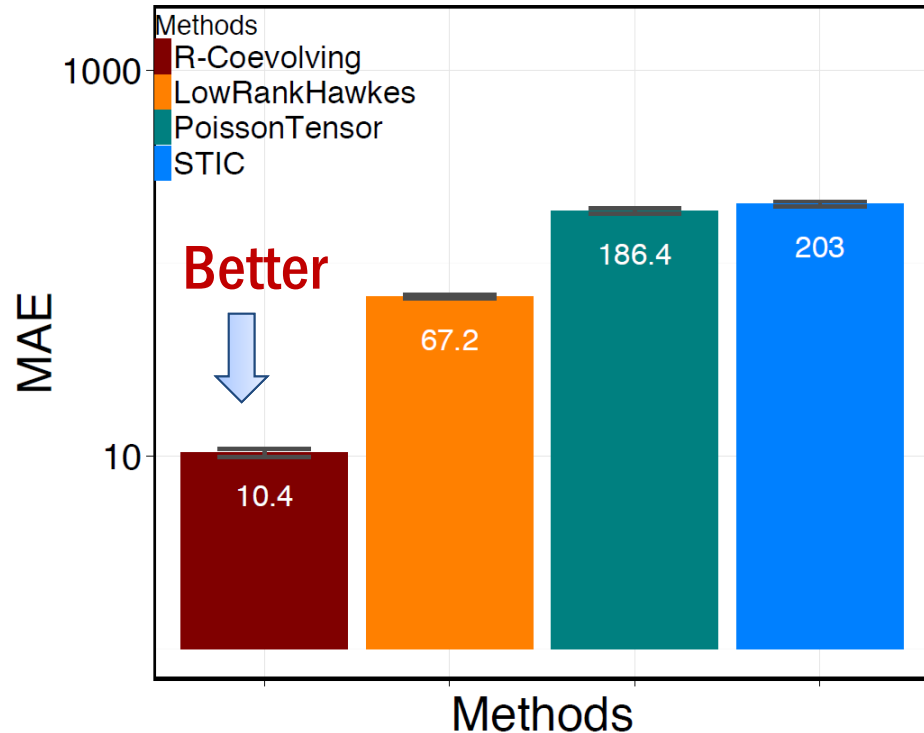
# Embedding leads to better prediction

Reddit dataset: prediction of discussion forum participation  
1,000 users, 1403 groups, ~ 10K interactions



