

BEHAVIORAL MODELING IN SOCIAL NETWORKS FROM MICRO TO MACRO

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Outline

- ❖ Prediction for natural behavior
 - ❖ Modeling individual behavior (MICRO)
 - ❖ Modeling information cascade (MACRO)
- ❖ **Detection for unnatural behavior**
 - ❖ **Suspicious behavior detection**

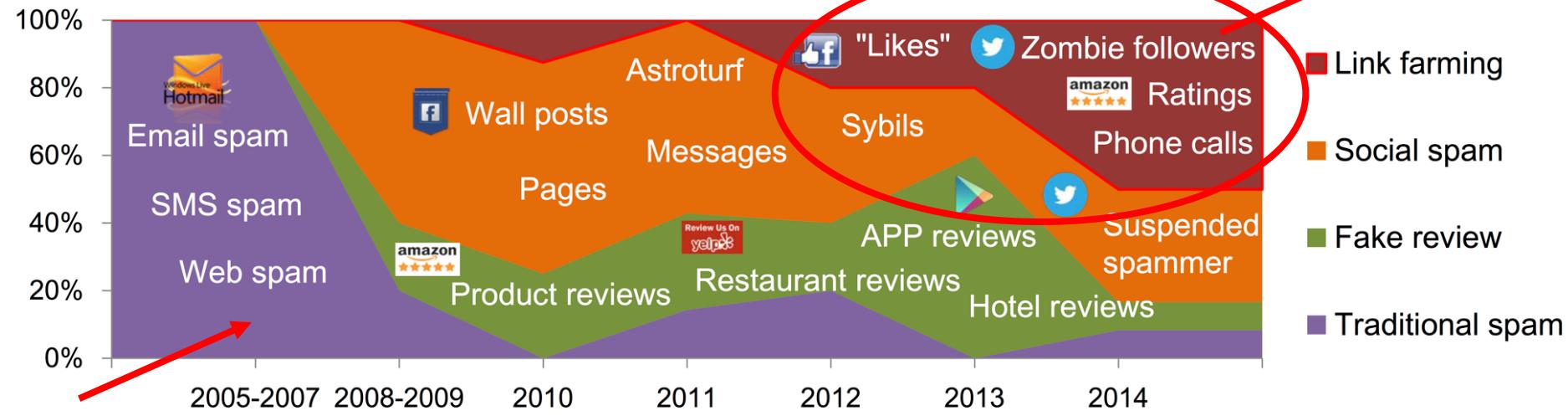
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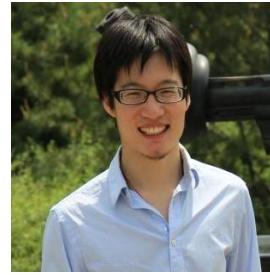
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Social Link Farming



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Suspicious Behaviors

❖ Selling Twitter followers

The image displays five promotional boxes for buying Twitter followers, arranged horizontally. Each box contains the following information:

- Followers Offer:** The number of followers offered (e.g., 5,000 FOLLOWERS) and the number of free followers included (e.g., 400 FREE).
- Price:** The cost of the service (e.g., \$69.99, \$29.99, \$15.99, \$119.99, \$229.99).
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10,000 FOLLOWERS 500 FREE	\$119.99	Delivery within 4-5 days	Buy Now (Mastercard, Visa)	Save + 14%
20,000 FOLLOWERS 1000 FREE	\$229.99	Delivery within 5-8 days	Buy Now (Mastercard, Visa)	Save + 34%

Suspicious Behaviors

❖ Selling Facebook Likes

25,000 Facebook Likes \$265	50,000 Facebook Likes \$525	100,000 Facebook Likes \$1,000	200,000 Facebook Likes \$1,750
Lifetime Replacement Warranty	Lifetime Replacement Warranty	Lifetime Replacement Warranty	Lifetime Replacement Warranty
Dedicated 24/7 Customer Service	Dedicated 24/7 Customer Service	Dedicated 24/7 Customer Service	Dedicated 24/7 Customer Service
100% Risk Free, Try Us Today	100% Risk Free, Try Us Today	100% Risk Free, Try Us Today	100% Risk Free, Try Us Today
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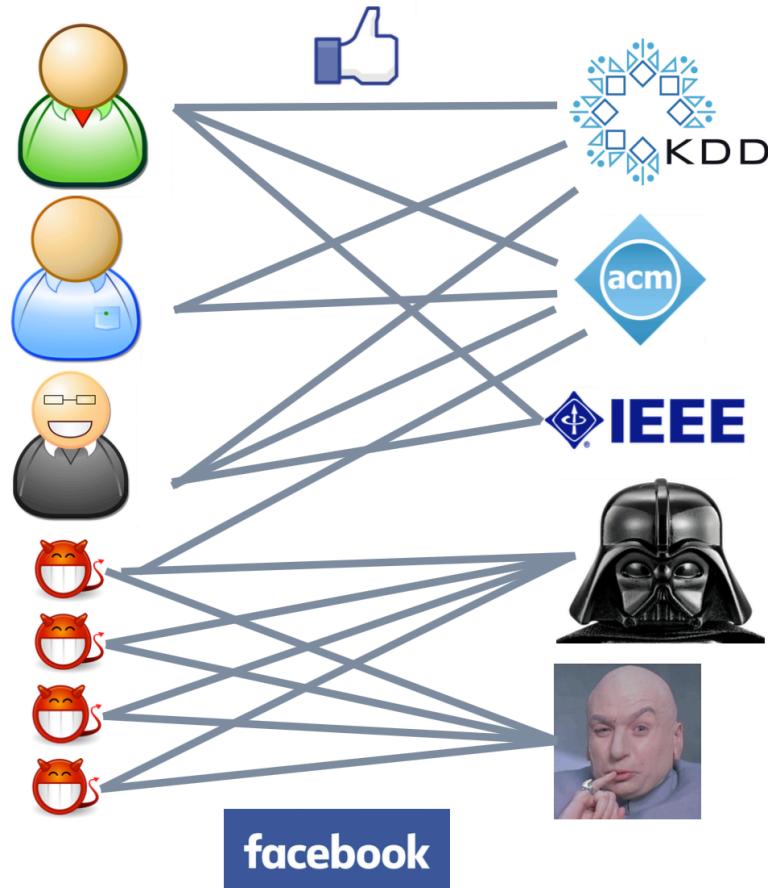
Suspicious Behavior Detection

- ❖ Detecting suspicious behavioral patterns
 - ❖ **Spotting:** Lockstep patterns
 - ❖ Methods that can spot strange behaviors
 - ❖ **Catching:** Synchronized patterns
 - ❖ Scalable algorithms with theoretical guarantee
 - ❖ **Solving:** Suspiciousness in multiple dimensions
 - ❖ A principled metric for suspiciousness

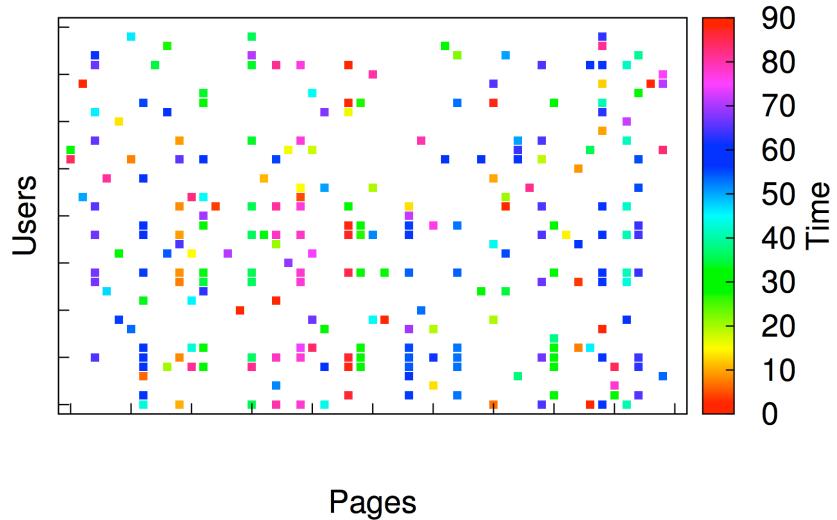
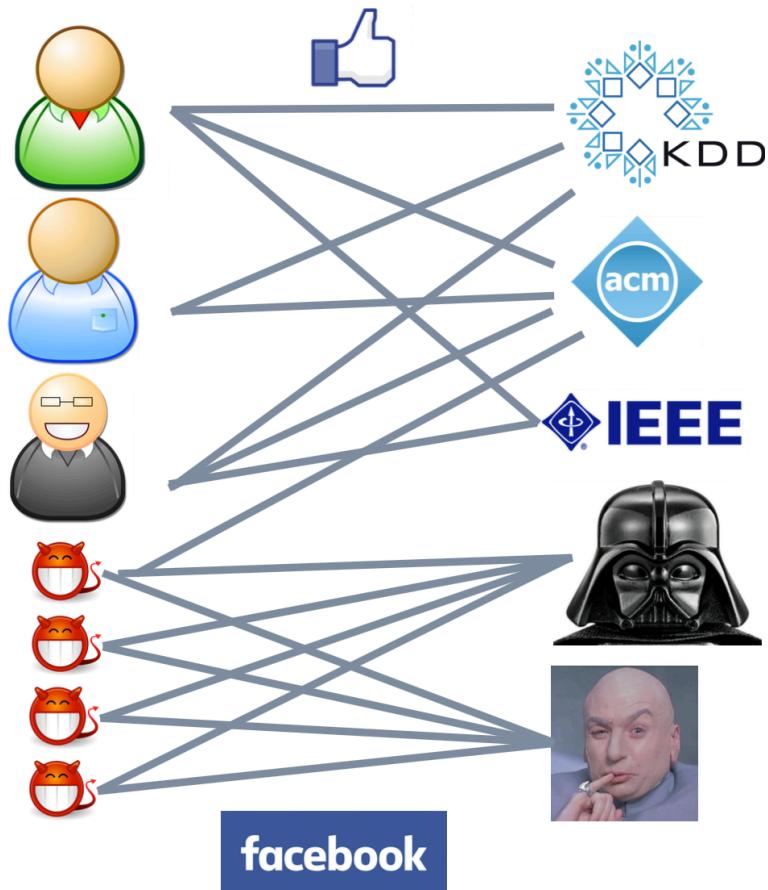
Lockstep Behavior: Facebook Likes

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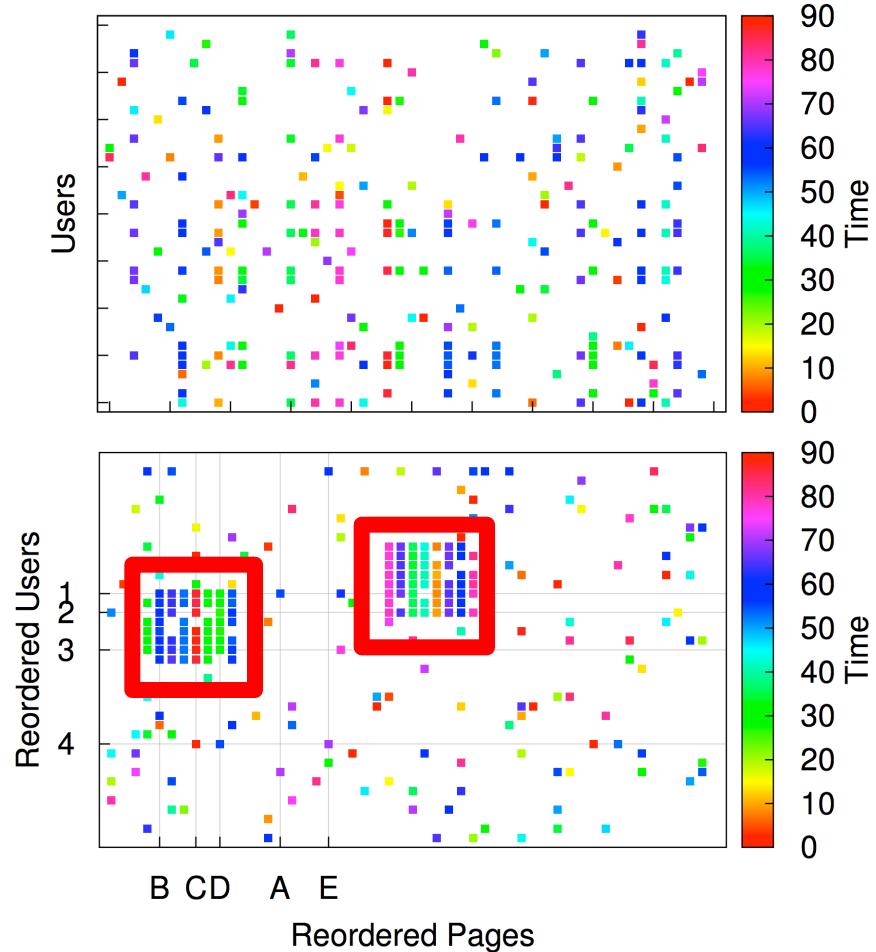
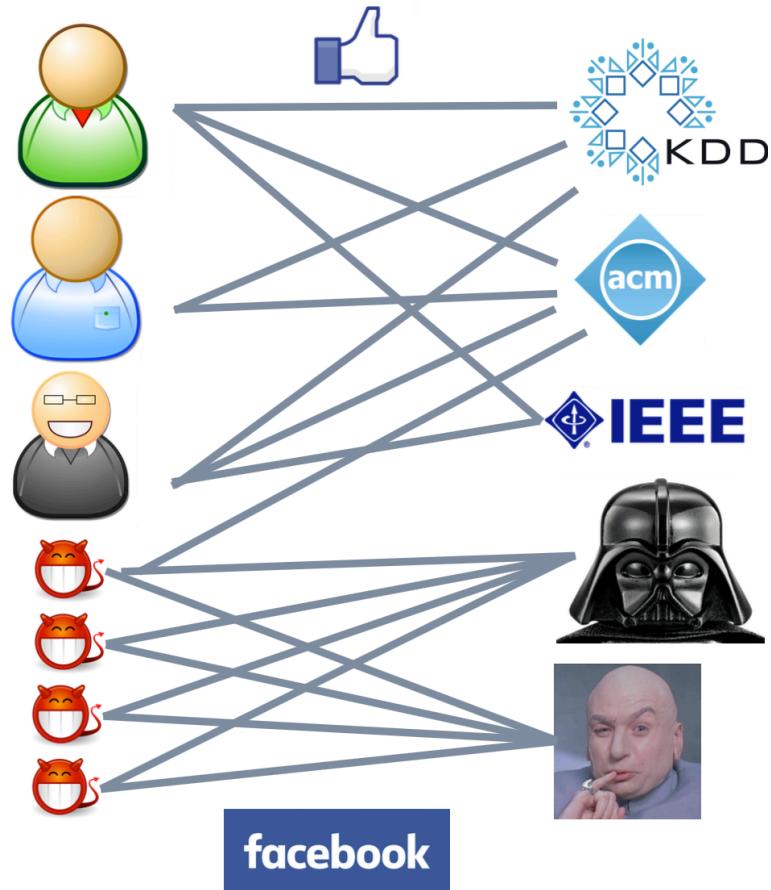
Lockstep Behavior: Facebook Likes



