

# Future of Personalized Recommendation Systems

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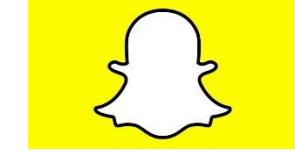
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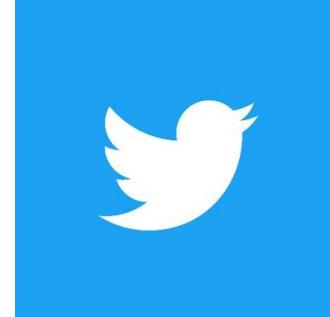
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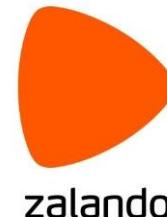


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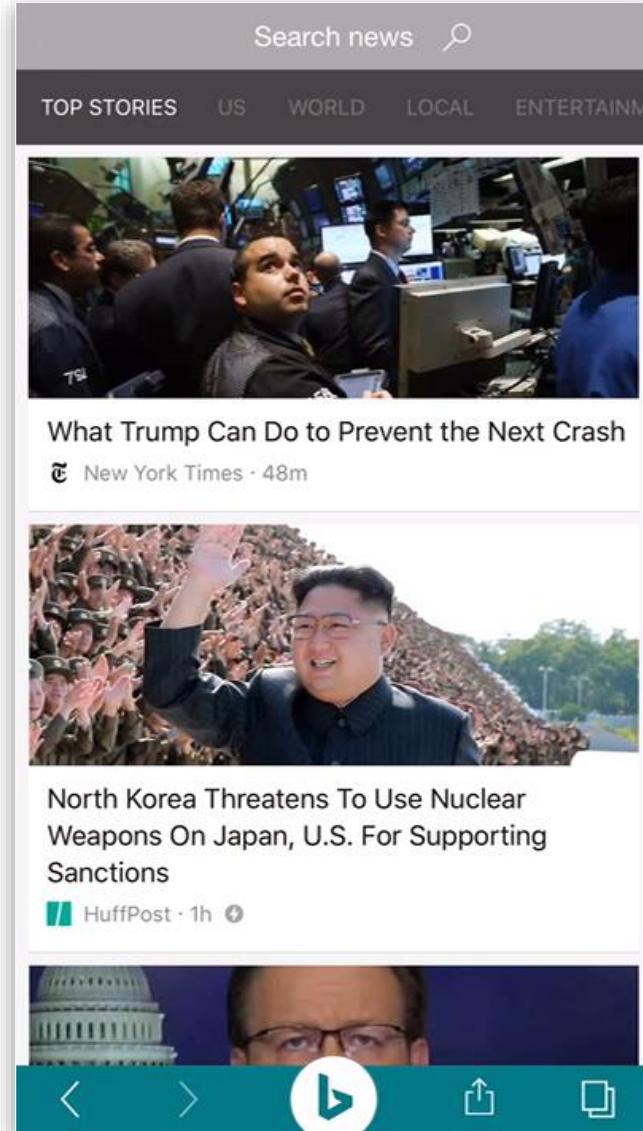
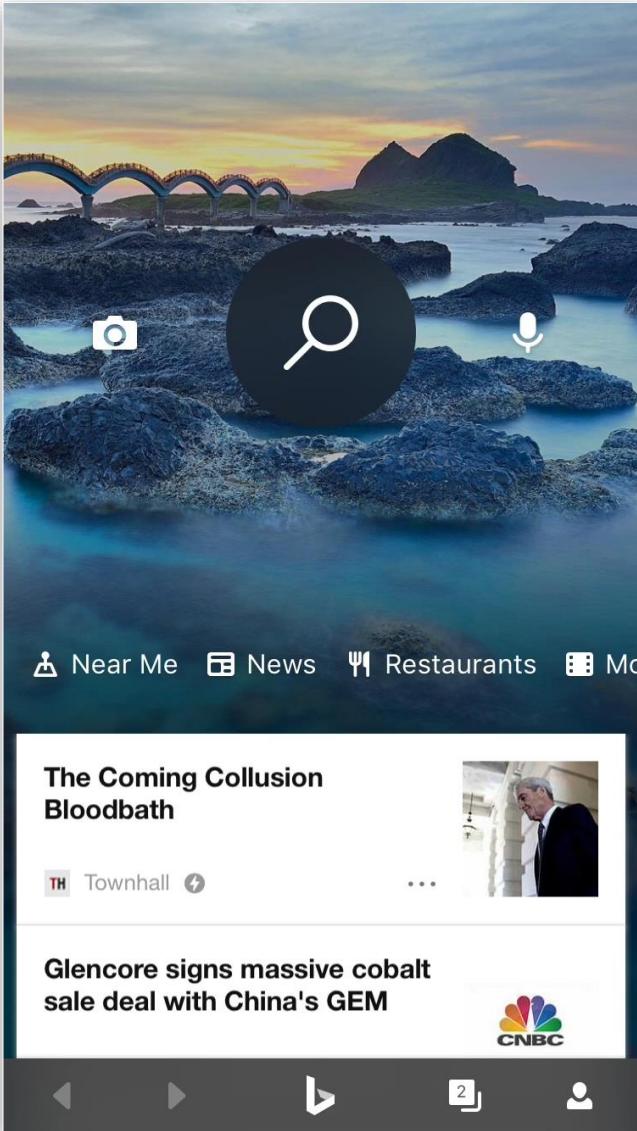