Next item prediction

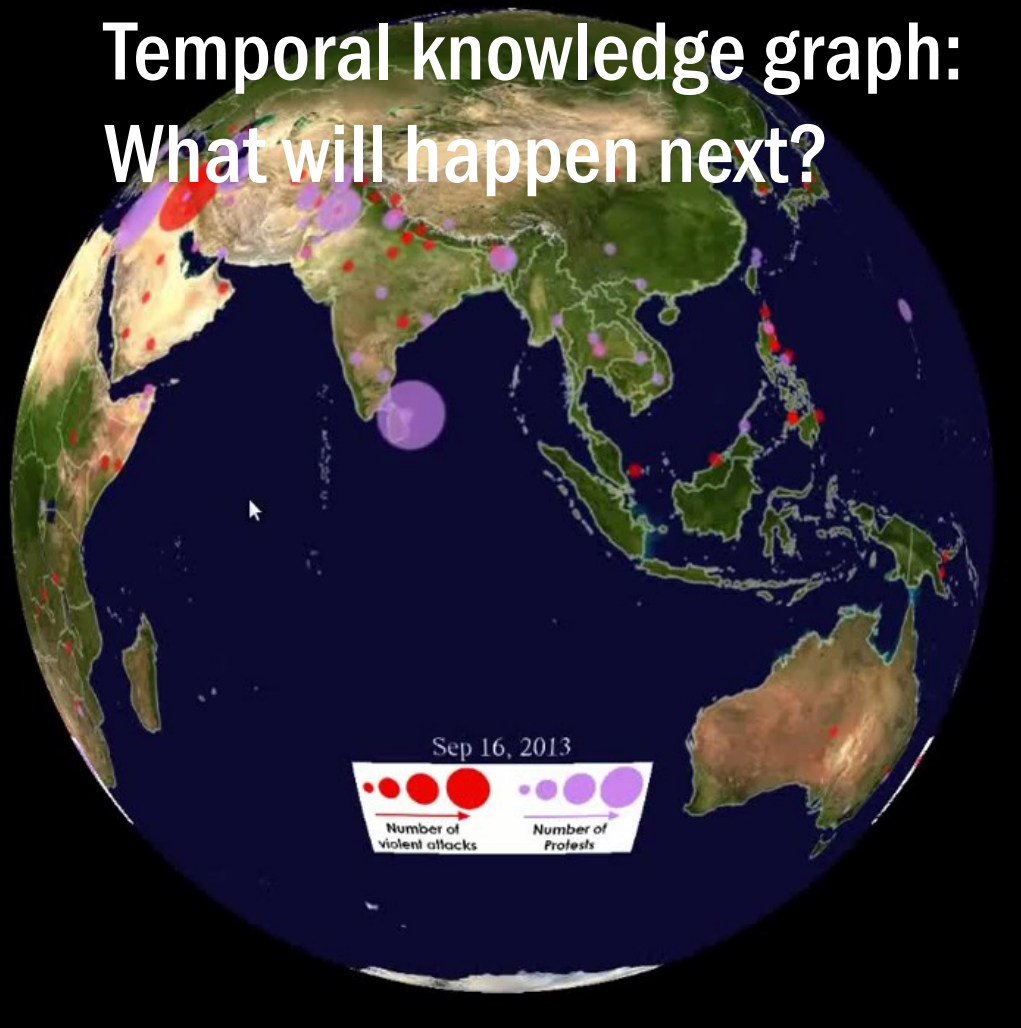
MAR: mean absolute rank difference



Return time prediction

MAE: mean absolute error (hours)

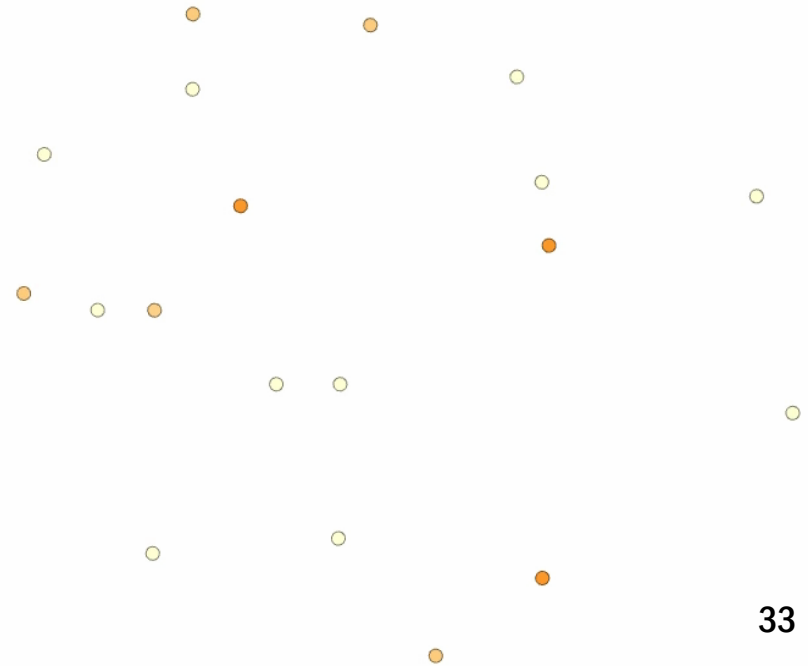
# Temporal knowledge graph: What will happen next?



GDELT database:

Events in news media

Total archives span >215  
years, trillion of events

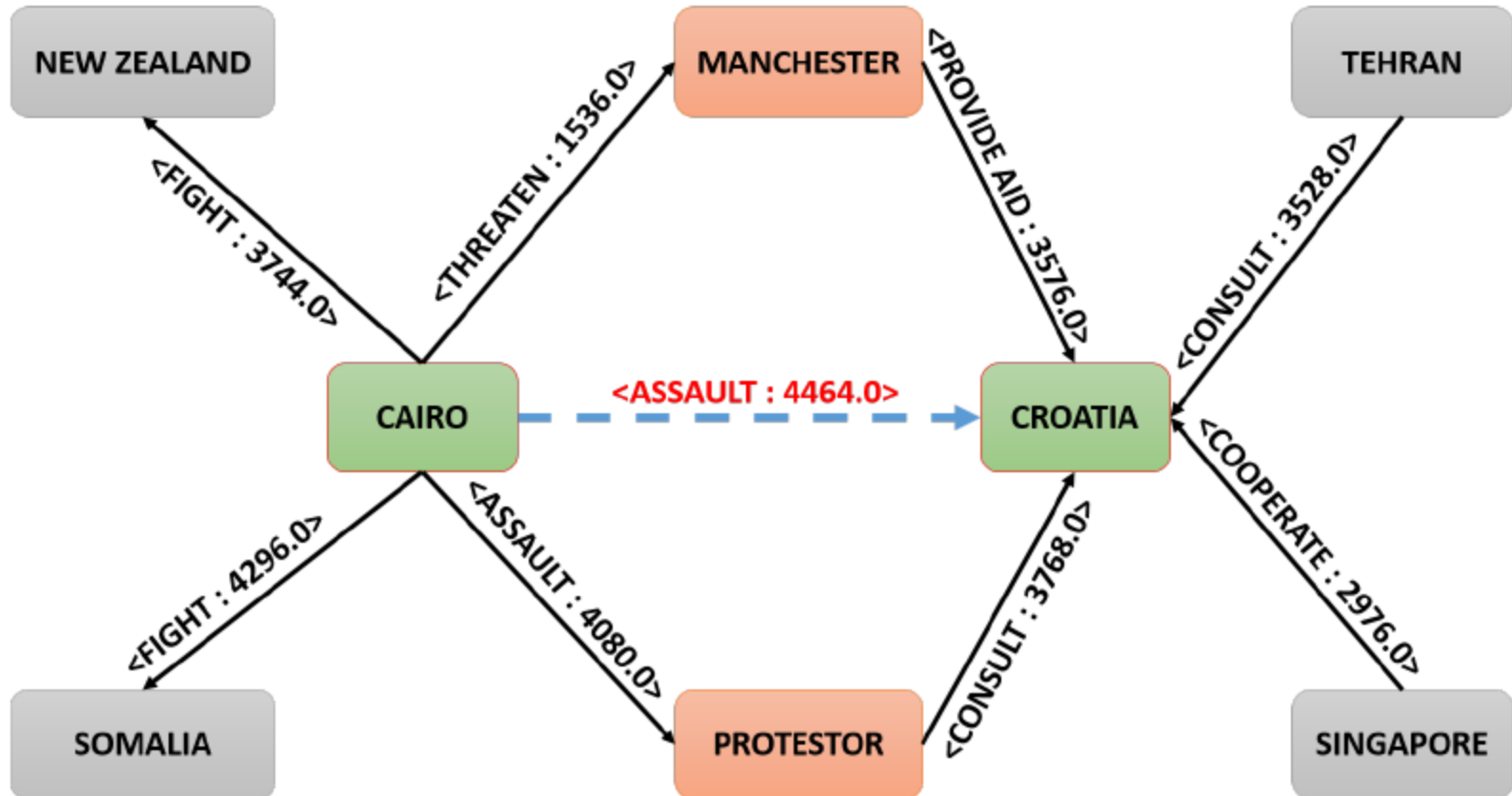


Event (knowledge item):