Lockstep Behavior: Graphical View



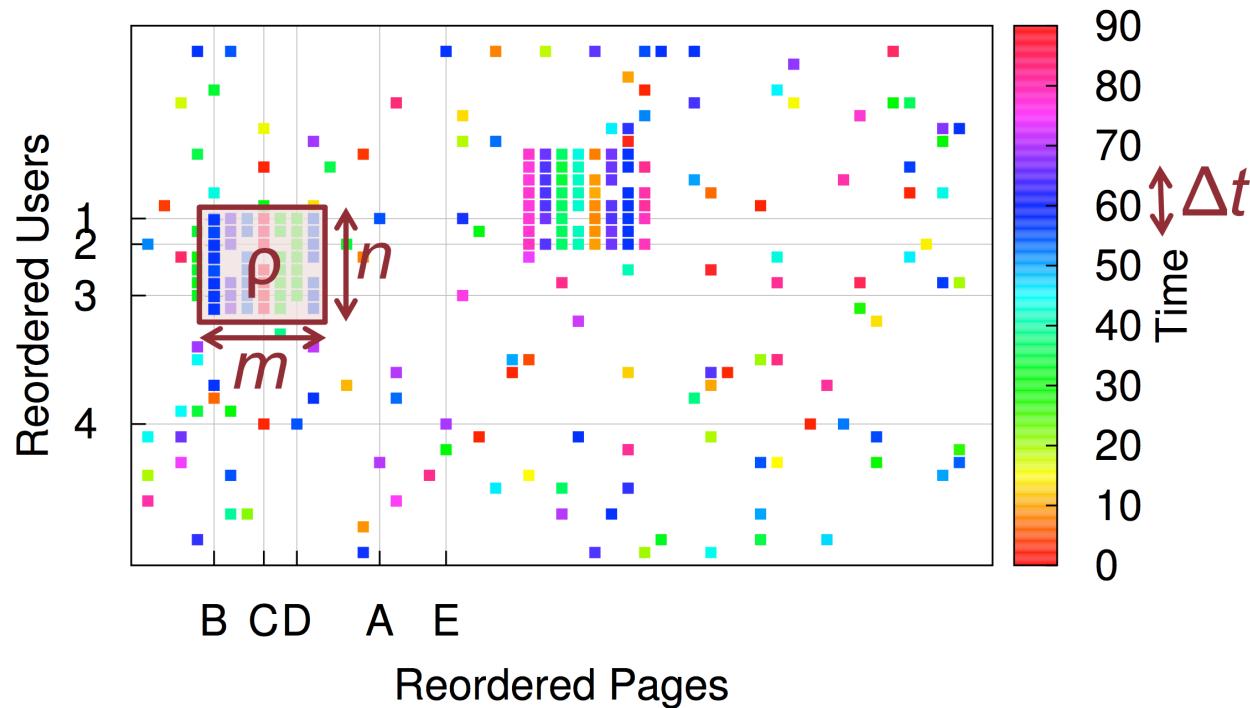
Lockstep Behavior: Reorder Matrix



Lockstep Behavior: Seed + Search

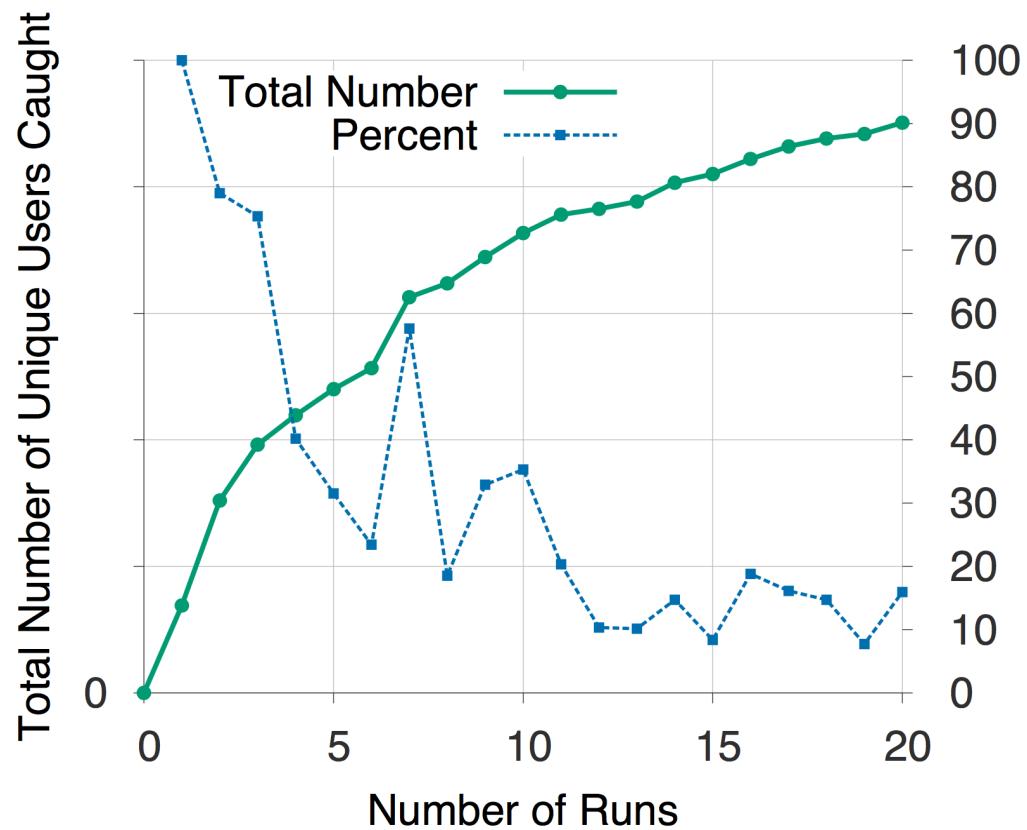
- ❖ CopyCatch

- ❖ “Near Bipartite Core”: n users, m Pages, ρ , Δt



Lockstep Behavior: Performance

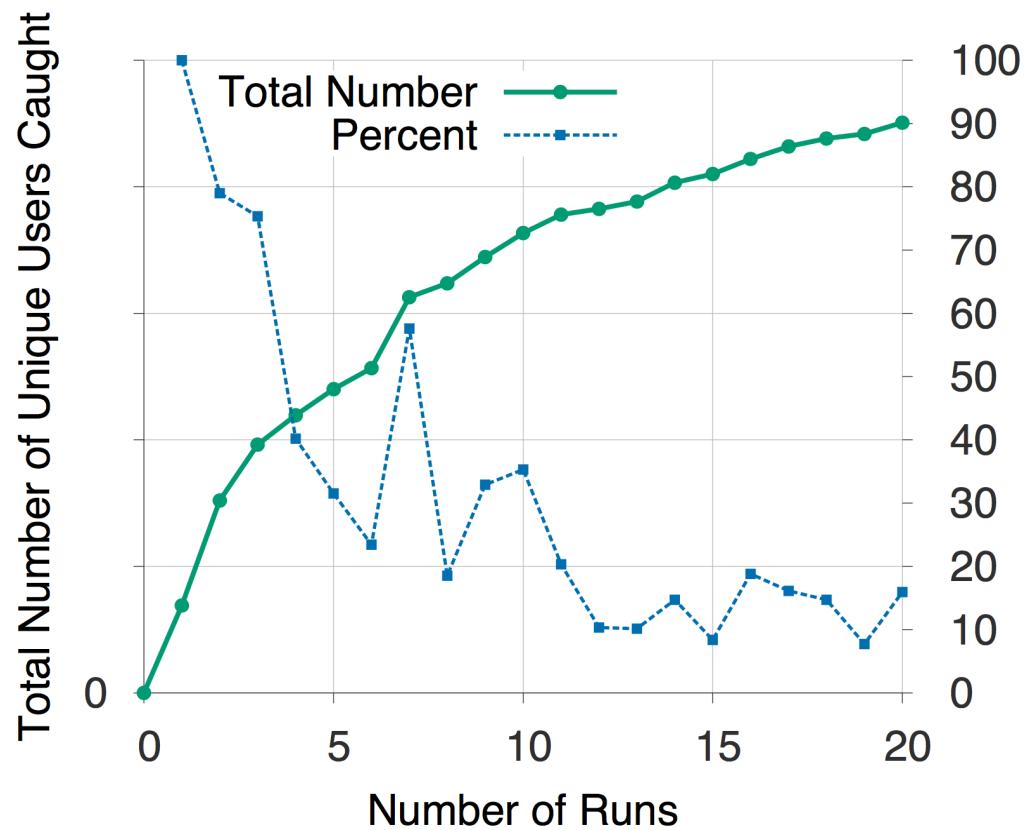
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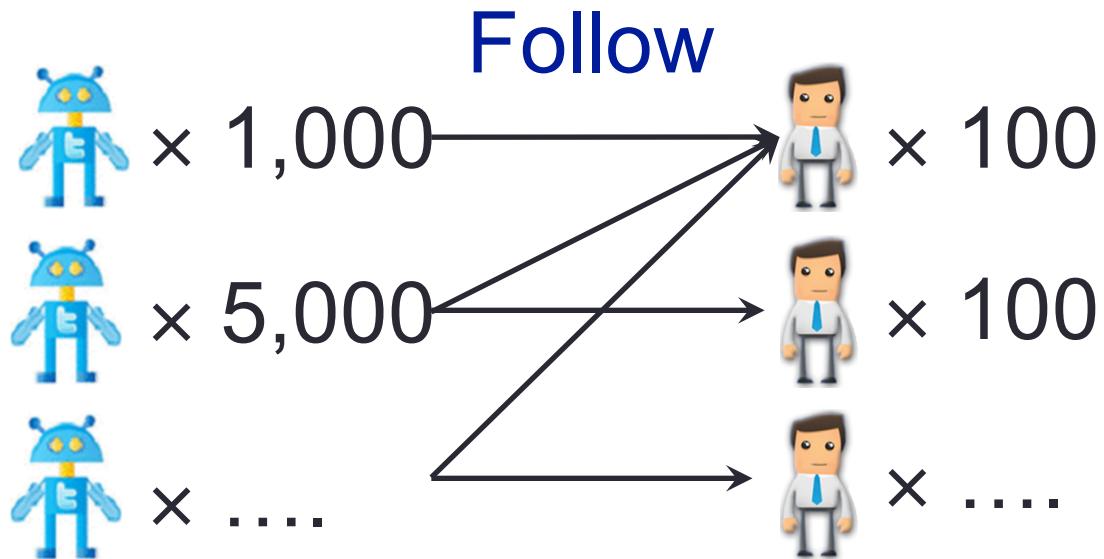
Lockstep Behavior: Performance

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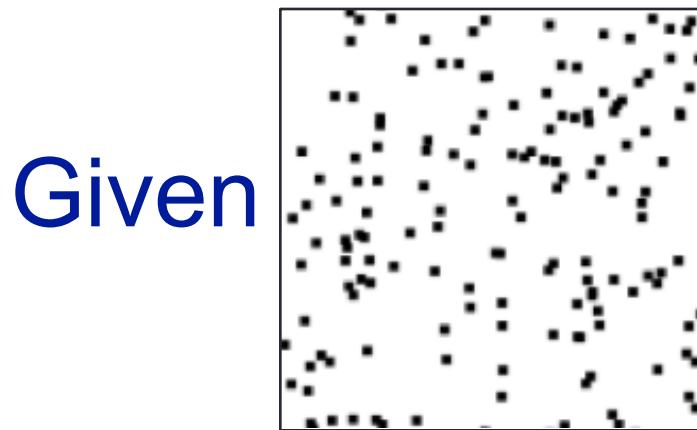
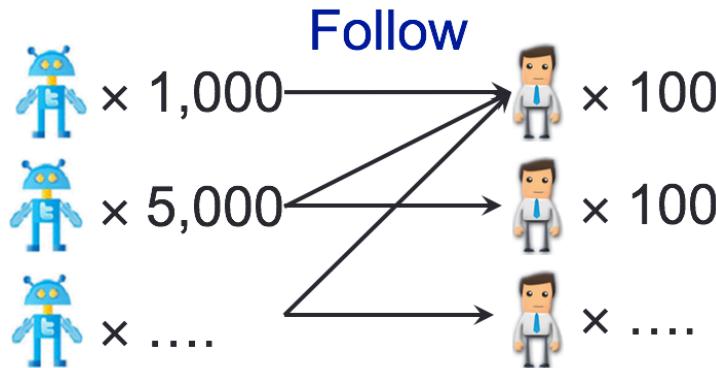
Seed Selection!!!