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# Personalized News Feed



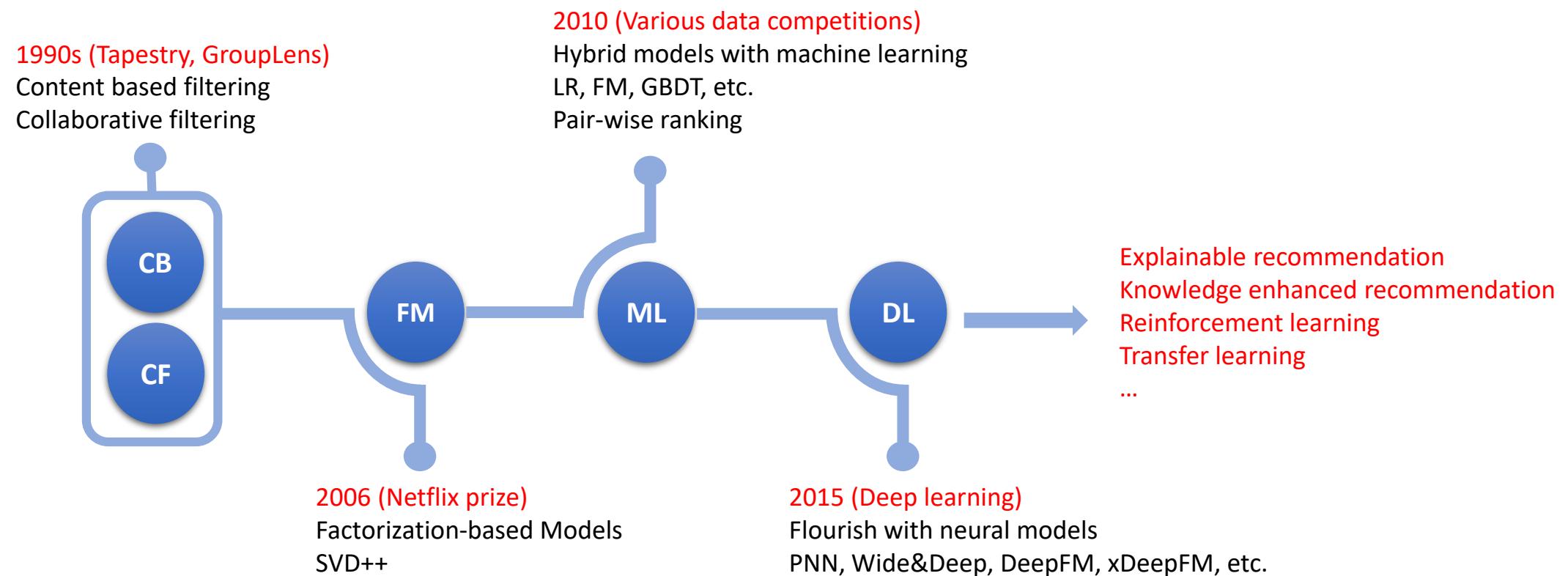
# Online Advertising

The screenshot shows a LinkedIn feed. At the top, there are navigation icons: Home, My Network, Jobs, Messaging, and Notes. Below this, a section titled "Suggested for you" contains a post from "Tableau Software". The post is labeled "Promoted" and features a thumbnail image with the text "TOP TEN CLOUD TRENDS FOR 2017". A red circle highlights this post. Below the thumbnail, the text reads: "From enterprise SaaS apps to hybrid cloud approaches and IoT—changes are coming to cloud-based business intelligence in 2017. Read the report to learn more." There is a "...see more" link. At the bottom of the post, there are social sharing options: Like, Comment, Share, and a profile picture for "Deepa S".

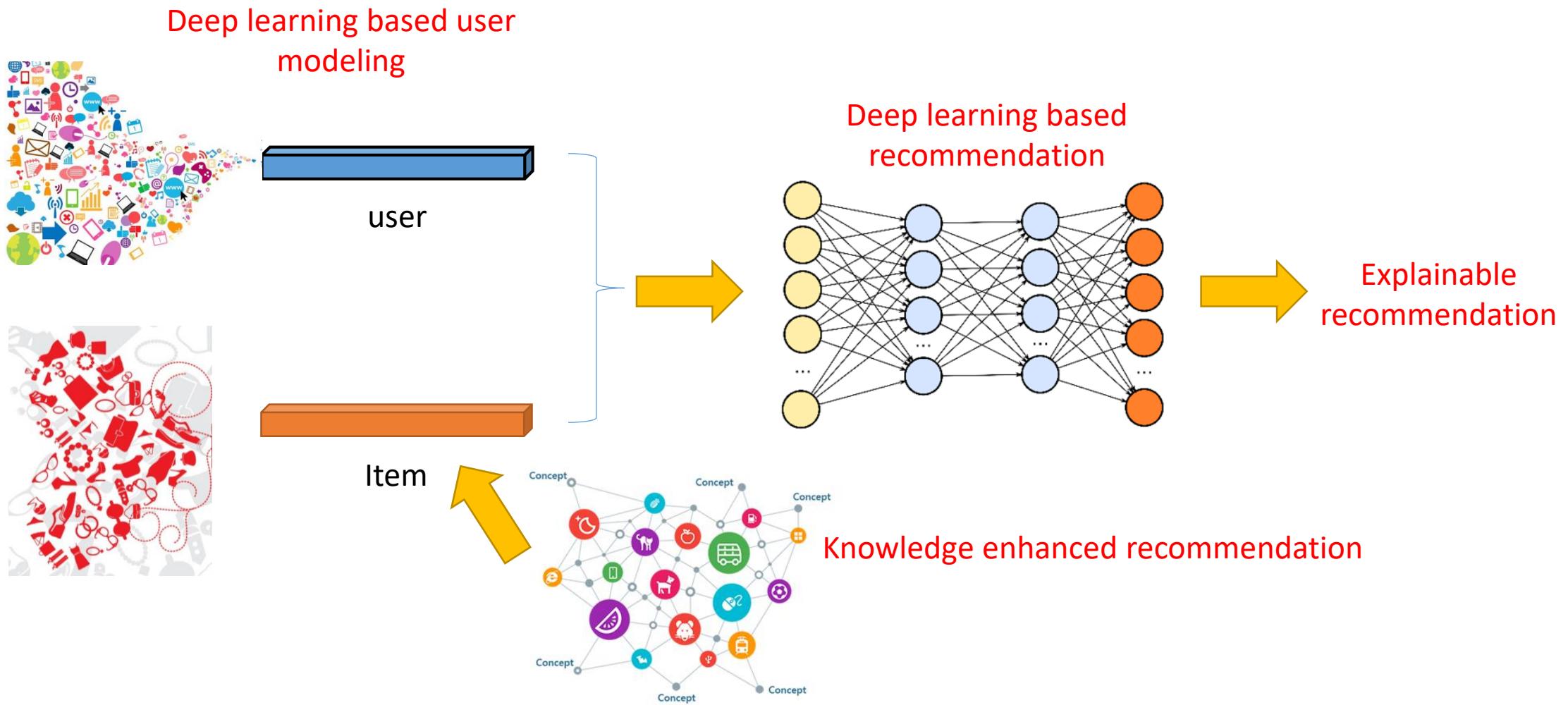
The screenshot shows an Outlook Mail inbox. The left sidebar lists folders: Junk Email, Drafts, Sent Items, Deleted Items (with 2 items), Archive, ImpDetails, and OfferDetails. The main pane shows a list of emails. An email from "NeweggBusiness" is highlighted with a red circle. The subject line is "Acer Notebook Aspire R 11 R3-131T-C8X9 Intel Celeron N3050 (1.60 GHz) Acer Notebook Aspire R 11 R3-131T-C8X9 Intel Celeron N3050 (1.60 GHz) 2 GB Memory ...". A small "Ad" icon is visible next to the subject line.

The screenshot shows a news website's homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links to REDMOND / 60°F, NEWS, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS, MONEY, LIFESTYLE, HEALTH & FITNESS, FOOD & DRINK, TRAVEL, and AUTOS. Below the navigation, there is a large sponsored advertisement. The ad features several credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, American Express) and US dollar bills, with the text "A Jaw-Dropping \$200 Intro Bonus Just For Using This Card". A smaller image of a person is visible at the bottom right of the ad. To the right of the ad, there is a news article thumbnail with the headline "Ghost Ship: Authorities arrest two in deadly fire that killed 36" and a photo of a building. Further down the page, there are other news articles and a photo of a man.