- Subject --- relation --- object
- Time

# Reasoning over time I

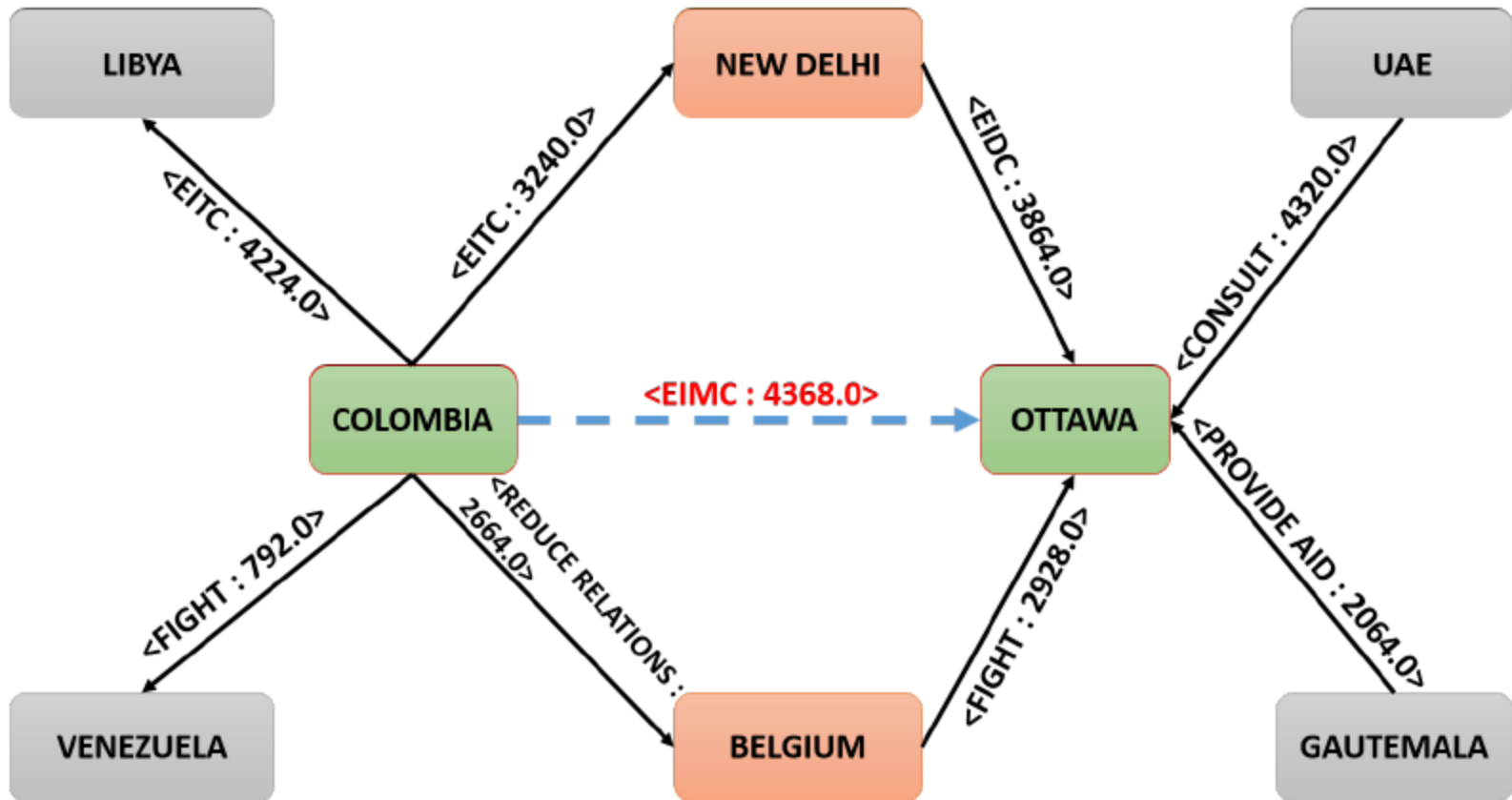
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