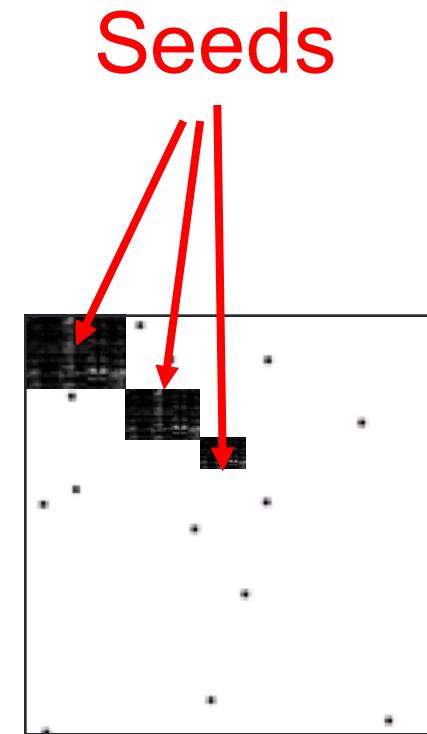
Lockstep Behavior: Twitter Followers



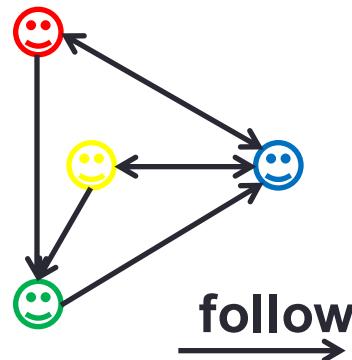
Lockstep Behavior: Reorder Matrix



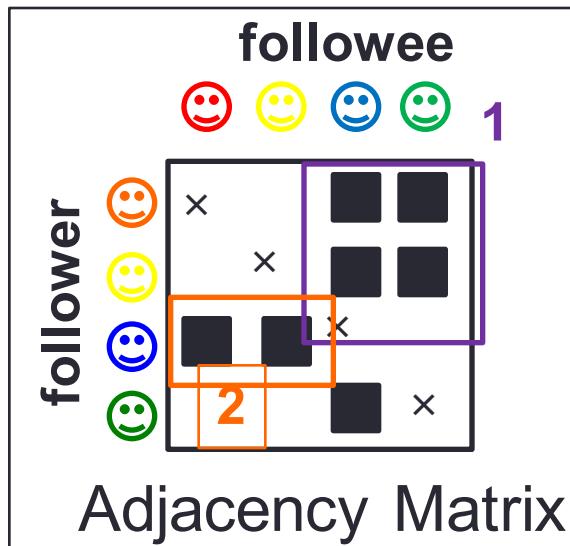
Reorder



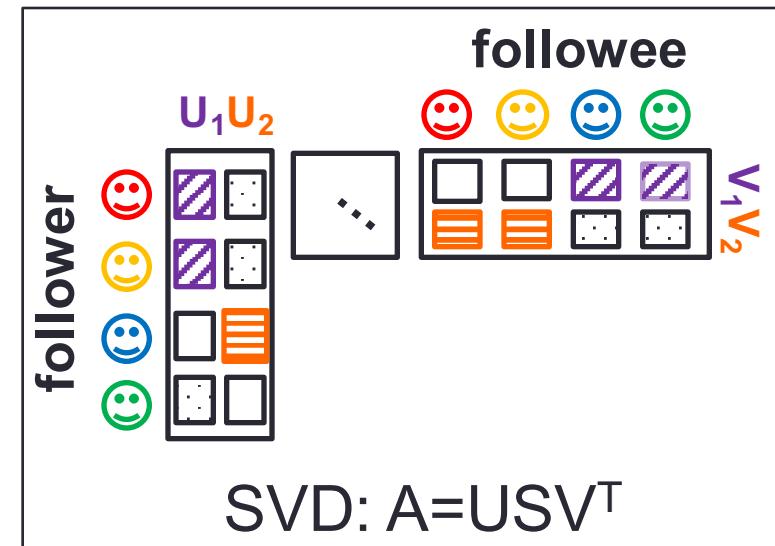
Lockstep Behavior: SVD Reminder



Graph Structure

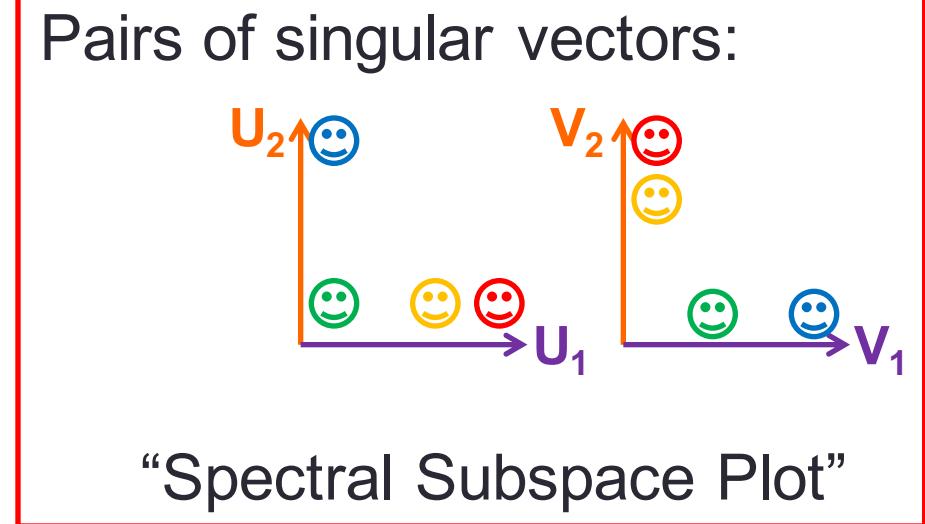
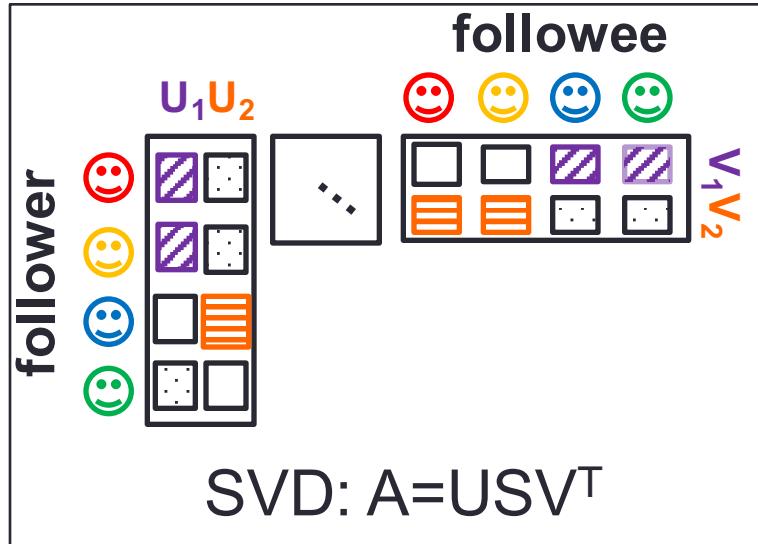


Adjacency Matrix



$\text{SVD: } \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^T$

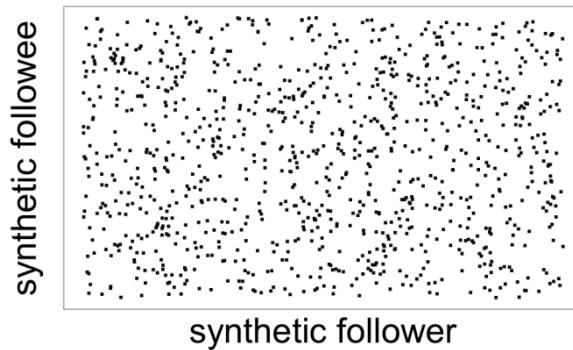
Lockstep Behavior: Spectral Subspace



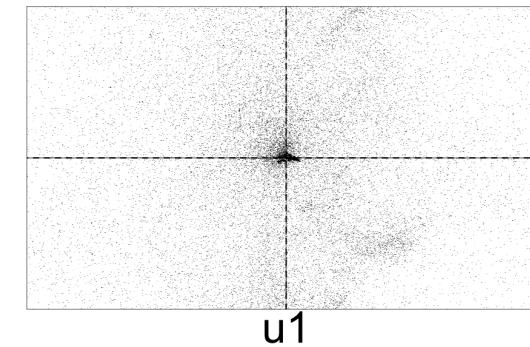
Spectral Subspace Plot: Case #0

❖ NO lockstep behavior: Scatter

Adjacency Matrix



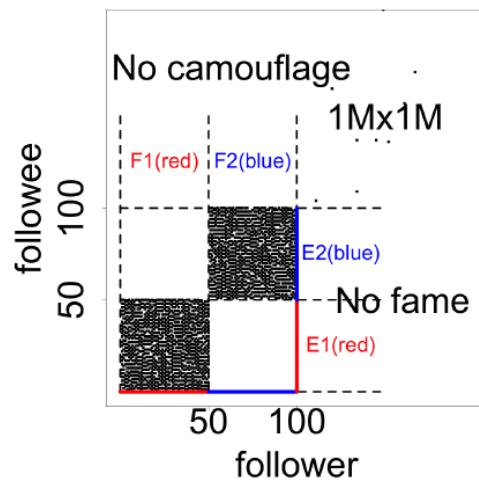
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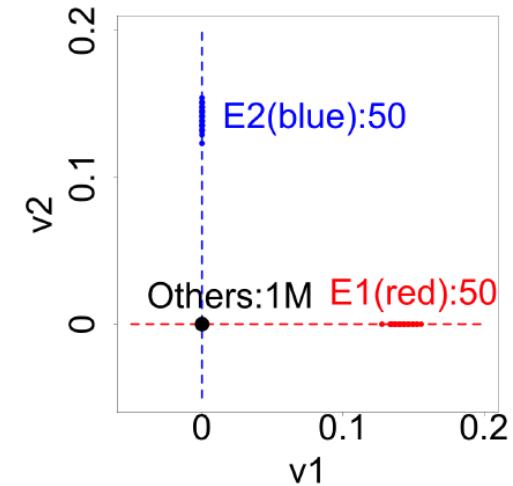
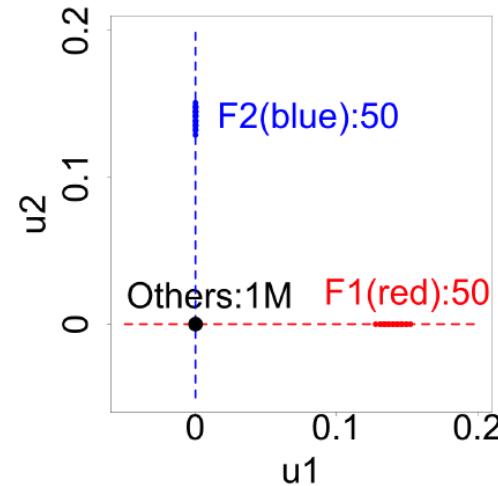
Spectral Subspace Plot: Case #1

- ❖ Non-overlapping lockstep: “Rays”