# History

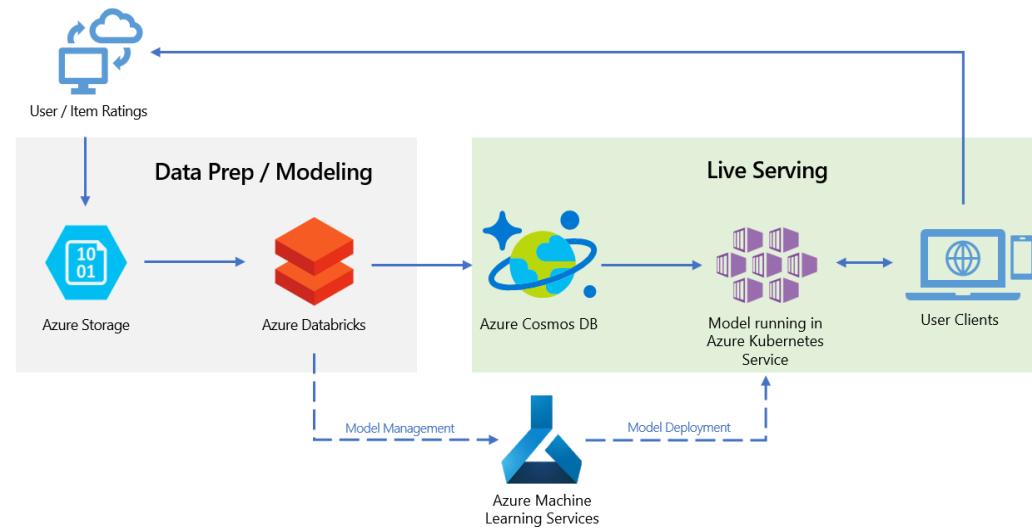


# Our Research



# Microsoft Recommenders

- Helping researchers and developers to quickly select, prototype, demonstrate, and productionize a recommender system
- Accelerating enterprise-grade development and deployment of a recommender system into production
- <https://github.com/microsoft/recommenders>



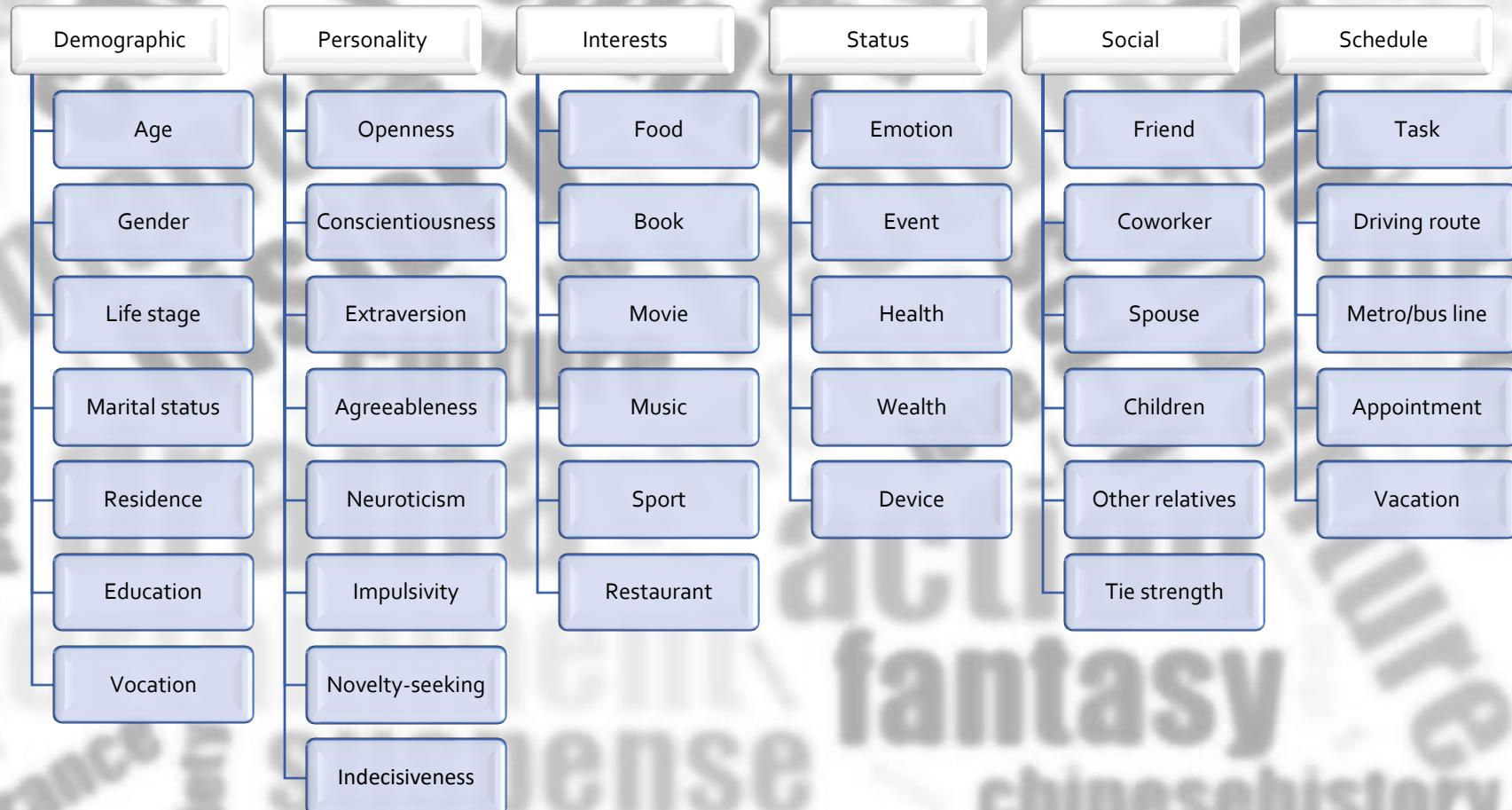
# User Behavioral Data



A screenshot of a digital calendar interface. At the top, it shows the date as April 2013. Below that, there's a list of events: "Tennis Club" (orange), "Student D" (purple), and "Student E" (yellow). A red oval highlights the "Share this Calendar" button at the bottom of the list.