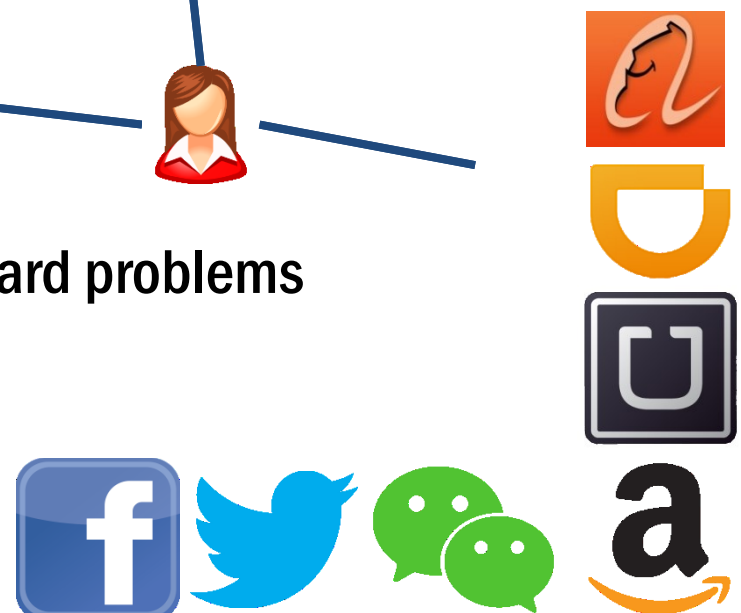
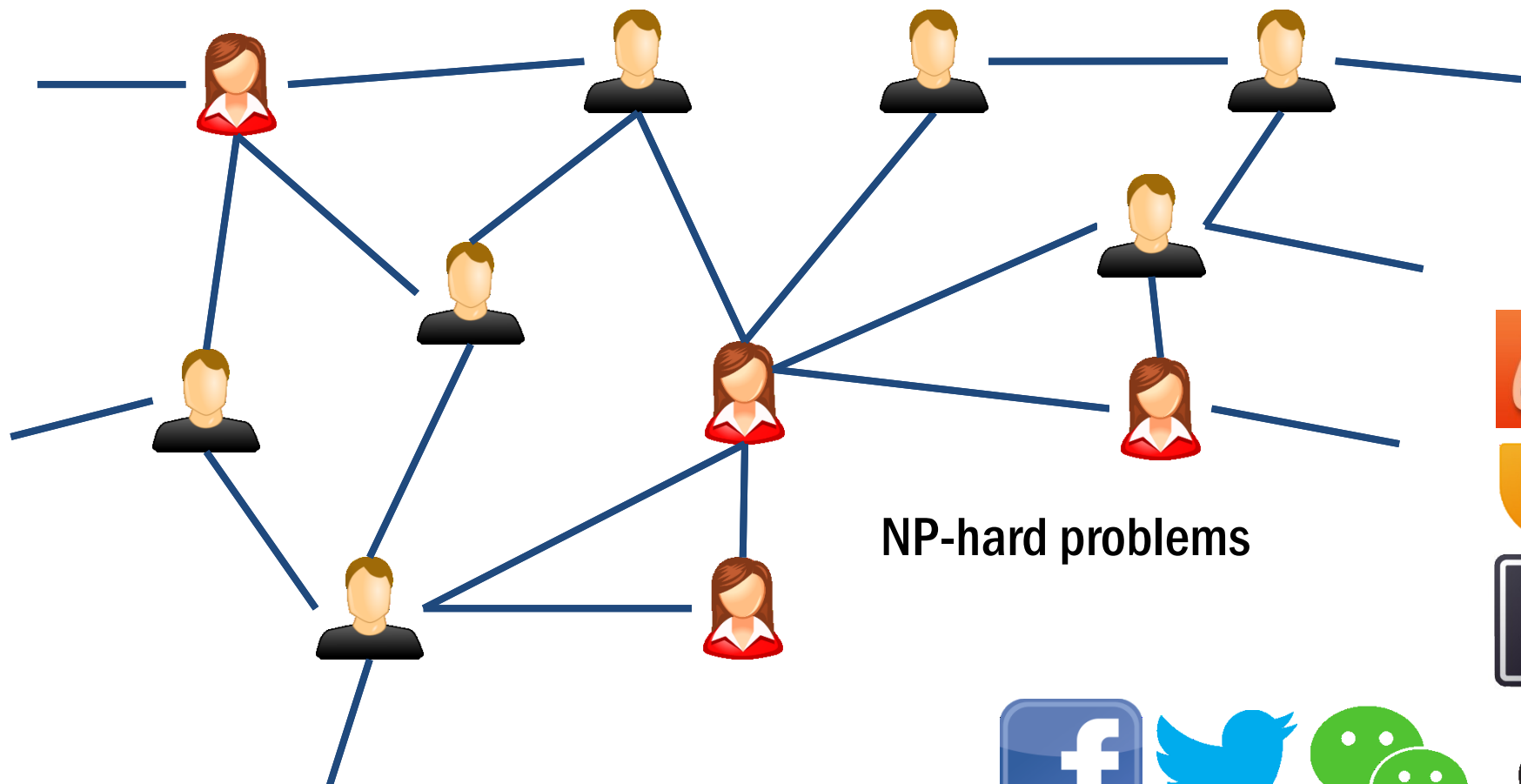
Friends' friend is a friend, common enemy improves bond