Adjacency Matrix



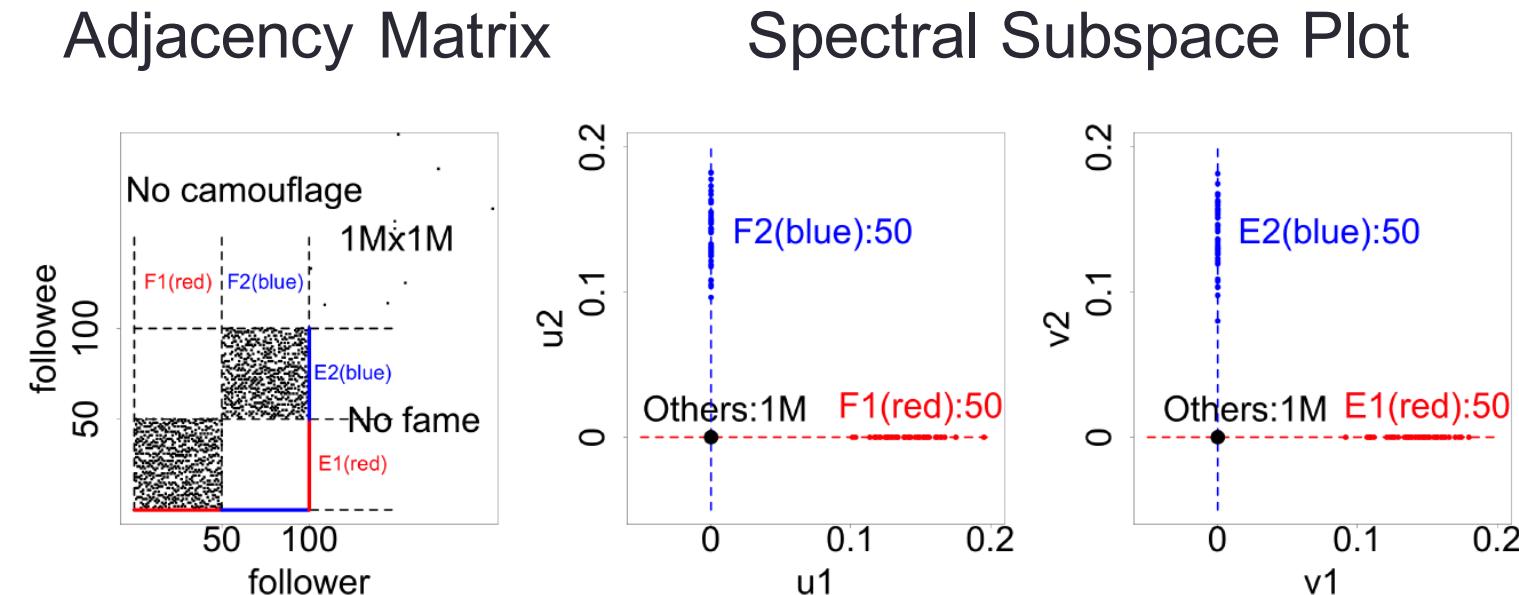
Spectral Subspace Plot



Rule 1 (short “rays”): two blocks, high density (90%), no “camouflage”, no “fame”

Spectral Subspace Plot: Case #2

❖ Non-overlapping: Low density, Elongation

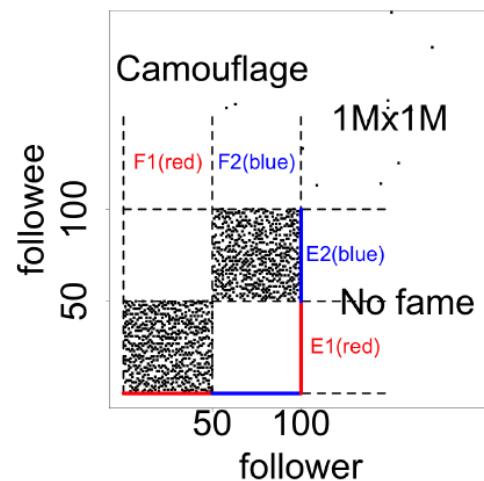


Rule 2 (long “rays”): two blocks, low density (50%), no “camouflage”, no “fame”

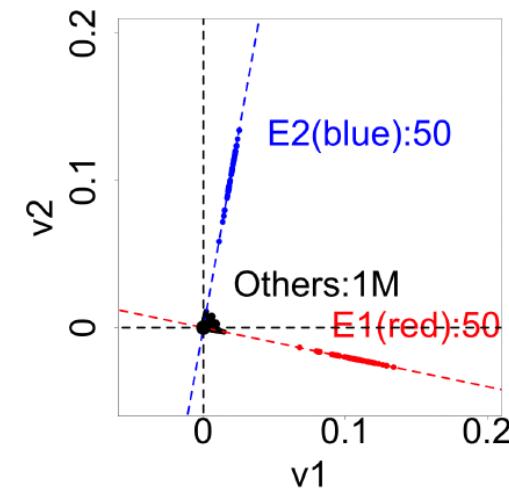
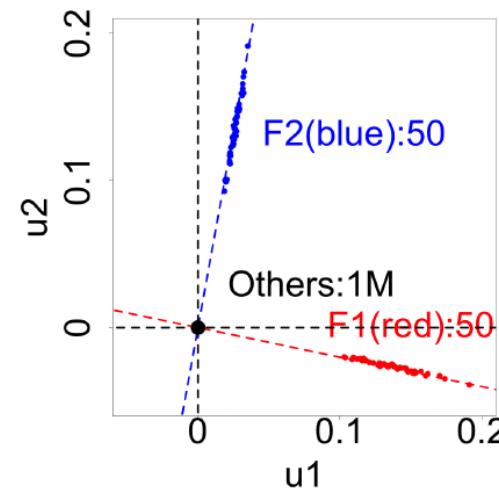
Spectral Subspace Plot: Case #3

❖ Non-overlapping: Camouflage/Fame, Tilting

Adjacency Matrix



Spectral Subspace Plot

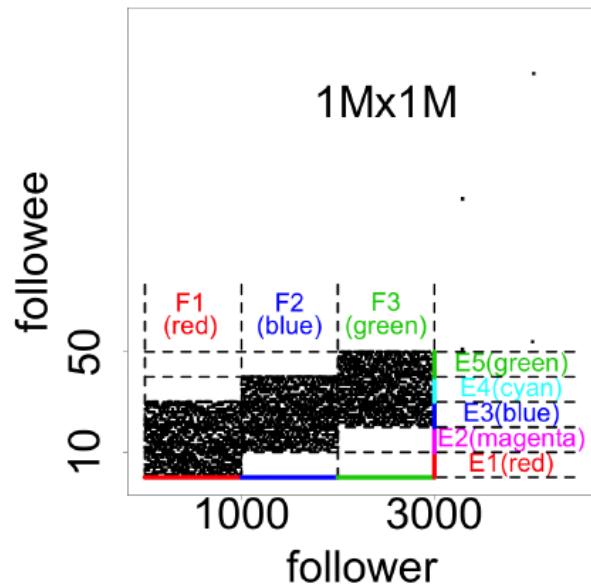


Rule 3 (tilting “rays”): two blocks, with “camouflage”, no “fame”

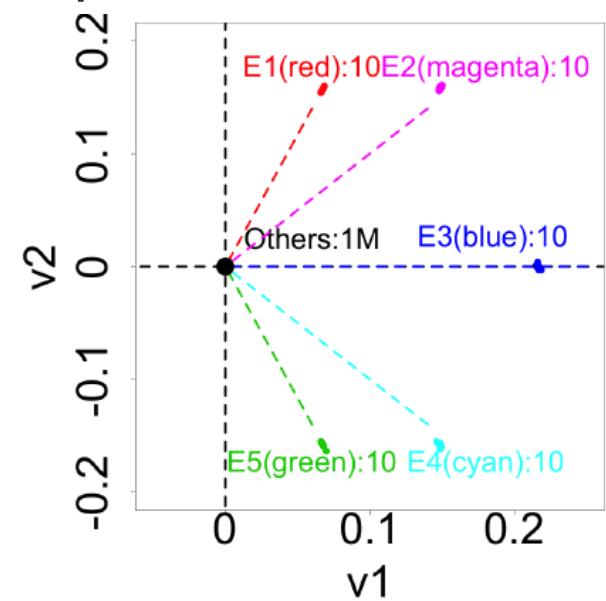
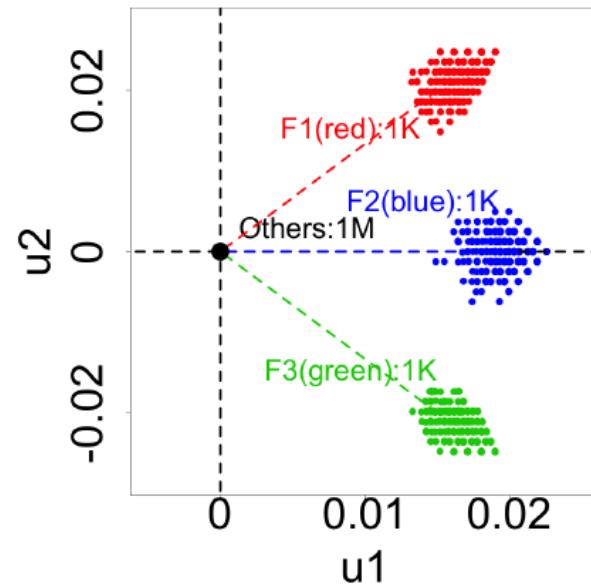
Spectral Subspace Plot: Case #4

❖ Overlapping: “Staircase”, “Pearls”