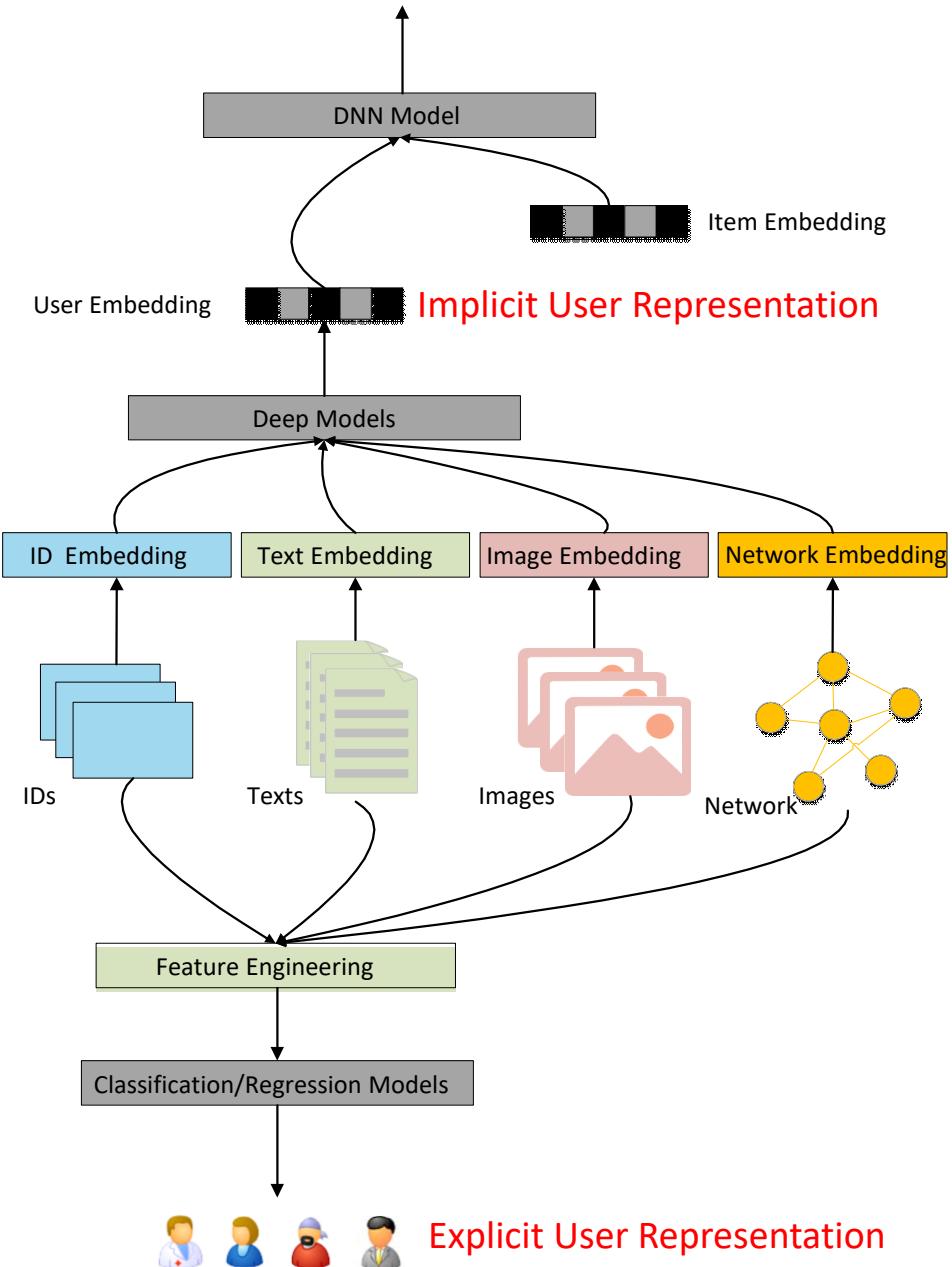


# Explicit User Representation

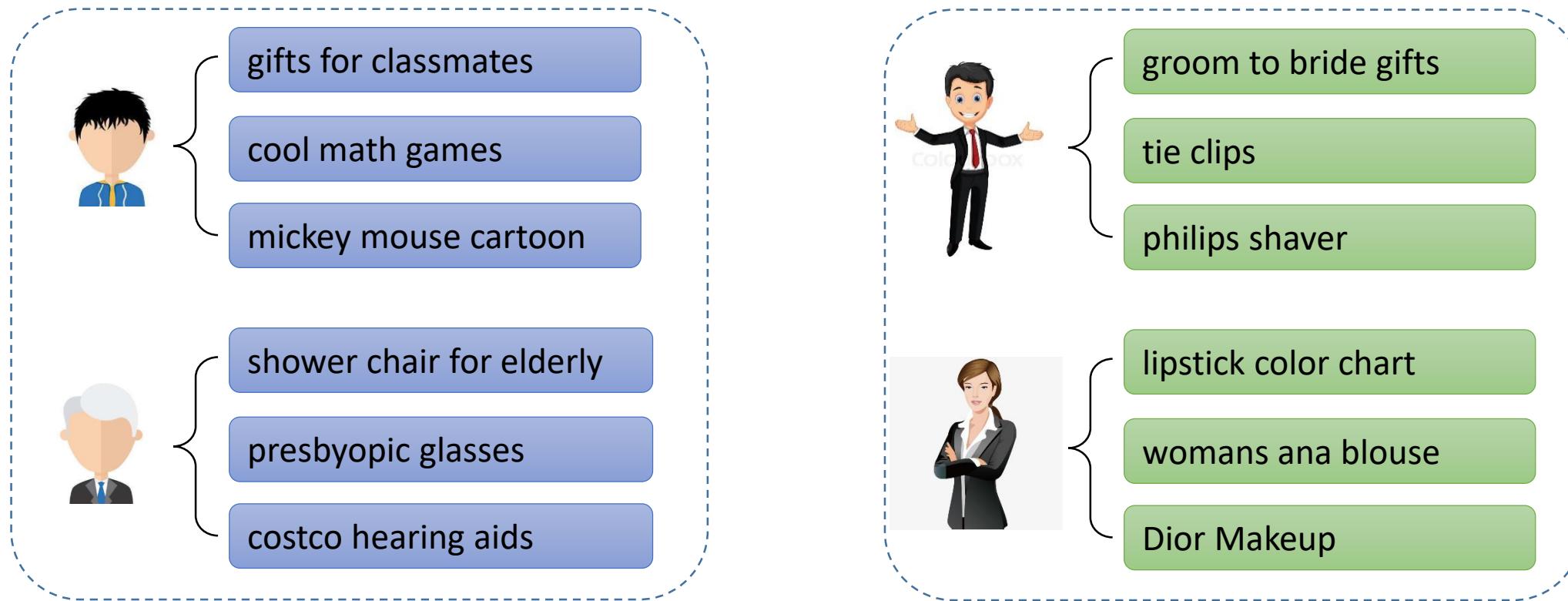


# Explicit vs Implicit

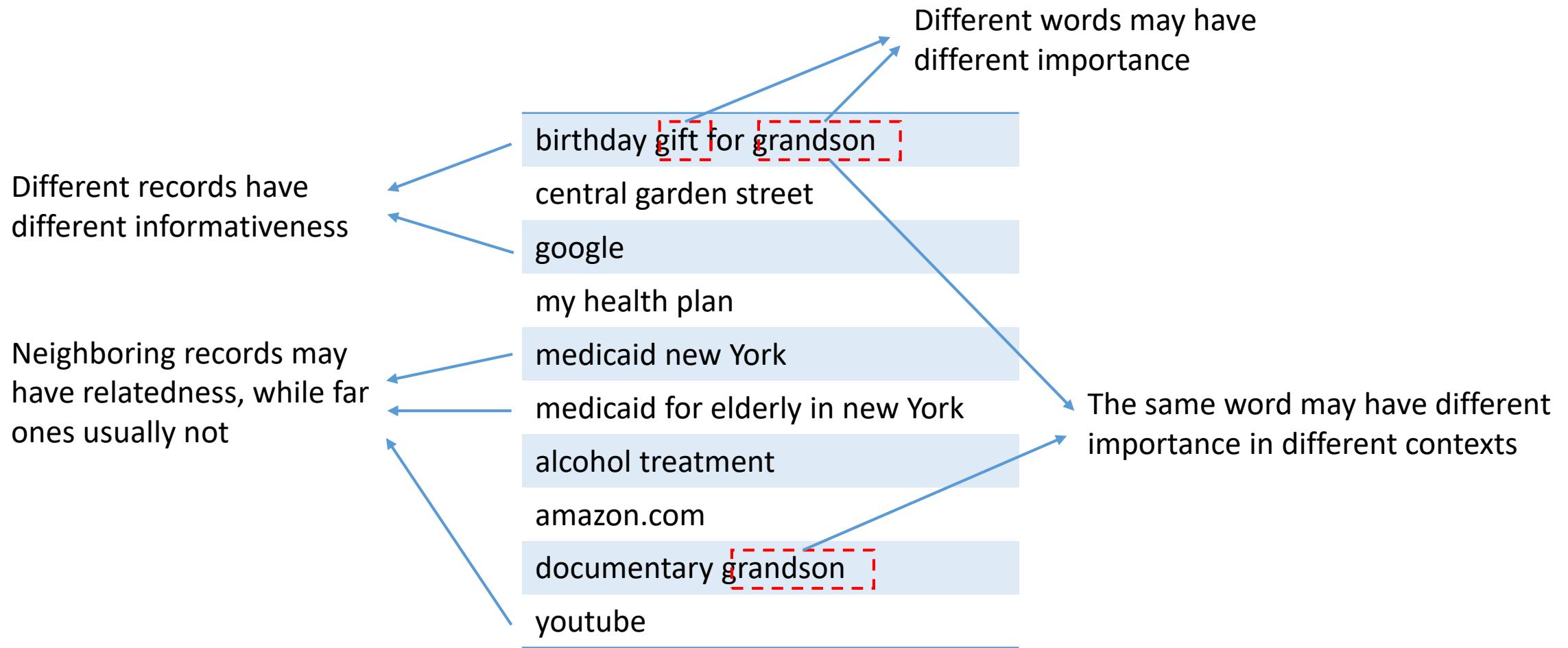
Representation	Pros	Cons
Explicit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easy to understand;</li> <li>Can be directly bidden by advertisers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hard to obtain training data;</li> <li>Difficult to satisfy complex and global needs;</li> </ul>
Implicit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unified and heterogenous user representation;</li> <li>End-to-end learning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Difficult to explain;</li> <li>Need to fine-tune in each task</li> </ul>