EITC / EIDC / EIMC: some form of cooperation



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# Combinatorial optimization as MDP

Minimum vertex cover: smallest number of nodes to cover all edges

$$\min_{x_i \in \{0,1\}} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} x_i$$

s. t.  $x_i + x_j > 0, \forall (i, j) \in \mathcal{E}$

Repeat:

1. Compute **total degree** of each uncovered edge
2. Select both ends of uncovered edge with largest total degree

Until all edges are covered

multistage decision making problem  
 $r^t = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} x_i^t - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} x_i^{t+1} = -1$

State  $S$ : current set of nodes selected

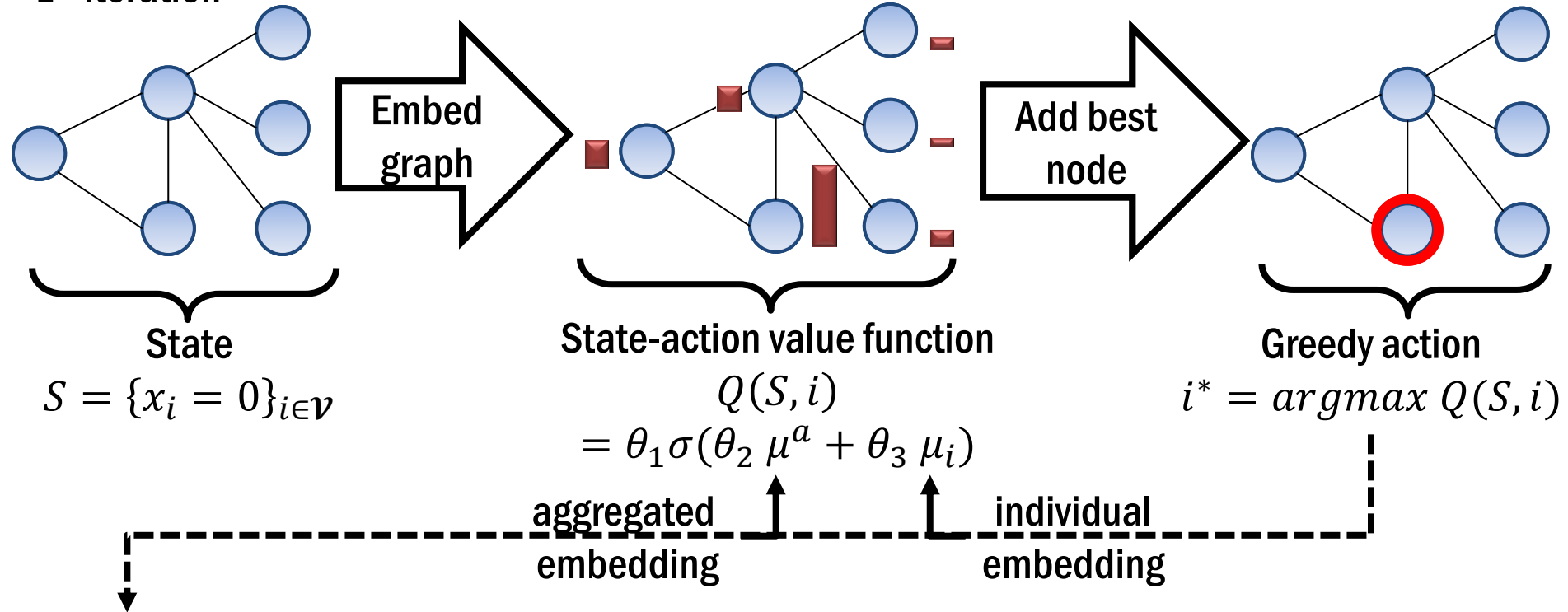
Action value function:  $Q(S, i)$

Greedy policy:  
 $i^* = \operatorname{argmax}_i Q(S, i)$

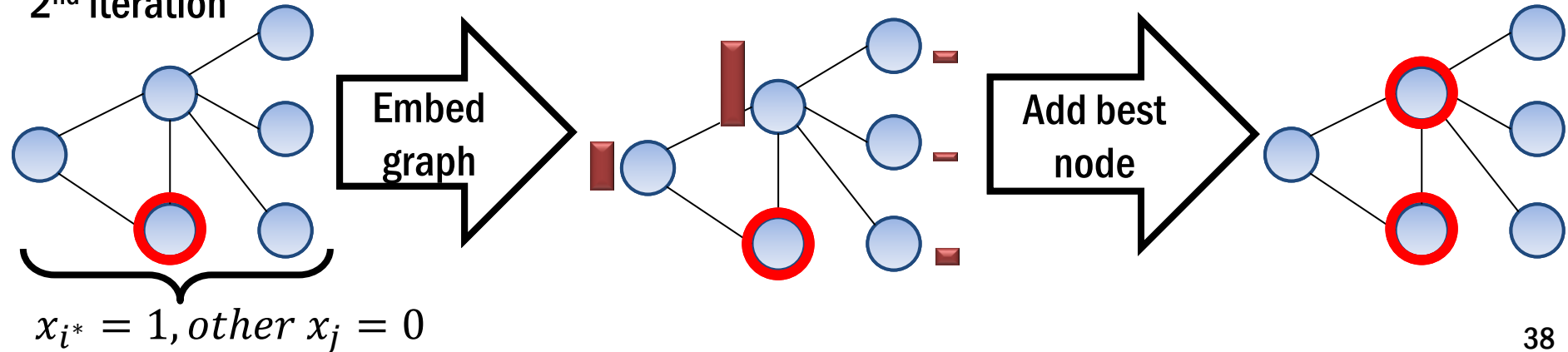
Update state  $S$

# Graph embedding for state-action value function

1<sup>st</sup> iteration



2<sup>nd</sup> iteration

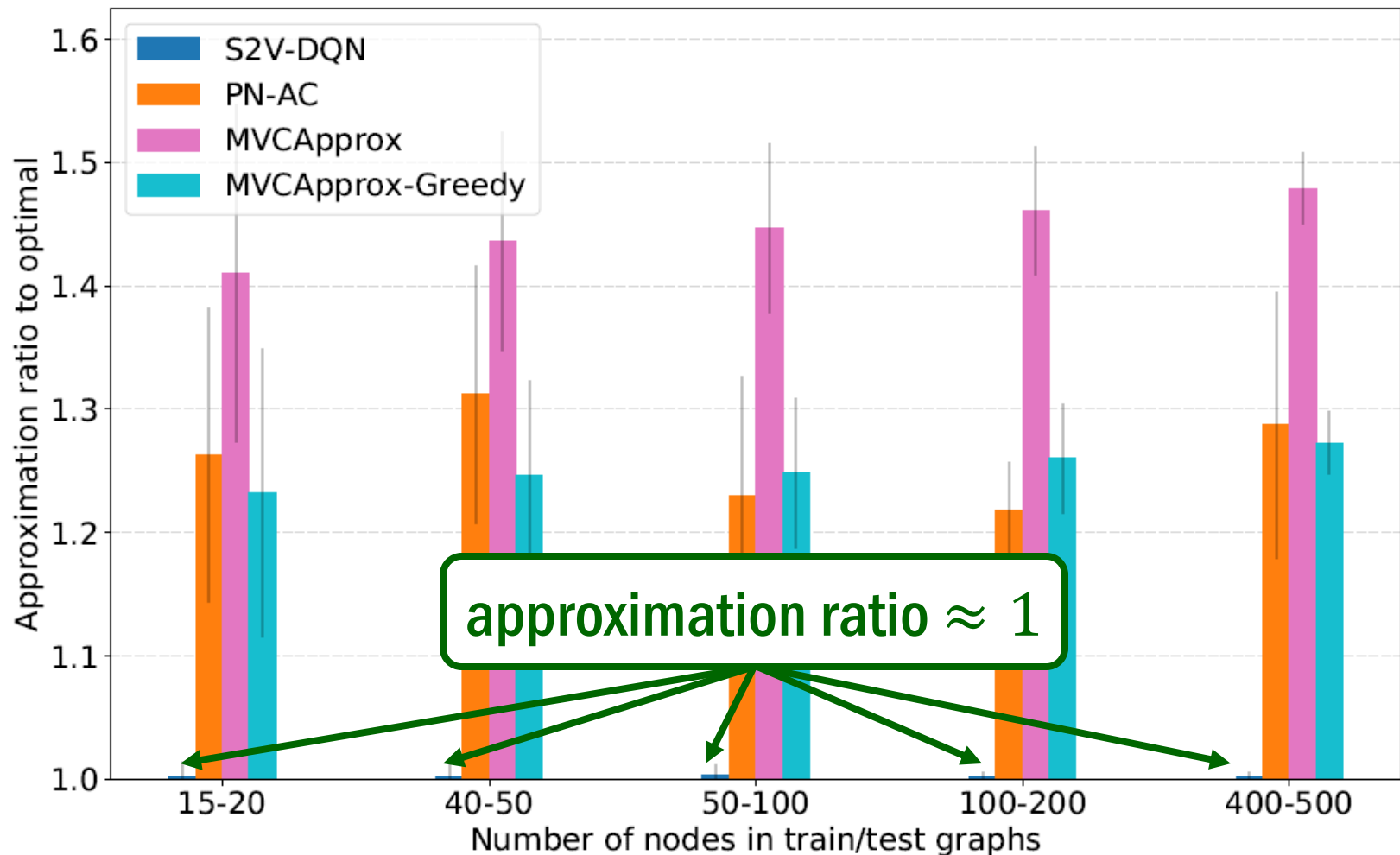


# Embedding leads to better heuristic algorithm

Minimum vertex cover: smallest number of nodes to cover all edges

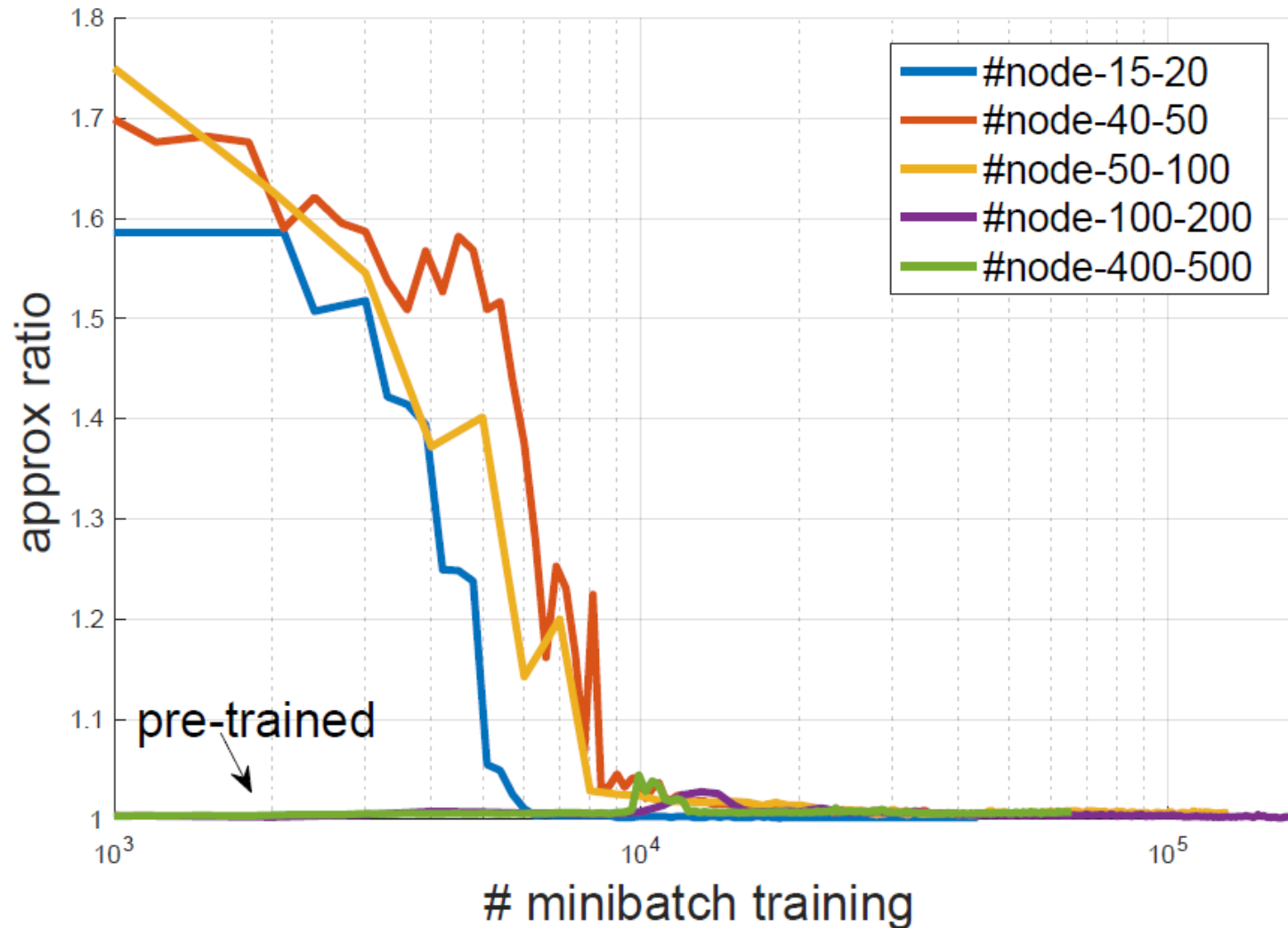
A distribution of scale free networks

Optimal approximated by running CPLEX for 1 hour



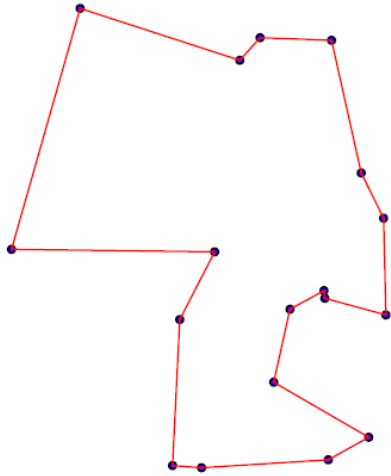
# Training converge quite fast

Pre-training: initialize embedding parameters with ones trained with smaller networks