Adjacency Matrix

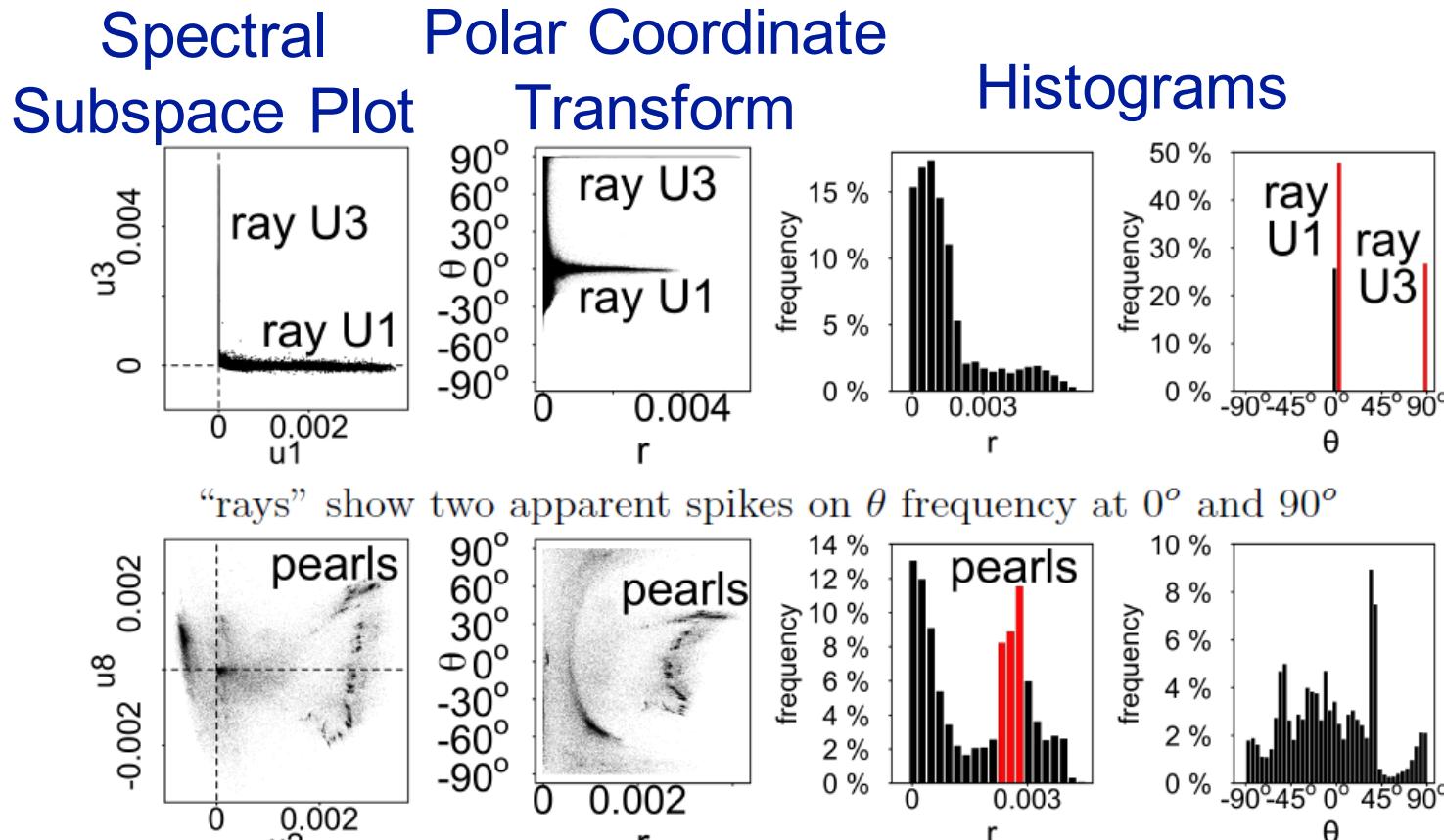


Spectral Subspace Plot



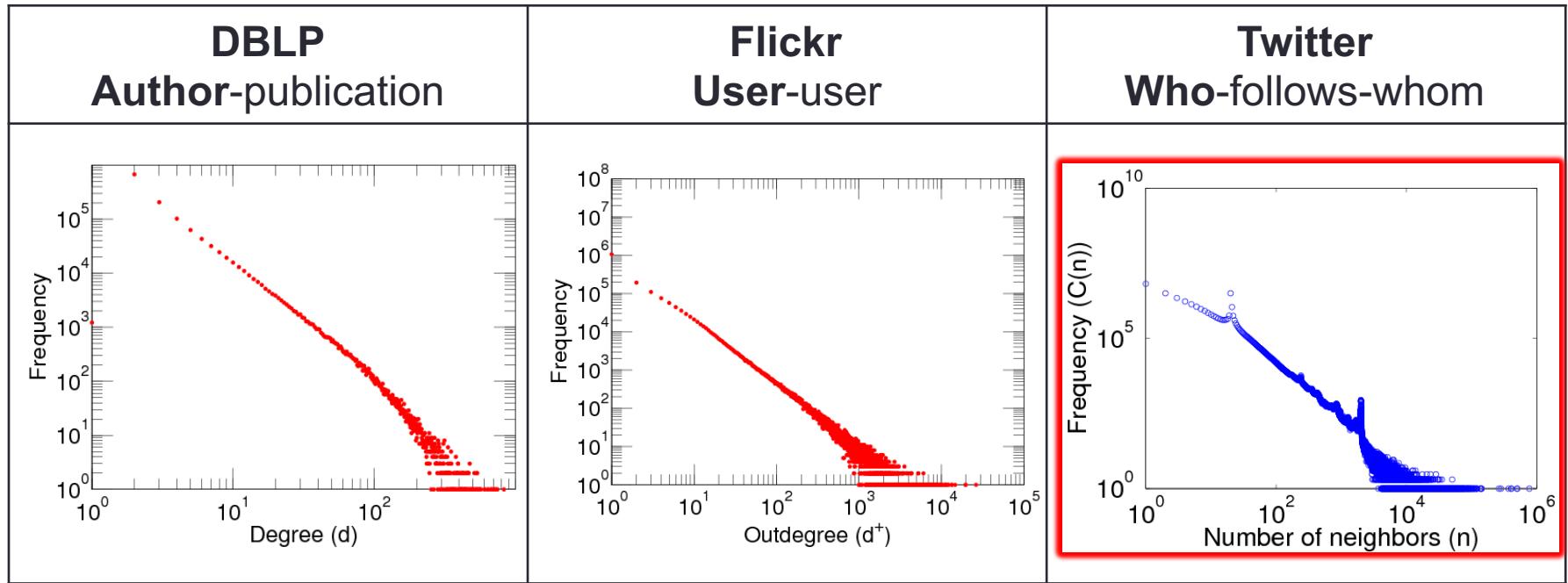
Rule 4 (“pearls”): a “staircase” of three partially overlapping blocks.

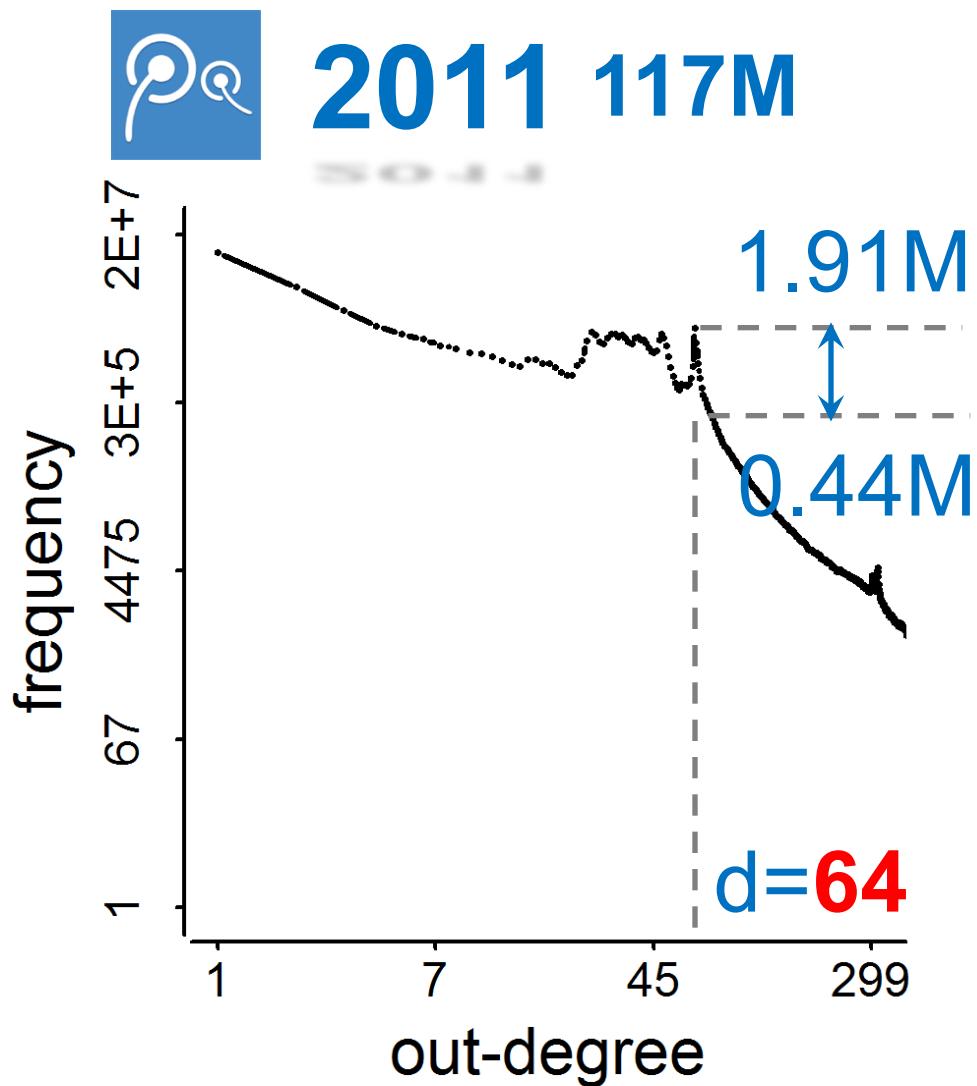
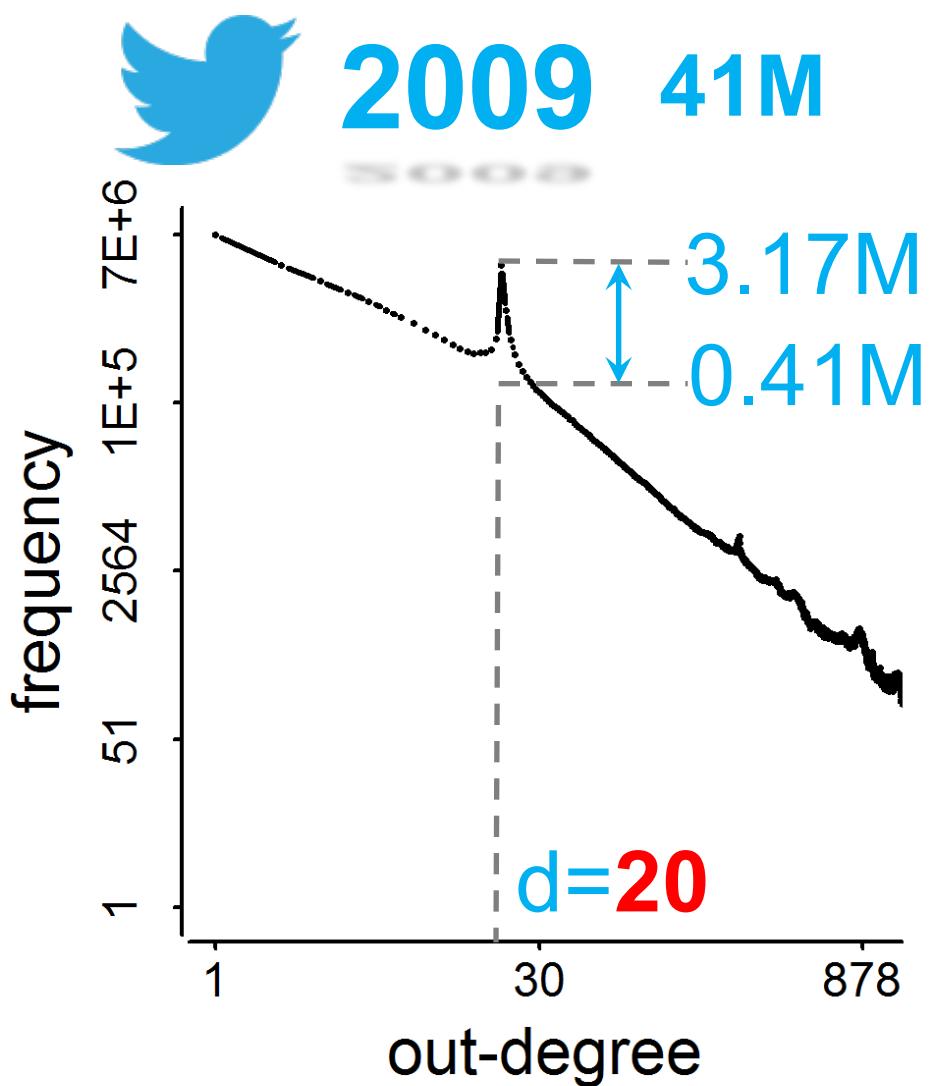
Spectral Subspace Plot: Reading & LockInfer



Graphical View: Power-Law Distribution

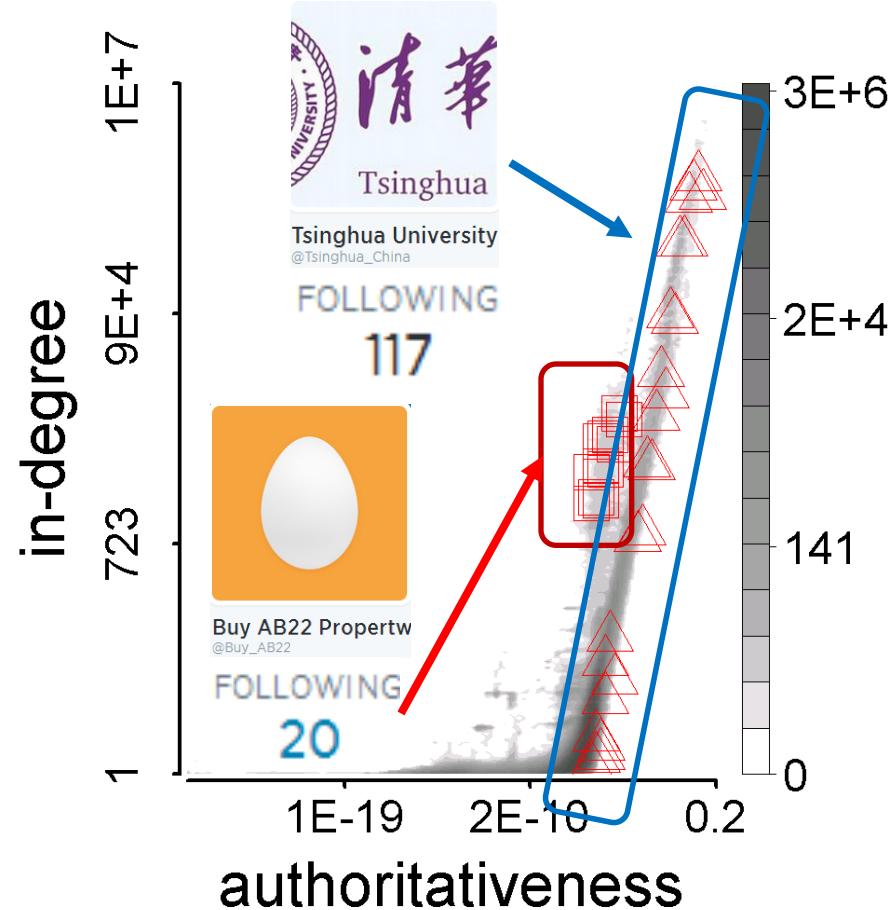
❖ Out-degree distribution





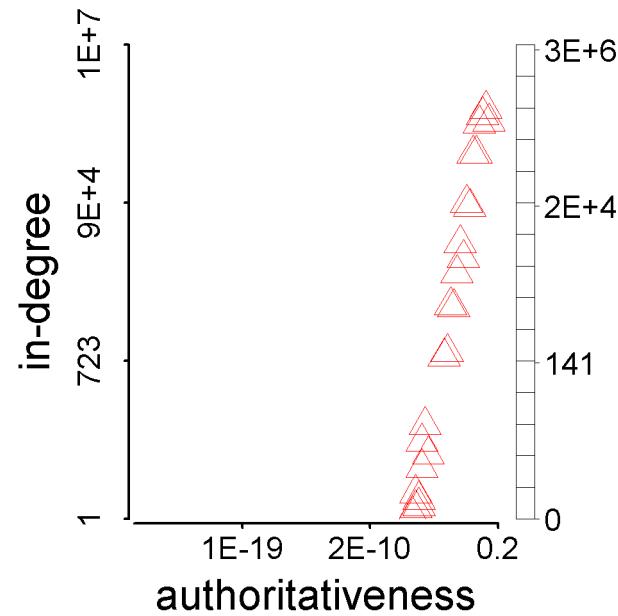
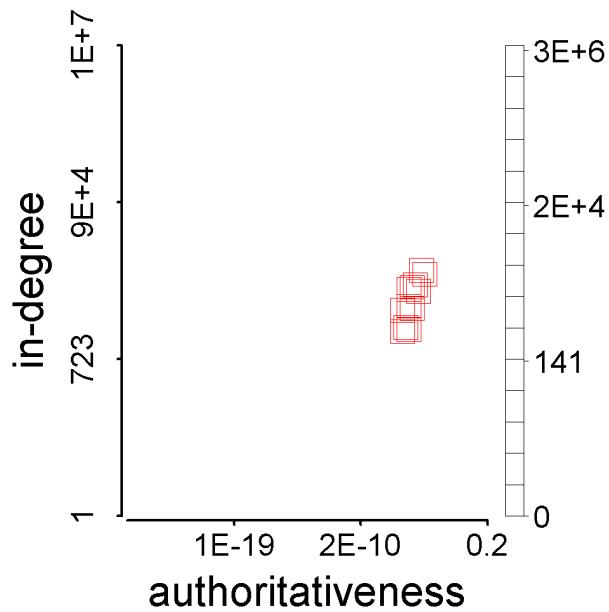
Synchronized Behavior: Features