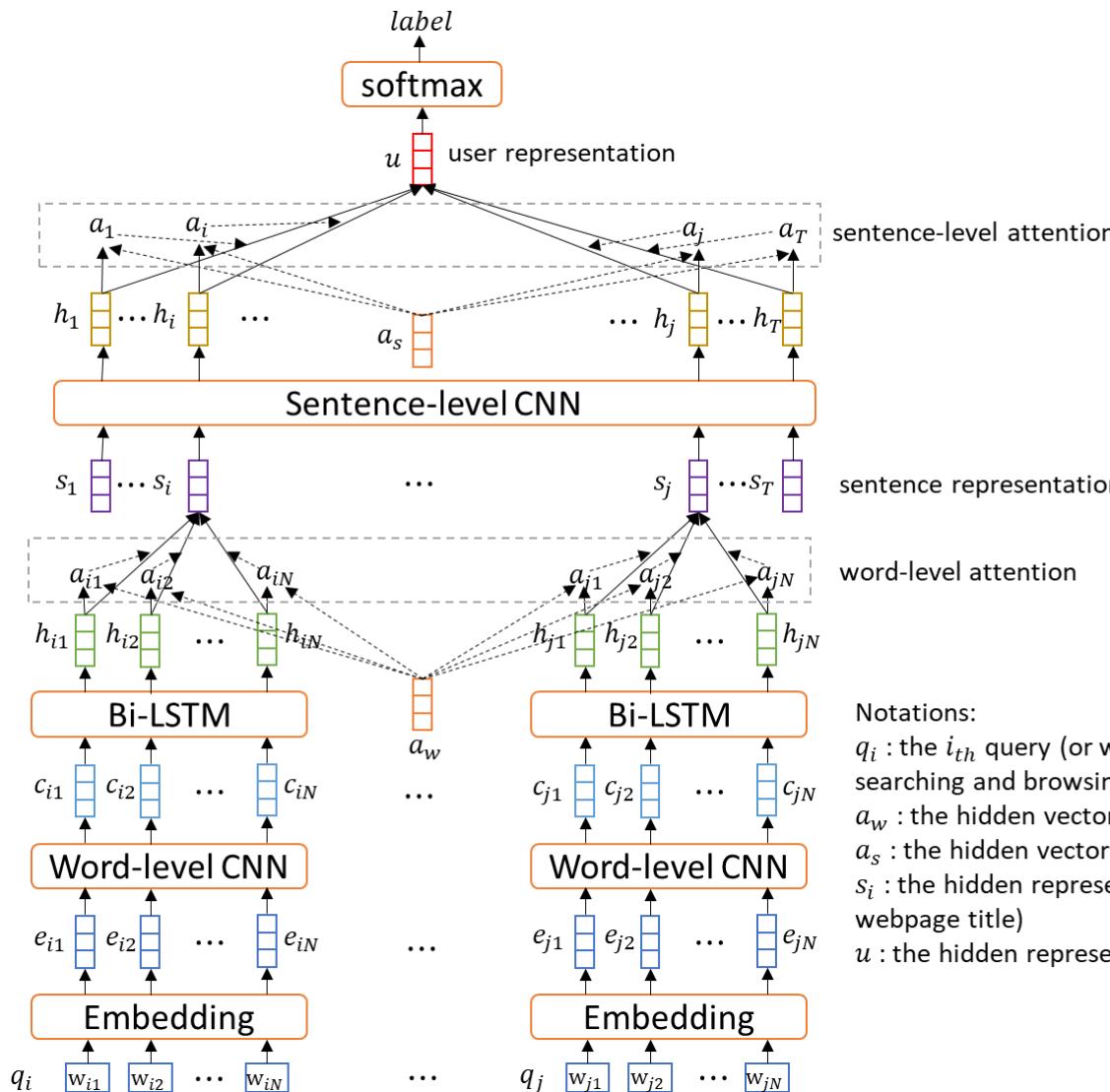
# Query Log based User Modeling



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Notations:

$q_i$  : the  $i_{th}$  query (or webpage title) from user's searching and browsing log

$a_w$  : the hidden vector for word-level attention

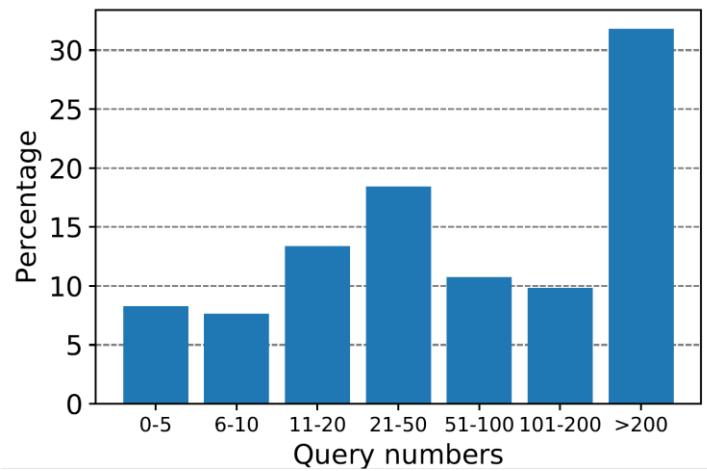
$a_s$  : the hidden vector for sentence-level attention

$s_i$  : the hidden representation of the  $i_{th}$  query (or webpage title)