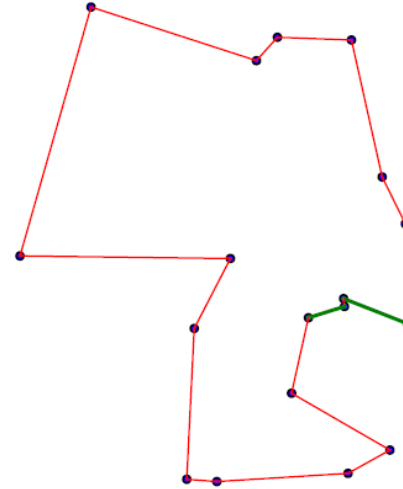


# Also good for traveling salesman problem

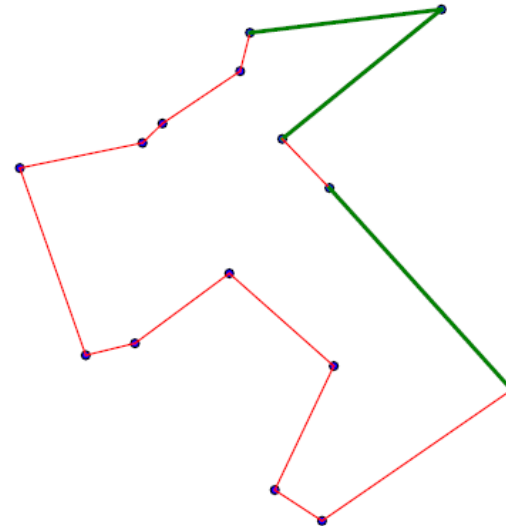
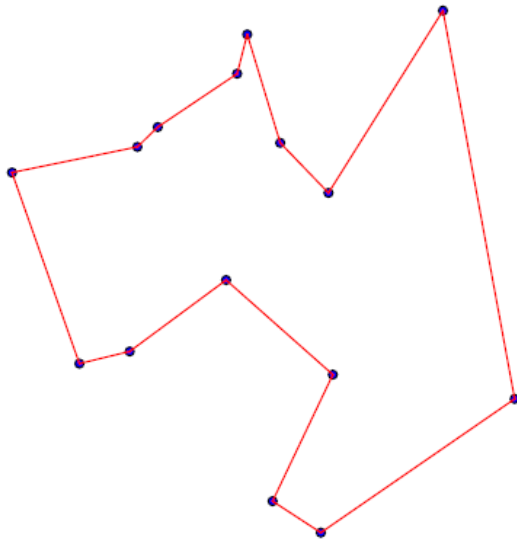
Optimal



Embedding




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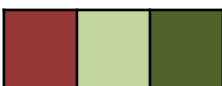
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# Embedding as a tool for algorithm design

Embedding of node

$$\mu_1(\chi, W)$$



+

$$\mu_2(\chi, W)$$


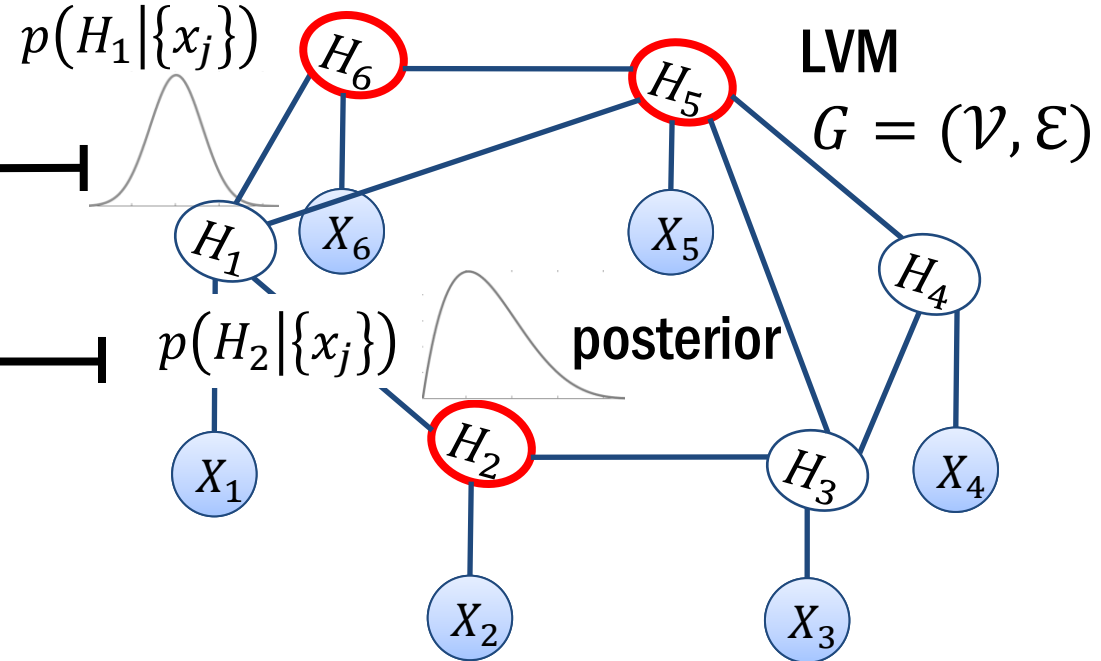
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$$= \mu^a(\chi, W)$$


Embedding of  
entire structure



- Embedding structures
- Learn better? Nonconvex & RL?
- New system & programming language?