- ❖ Synchronized
- ❖ Abnormal



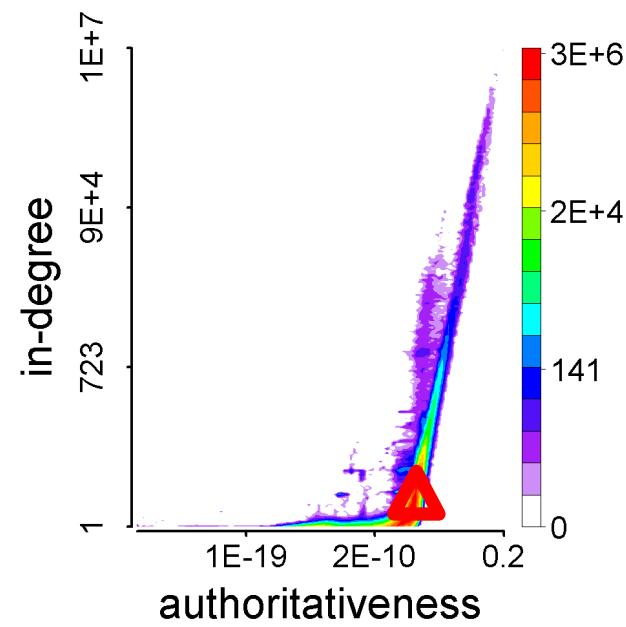
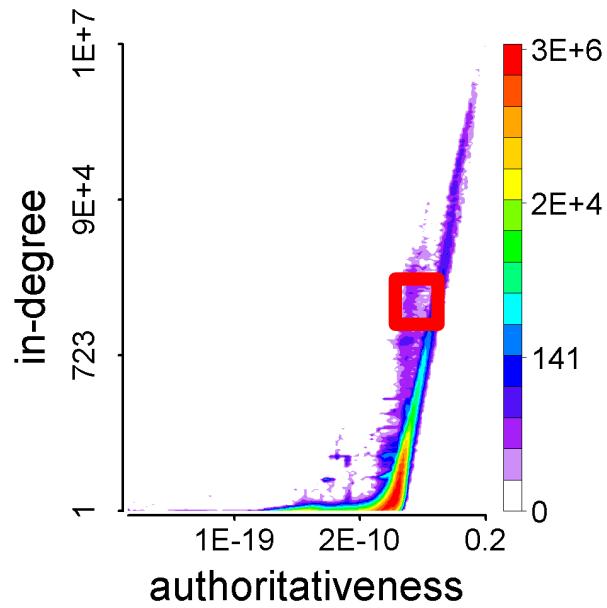
Synchronized Behavior: Synchronicity

$$sync(u) = \frac{\sum_{(v,v') \in \mathcal{F}(u) \times \mathcal{F}(u)} \mathbf{p}(v) \cdot \mathbf{p}(v')}{d(u) \times d(u)}$$



Synchronized Behavior: Normality

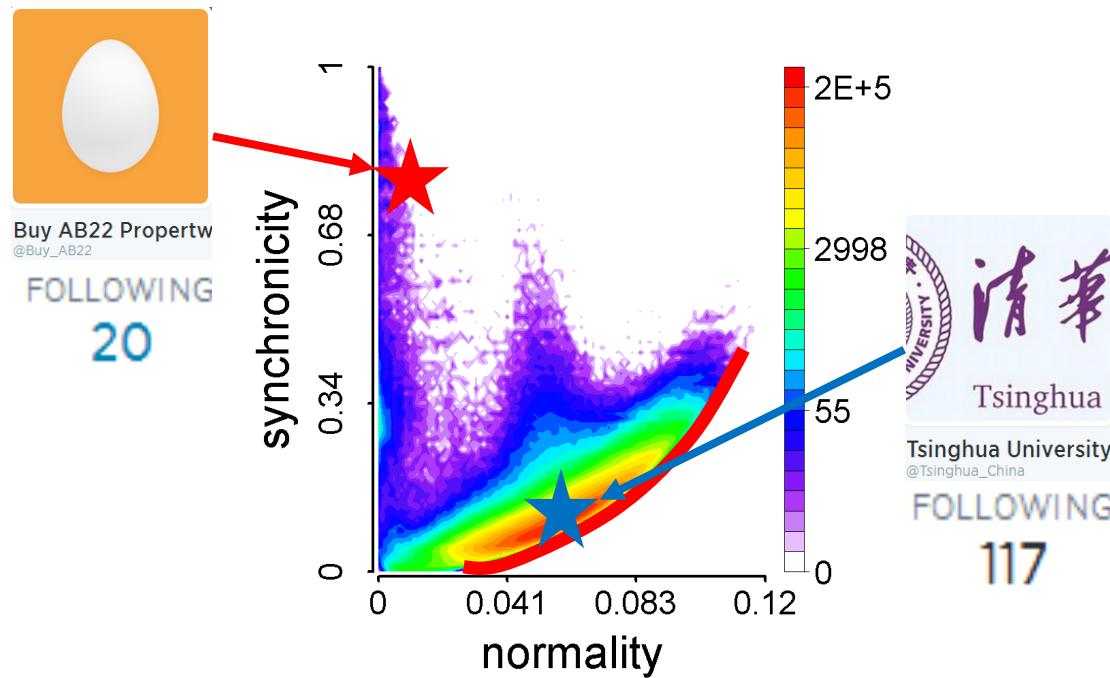
$$norm(u) = \frac{\sum_{(v,v') \in \mathcal{F}(u) \times \mathcal{U}} \mathbf{p}(v) \cdot \mathbf{p}(v')}{d(u) \times N}$$



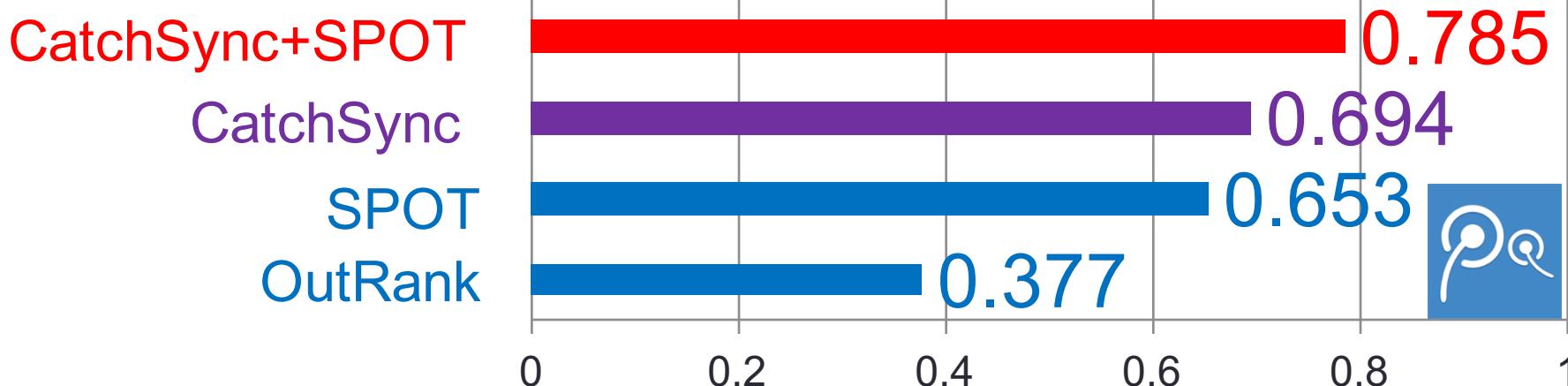
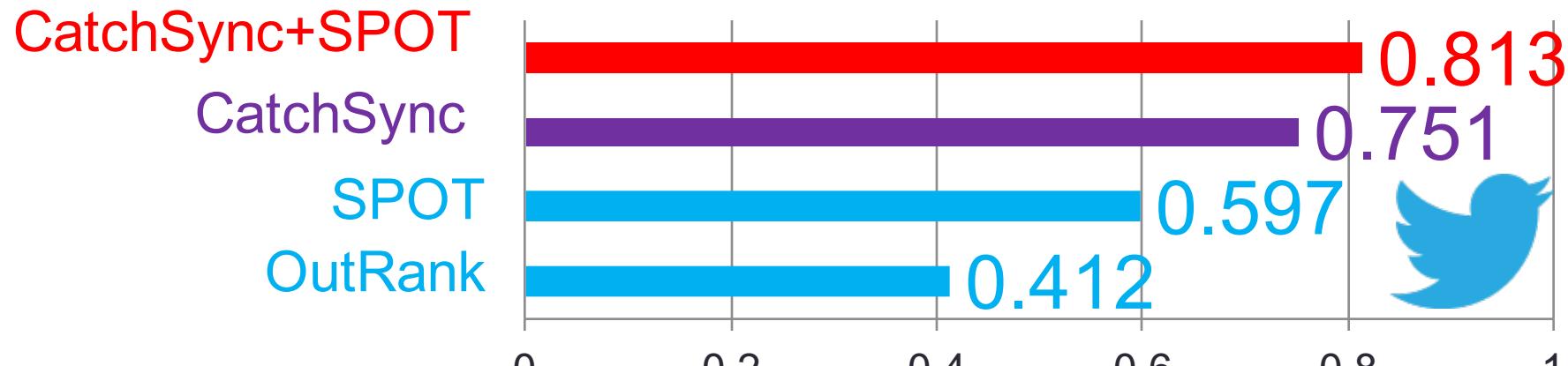
Synchronized Behavior: Theorem & CatchSync

❖ Synchronicity-Normality Plot

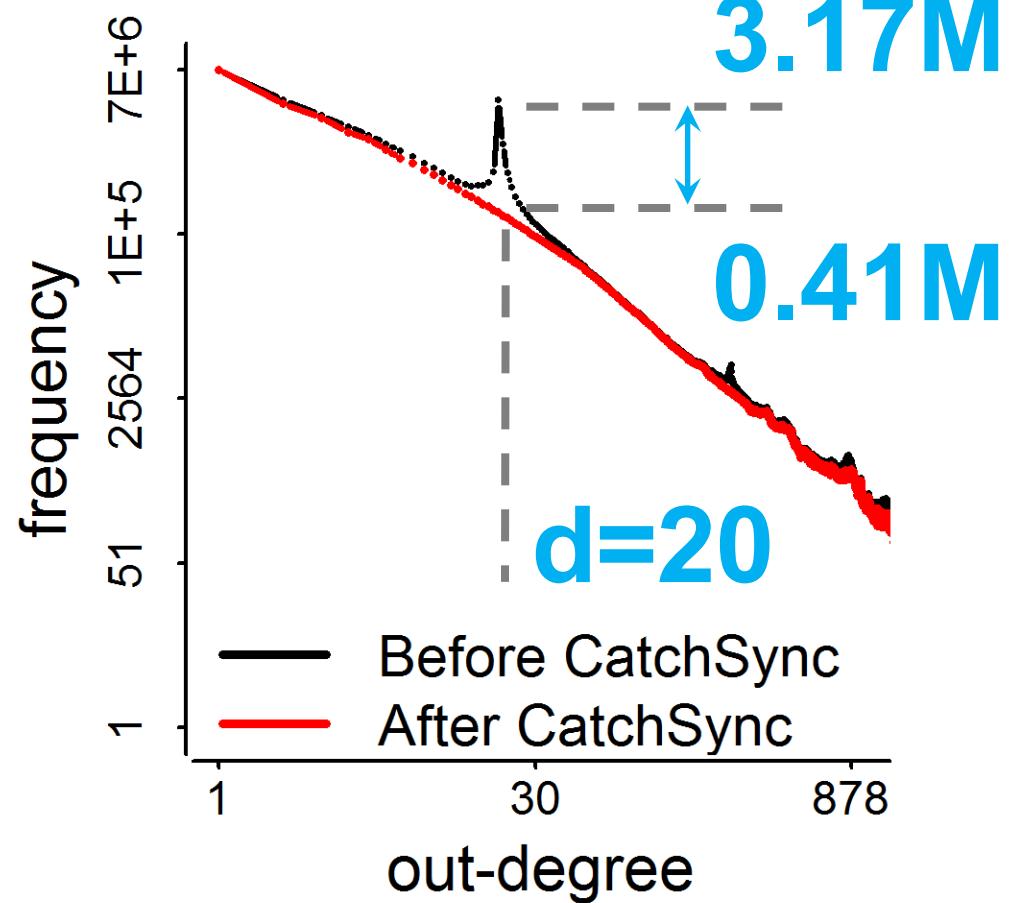
$$s_{min} = (-Mn^2 + 2n - s_b)/(1 - Ms_b)$$