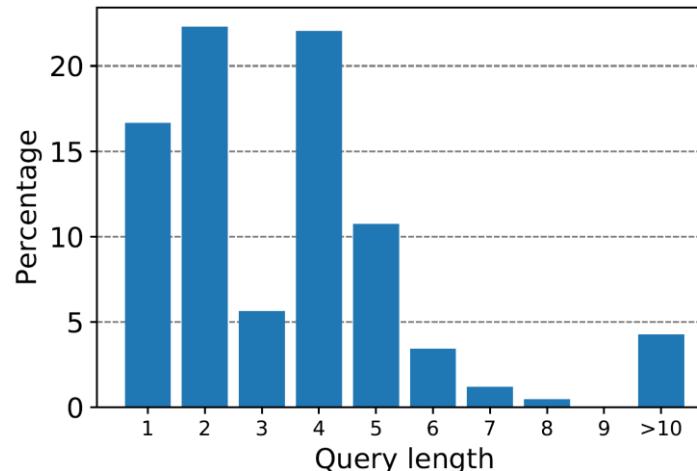
$u$  : the hidden representation of the user

# Experiments

- Dataset:
  - 15,346,617 users in total with age category labels
    - Randomly sampled 10,000 users for experiments
    - Search queries posted from October 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018

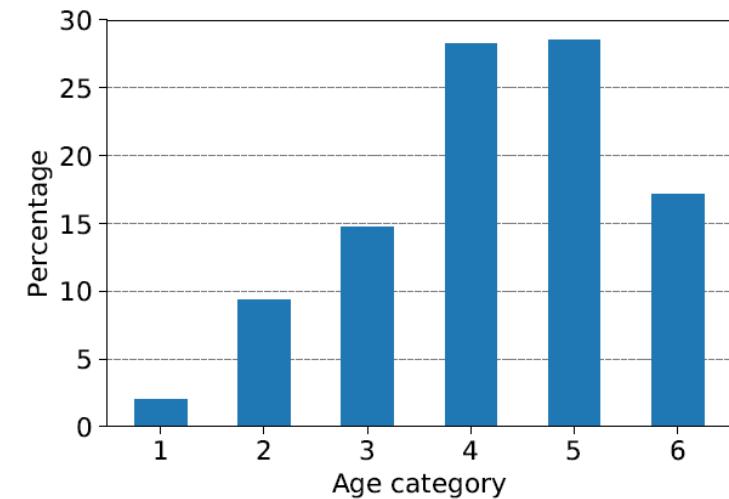


Distribution of query number per user



Distribution of query length

Mapping between age category and age range						
Age category	1	2	3	4	5	6
Age range	< 18	[18, 24]	[25, 34]	[35, 49]	[50, 64]	> 64



Distribution of age category

# Experiments

	10%		50%		100%	
	Accuracy	Fscore	Accuracy	Fscore	Accuracy	Fscore
SVM	31.97	21.96	34.20	26.32	34.53	27.44
LR	31.61	21.55	33.09	25.94	33.91	26.92
LinReg	27.12	17.38	29.64	22.48	30.34	23.52
FastText	28.65	21.09	30.40	23.55	30.90	24.01
CNN	30.08	19.66	35.58	26.17	37.31	26.96
LSTM	30.15	20.46	36.11	24.67	37.96	25.28
HAN	32.06	22.58	37.04	25.88	39.86	29.79
HURA	34.07	24.16	39.68	28.68	41.22	31.18



discrete feature, linear model

continuous feature, linear model

flat DNN models

hierarchical LSTM model

# User Age Inference

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unit 1 geometry basics answers
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Queries from a young user

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Queries from an elder user

# Car / Pet Segment

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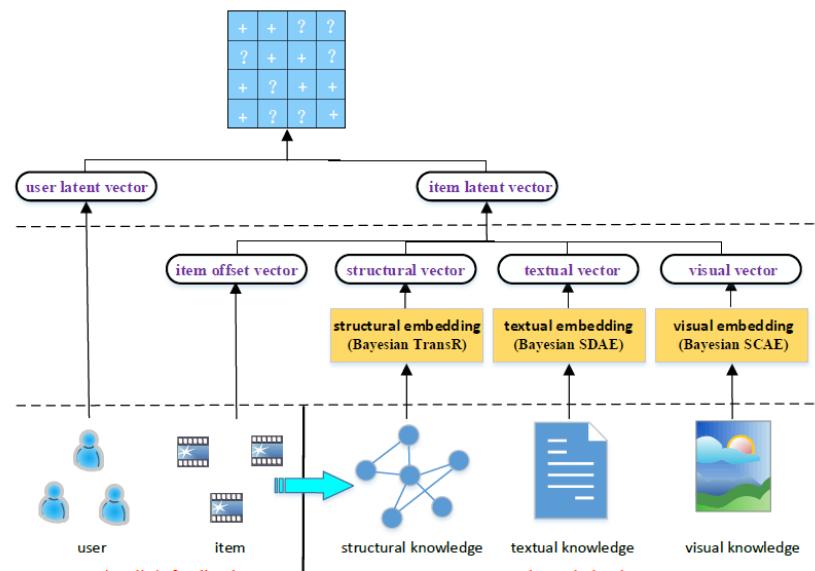
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# Universal User Representation

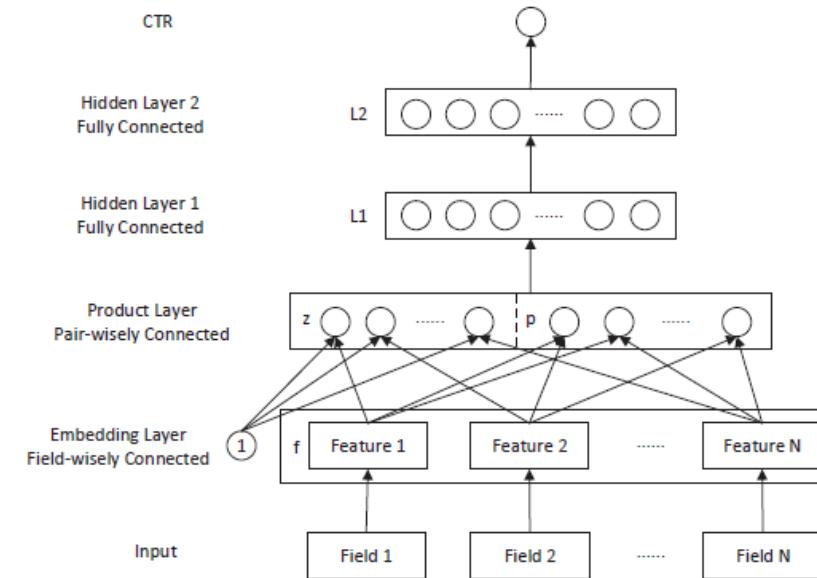
- Existing user representation learning are task-specific
  - Difficult to generalize to other tasks
  - Highly rely on labeled data
  - Costly to exploit heterogenous unlabeled user behavior data
- Learn universal user representations from heterogenous and multi-source user data
  - Capture global patterns of online users
  - Easily applied to different tasks as additional user features
  - Do not rely on manually labeled data

# Deep Learning Based Recommender System

## Learning latent representations



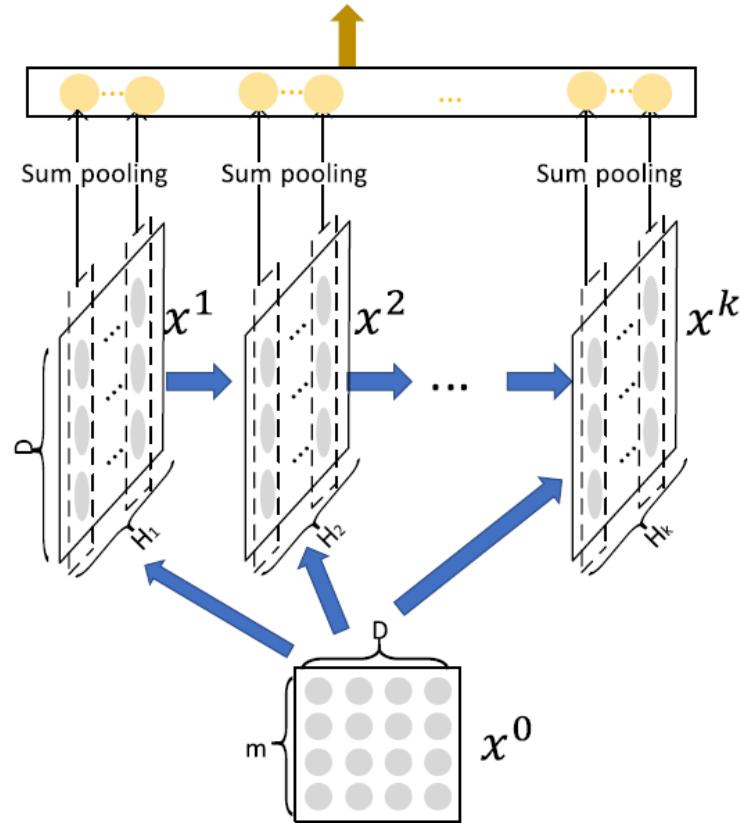
## Learning feature interactions



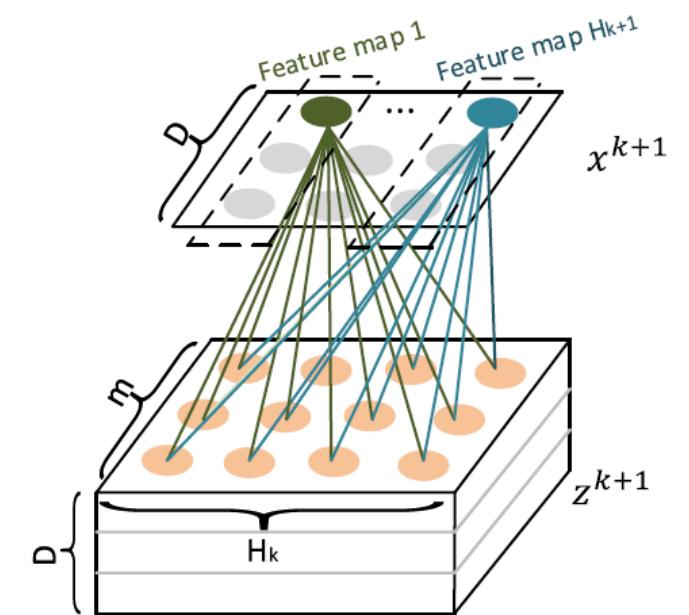
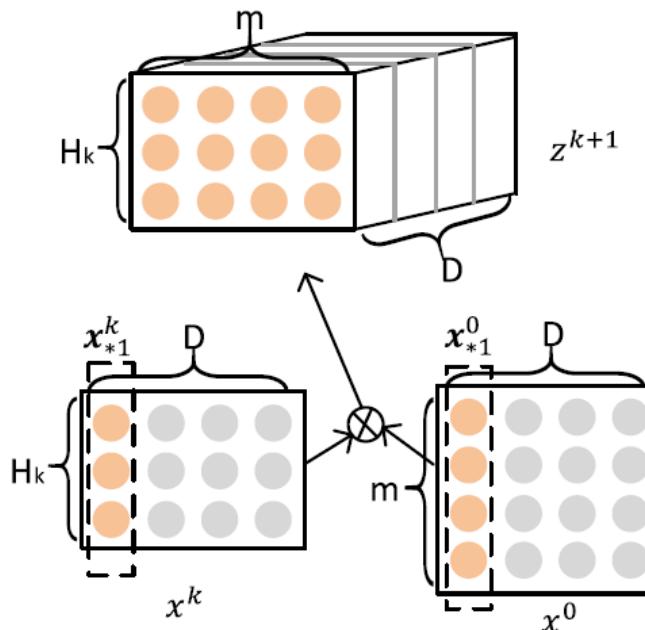
# Motivations

- We try to design a new neural structure that
  - Automatically learns explicit high-order interactions
  - Vector-wise interaction, rather than bit-wise
  - Different types of feature interactions can be combined easily
- Goals
  - Higher accuracy
  - Reducing manual feature engineering work

# Compressed Interaction Network (CIN)

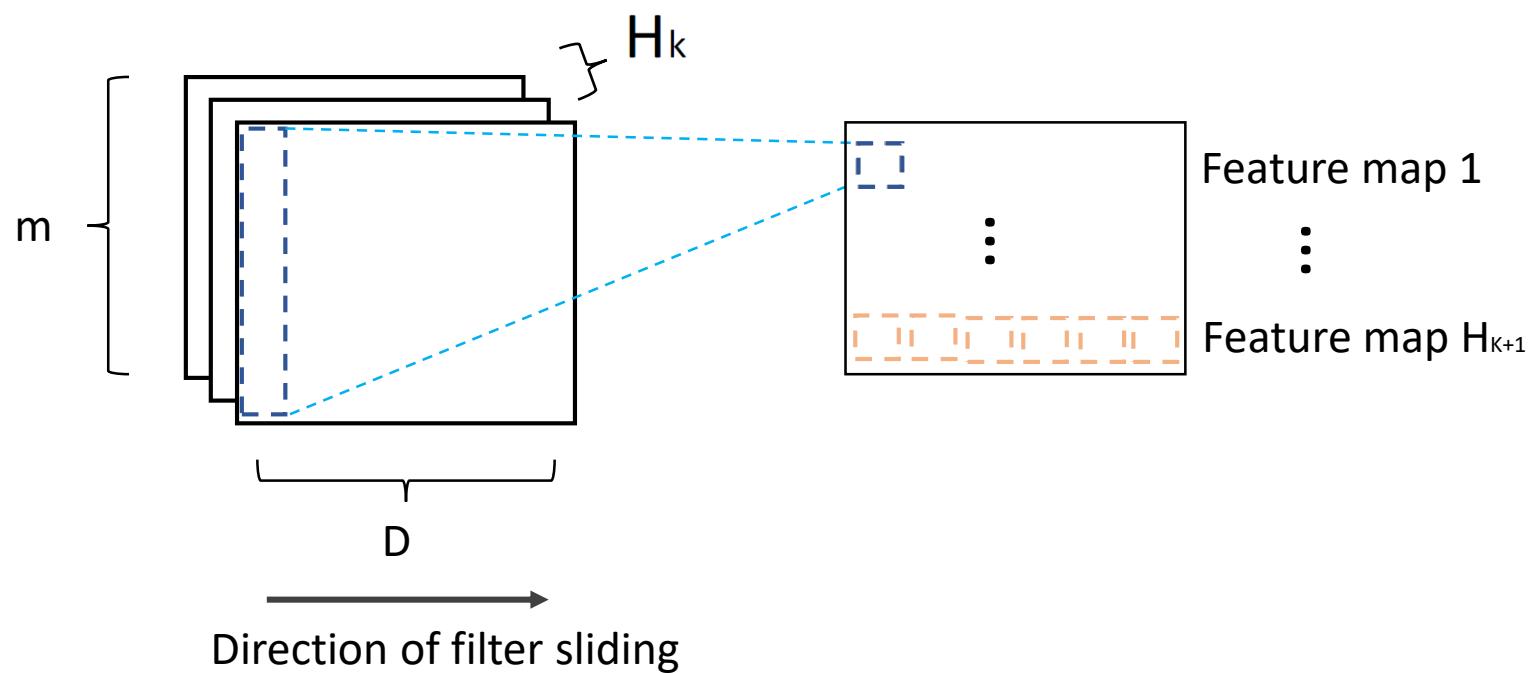


(a) Outer products along each dimension for feature interactions. The tensor  $Z^{k+1}$  is an intermediate result for further learning.