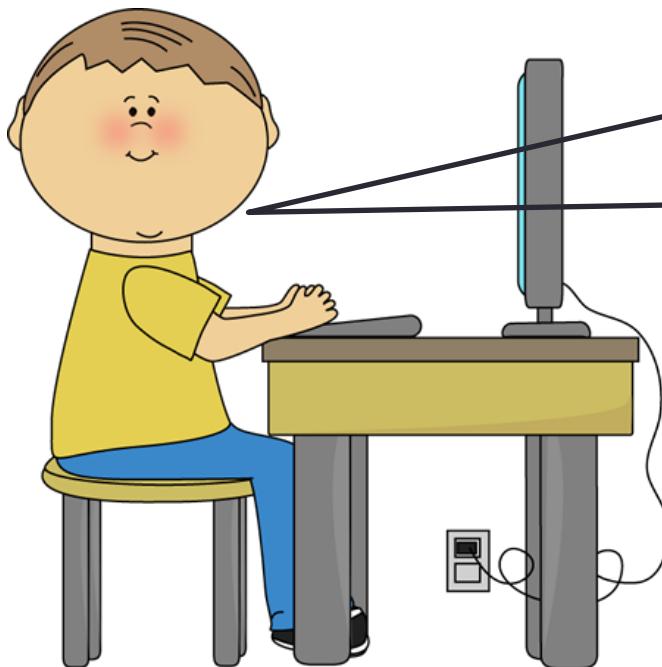
Synchronized Behavior: Performance



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Beyond Graph: Multi-Dimensional Fraud



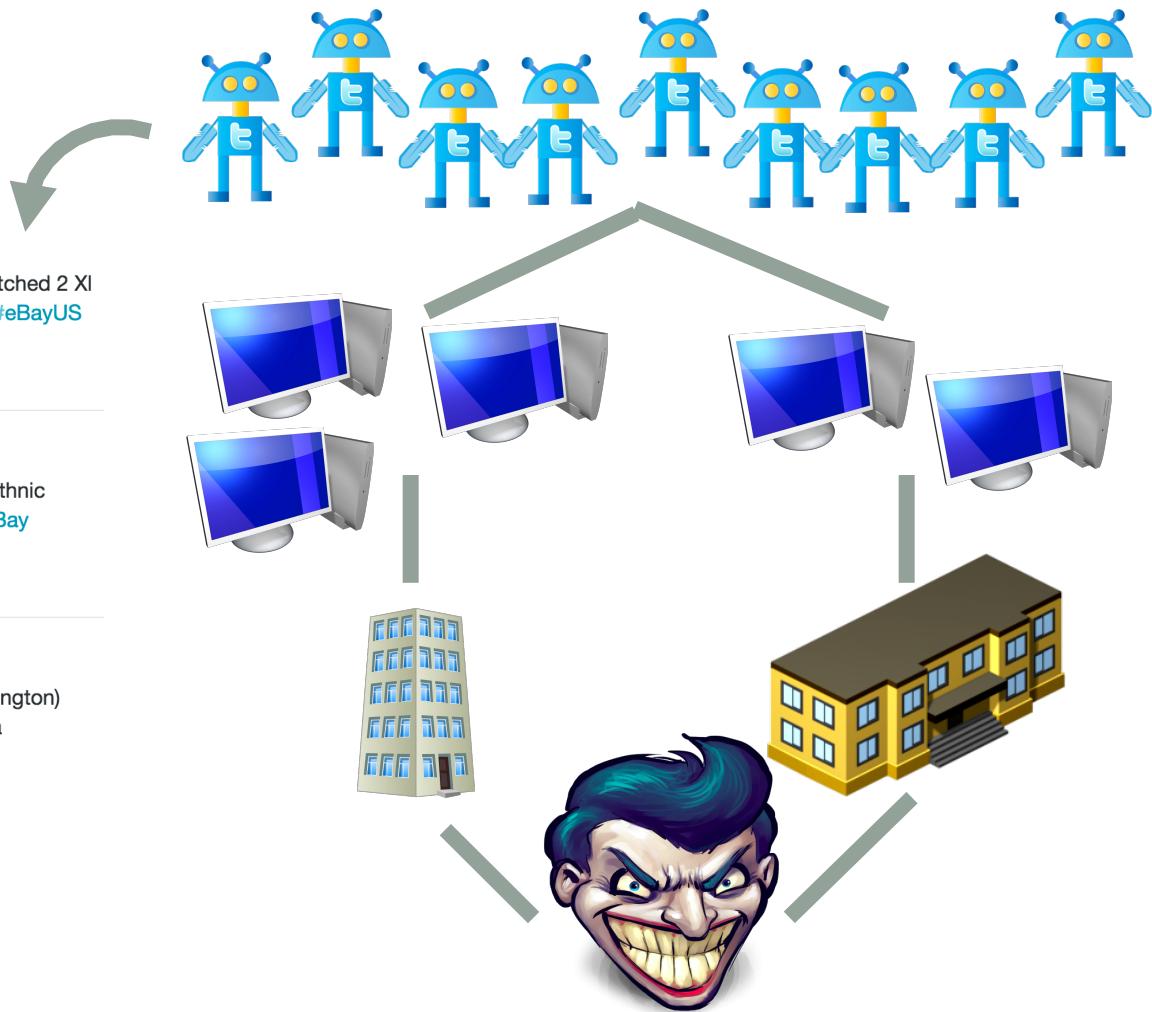
My boss wants me to
catch fraud in such a big
 table – **billions of records,**
tens of columns!!! How?!

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3	253	Hana Kingham	Dec 14, 2013	Right film fest today: love actually, elf, gravity, training day. #dayym	dayym,
4	254	Nora Apnila J...	Dec 14, 2013	Alhamdulilaaahhhh...selesai ikutin kelanjutan training dadakan mb Hana ...	
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8	258	Social News	Dec 13, 2013	sap hana online training and placenet 2 http://t.co/JlaA41ldnV	
9	259	Nurianah	Dec 13, 2013	Baca notif fb... ada training dadakaann dari evang kita... avo wara wiri ca...	
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Multi-Dimensional Fraud

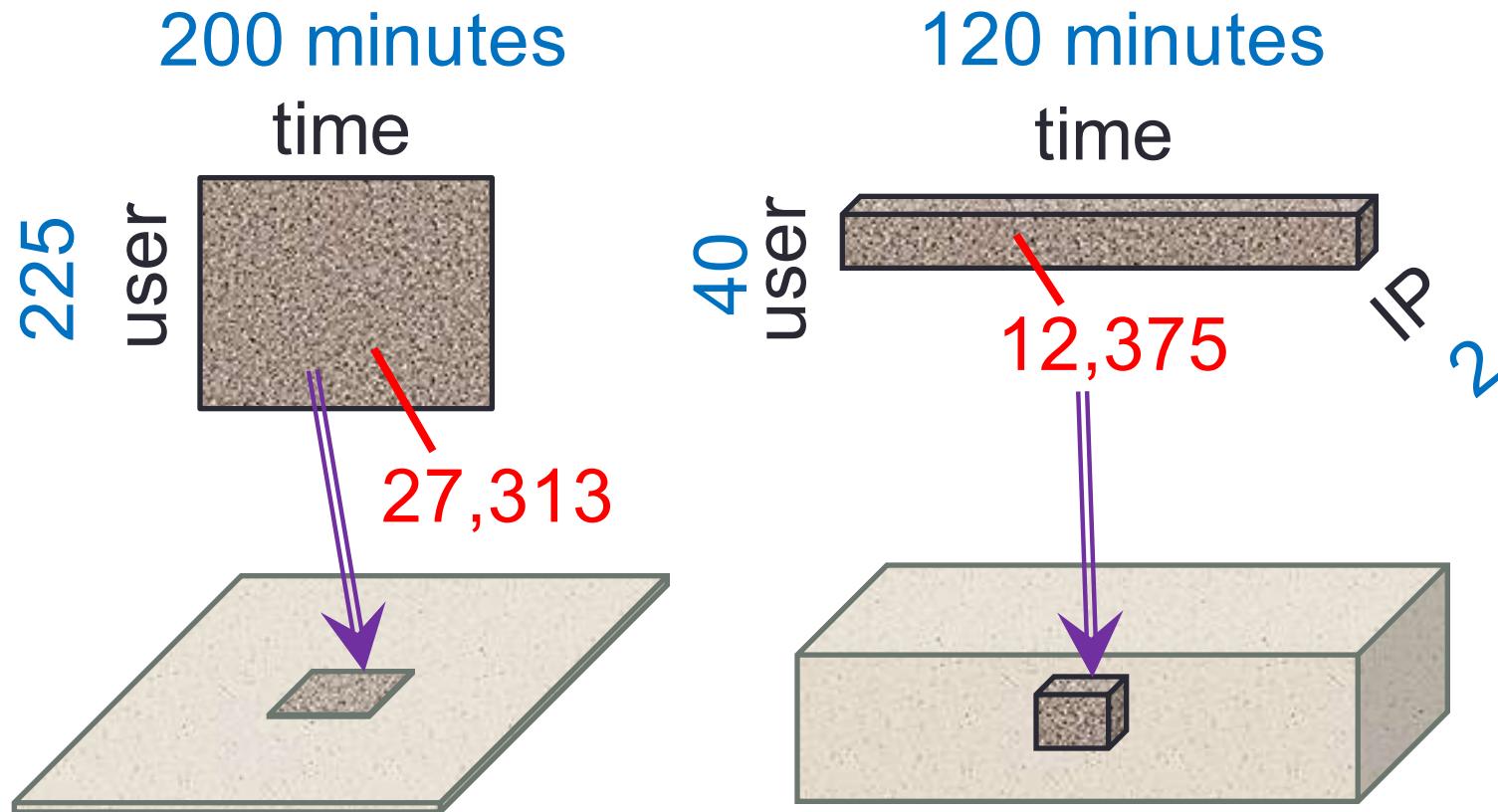
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Multi-Dimensional Fraud

Dataset	Mode			Mass	
Retweeting	User	Root ID	IP	Time (min)	#retweet
	29.5M	19.8M	27.8M	56.9K	211.7M
Trending (Hashtag)	User	Hashtag	IP	Time (min)	#tweet
	81.2M	1.6M	47.7M	56.9K	276.9M
Network attacks (LBNL)	Src-IP	Dest-IP	Port	Time (sec)	#packet
	2,345	2,355	6,055	3,610	230,836

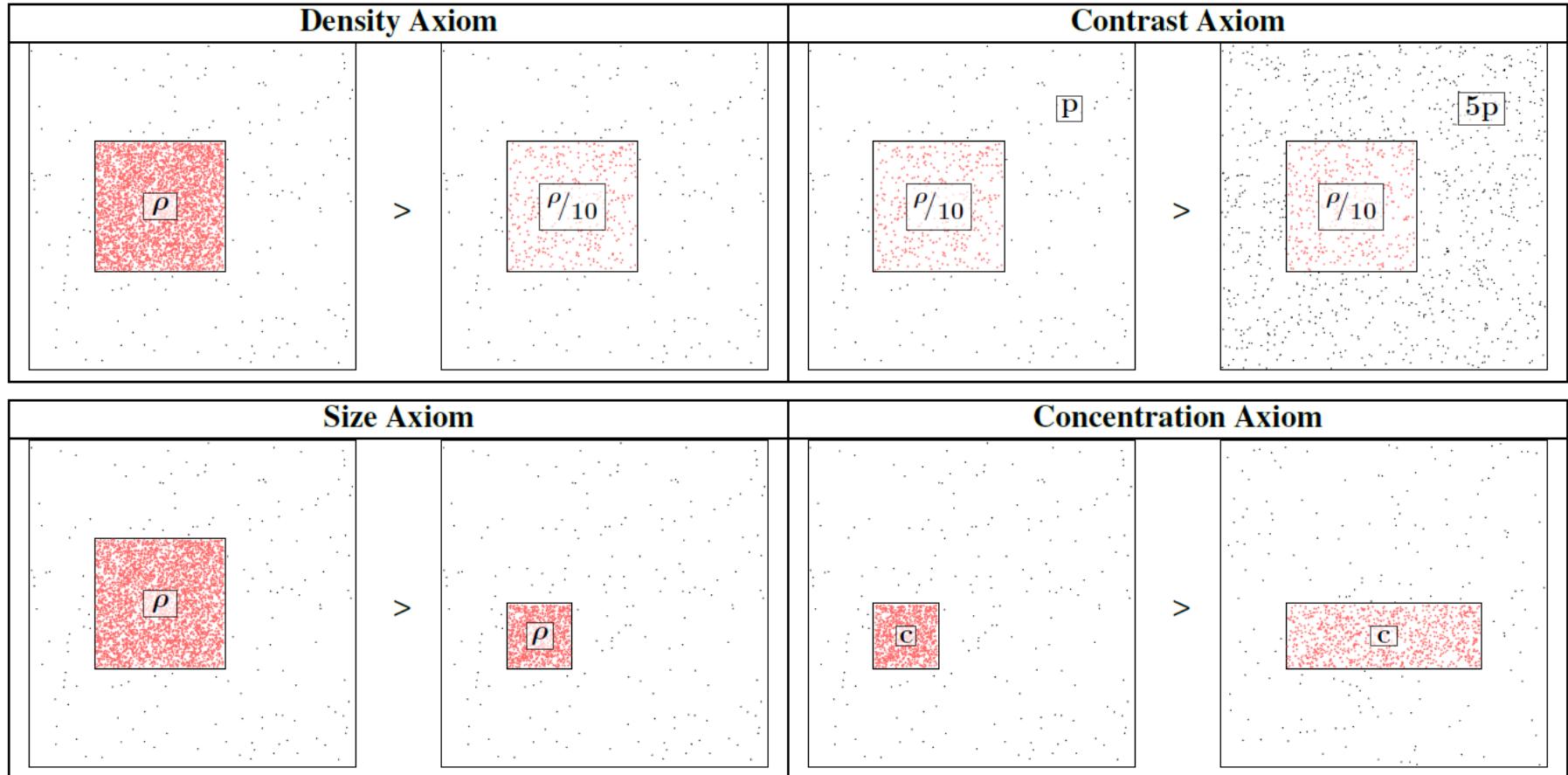
Suspiciousness: Density in Multi-Dimensions



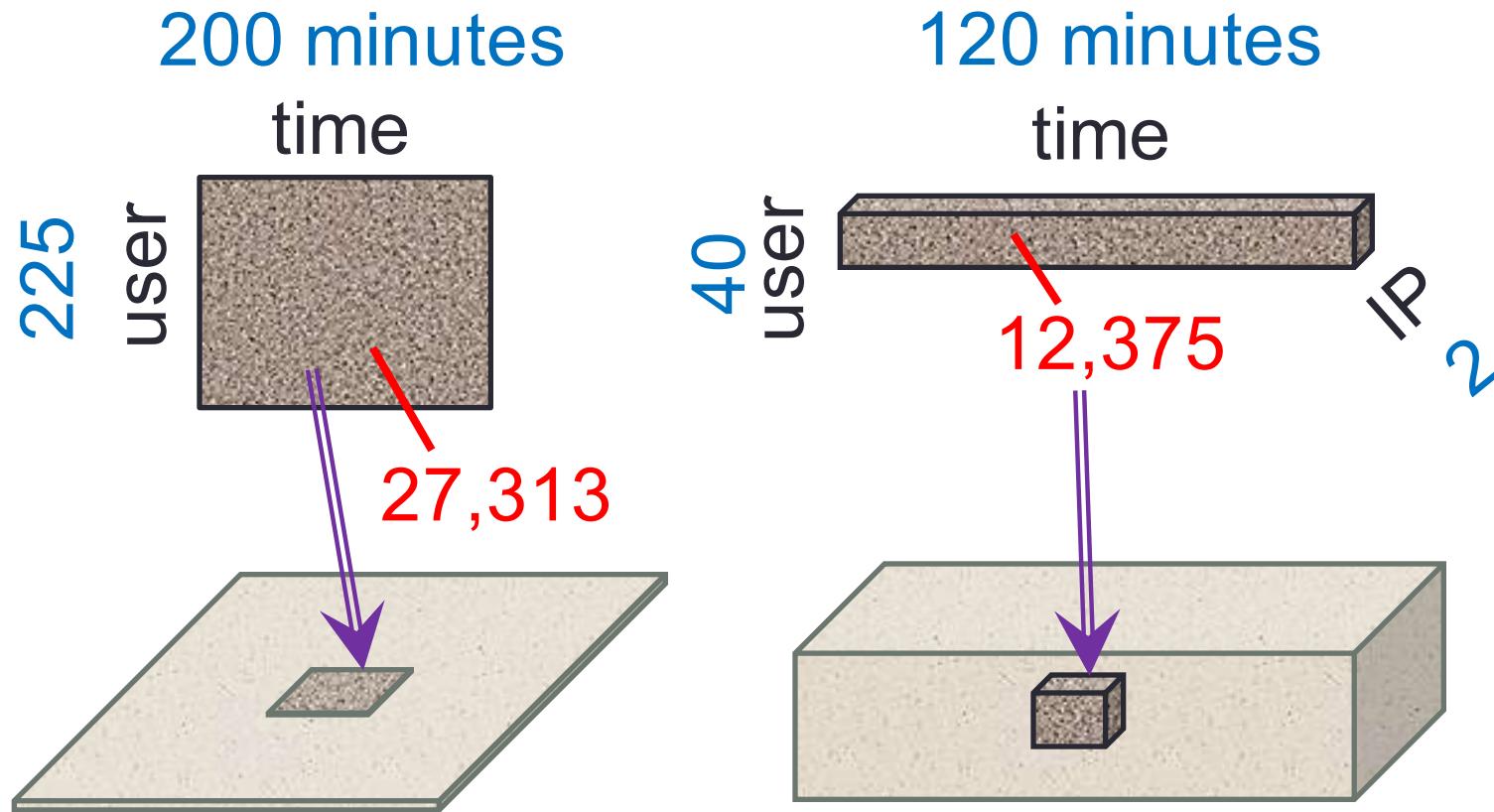
Question: Which is more suspicious?

- Before we search, we should be able to rank.

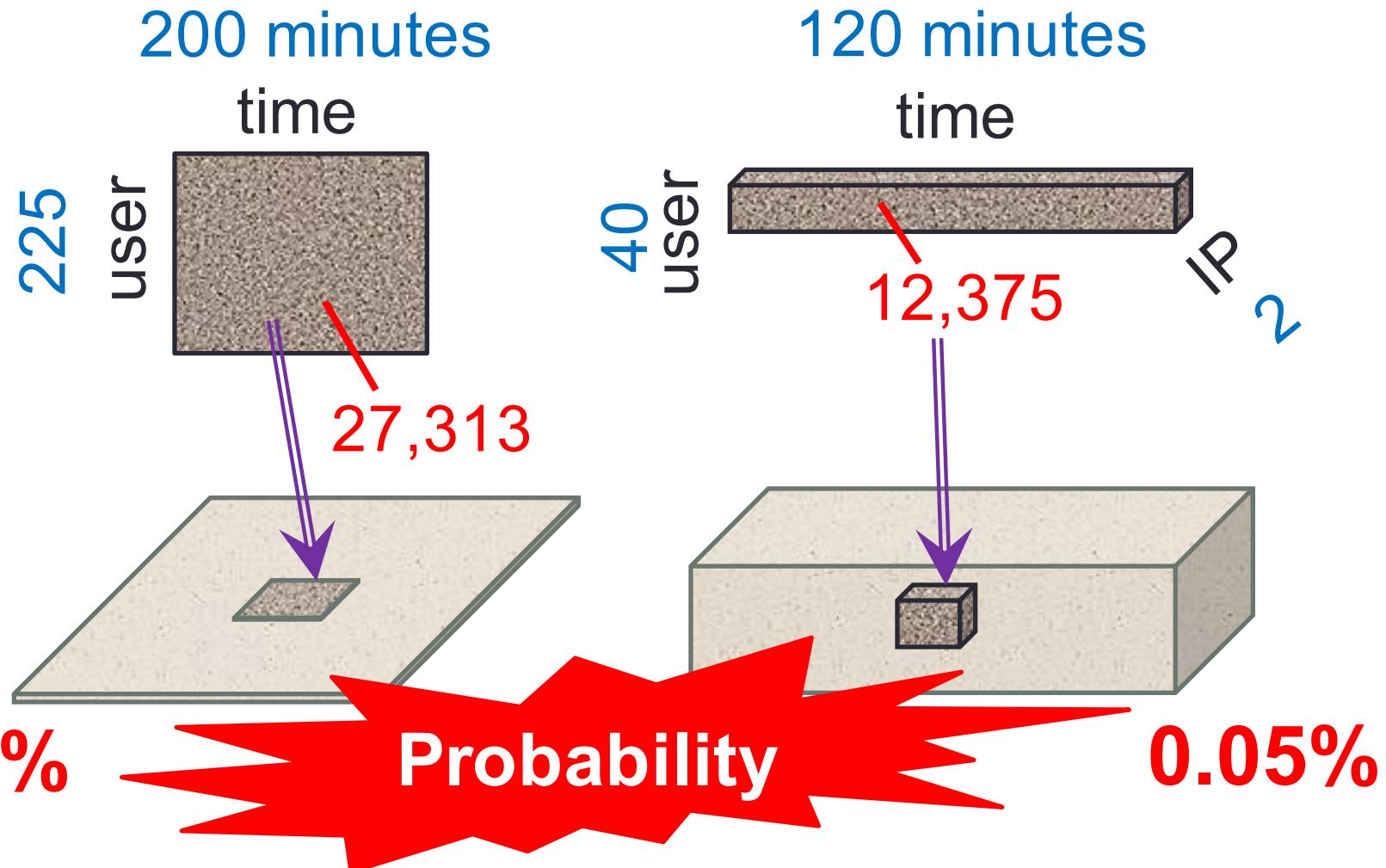
Suspiciousness: Axioms



Suspiciousness: General Metric & CrossSpot



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Suspiciousness: General Metric & CrossSpot

- ❖ Negative log likelihood of block's probability

$$f(n, c, N, C) = -\log [Pr(Y_n = c)]$$

Lemma Given an $n_1 \times \cdots \times n_K$ block of mass c in $N_1 \times \cdots \times N_K$ data of total mass C , the suspiciousness function is

$$f(\mathbf{n}, c, \mathbf{N}, C) = c(\log \frac{c}{C} - 1) + C \prod_{i=1}^K \frac{n_i}{N_i} - c \sum_{i=1}^K \log \frac{n_i}{N_i}$$

Using ρ as the block's density and p is the data's density, we have the simpler formulation

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{n}, \rho, \mathbf{N}, p) = \left(\prod_{i=1}^K n_i \right) D_{KL}(\rho || p)$$

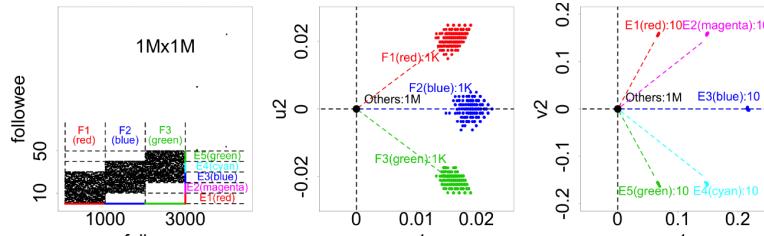
Suspiciousness: Trend Manipulating

User \times hashtag \times IP \times minute	Mass c	Suspiciousness
$582 \times 3 \times 294 \times \mathbf{56,940}$	5,941,821	111,799,948
$188 \times 1 \times 313 \times \mathbf{56,943}$	2,344,614	47,013,868
$75 \times 1 \times 2 \times 2,061$	689,179	19,378,403

User ID	Time	IP address (city, province)	Tweet text with hashtag
USER-D	11-18 12:12:51	IP-1 (Deyang, Shandong)	#Snow# the Samsung GALAXY SII QQ Service customized version...
USER-E	11-18 12:12:53	IP-1 (Deyang, Shandong)	#Snow# the Samsung GALAXY SII QQ Service customized version...
USER-F	11-18 12:12:54	IP-2 (Zaozhuang, Shandong)	#Snow# the Samsung GALAXY SII QQ Service customized version...
USER-E	11-18 12:17:55	IP-1 (Deyang, Shandong)	#Li Ning - a weapon with a hero# good support activities!
USER-F	11-18 12:17:56	IP-2 (Zaozhuang, Shandong)	#Li Ning - a weapon with a hero# good support activities!
USER-D	11-18 12:18:40	IP-1 (Deyang, Shandong)	#Toshiba Bright Daren# color personality test to find out your sense...
USER-E	11-18 17:00:31	IP-2 (Zaozhuang, Shandong)	#Snow# the Samsung GALAXY SII QQ Service customized version...
USER-D	11-18 17:00:49	IP-2 (Zaozhuang, Shandong)	#Toshiba Bright Daren# color personality test to find out your sense...
USER-F	11-18 17:00:56	IP-2 (Zaozhuang, Shandong)	#Li Ning - a weapon with a hero# good support activities!

Summary for Detecting Unnatural Behavior

- ❖ Suspicious behavioral patterns
 - ❖ Lockstep pattern: CopyCatch, LockInfer
 - ❖ Synchronized pattern: CatchSync
 - ❖ Multi-dimensional suspiciousness: CrossSpot



Rule 4 (“pearls”): a “staircase” of three partially overlapping blocks.