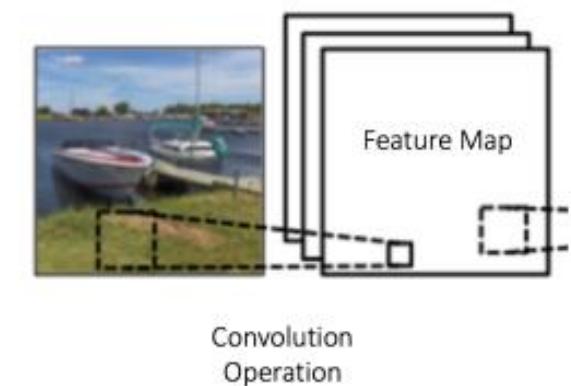


(b) The  $k$ -th layer of CIN. It compresses the intermediate tensor  $Z^{k+1}$  to  $H_{k+1}$  embedding vectors (also known as *feature maps*).

# Relation with CNN

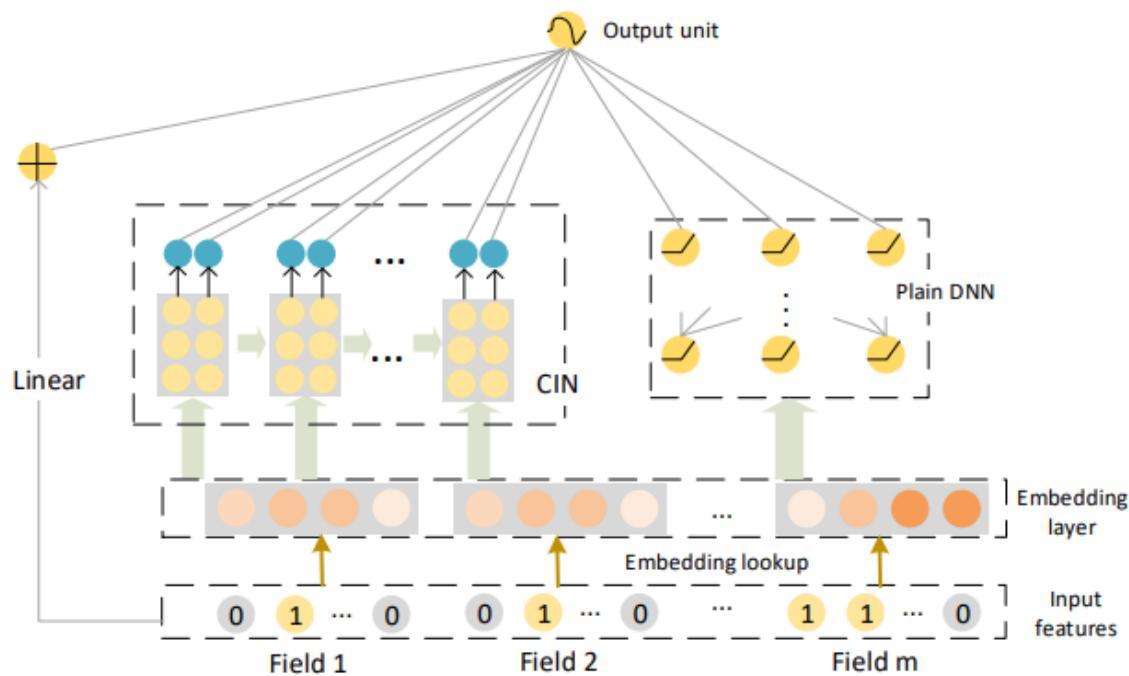


An example of image CNN



# Extreme Deep Factorization Machine (xDeepFM)

- Combining explicit and implicit feature interaction network
- Integrate both memorization and generalization



# Data

- Criteo: ads click-through-rate prediction
- Dianping: restaurant recommendation
- Bing News: news recommendation

Datasets	#instances	#fields	#features (sparse)
Criteo	45M	39	2.3M
Dianping	1.2M	18	230K
Bing News	5M	45	17K

# Experiments

	Criteo			Dianping			Bing News		
Model name	AUC	Logloss	Depth	AUC	Logloss	Depth	AUC	Logloss	Depth
LR	0.7577	0.4854	-,-	0.8018	0.3608	-,-	0.7988	0.2950	-,-
FM	0.7900	0.4592	-,-	0.8165	0.3558	-,-	0.8223	0.2779	-,-
DNN	0.7993	0.4491	-,2	0.8318	0.3382	-,3	0.8366	0.2730	-,2
DCN	0.8026	0.4467	2,2	0.8391	0.3379	4,3	0.8379	0.2677	2,2
Wide&Deep	0.8000	0.4490	-,3	0.8361	0.3364	-,2	0.8377	0.2668	-,2
PNN	0.8038	0.4927	-,2	0.8445	0.3424	-,3	0.8321	0.2775	-,3
DeepFM	0.8025	0.4468	-,2	0.8481	0.3333	-,2	0.8376	0.2671	-,3
xDeepFM	<b>0.8052</b>	<b>0.4418</b>	3,2	<b>0.8639</b>	<b>0.3156</b>	3,3	<b>0.8400</b>	<b>0.2649</b>	3,2

# Experiments

Model name	AUC	Logloss	Depth
Criteo			
FM	0.7900	0.4592	-
DNN	0.7993	0.4491	2
CrossNet	0.7961	0.4508	3
CIN	<b>0.8012</b>	0.4493	3
Dianping			
FM	0.8165	0.3558	-
DNN	0.8318	0.3382	3
CrossNet	0.8283	0.3404	2
CIN	<b>0.8576</b>	<b>0.3225</b>	2
Bing News			
FM	0.8223	0.2779	-
DNN	0.8366	0.273	2
CrossNet	0.8304	0.2765	6
CIN	<b>0.8377</b>	<b>0.2662</b>	5

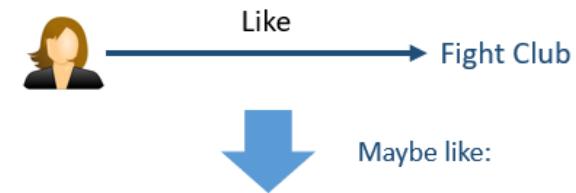
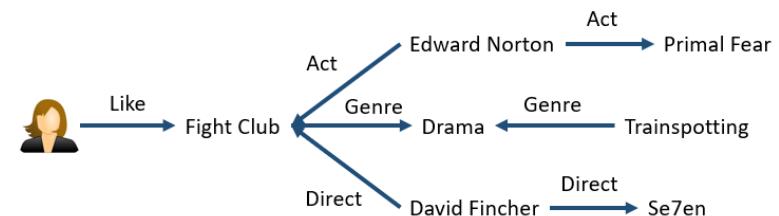
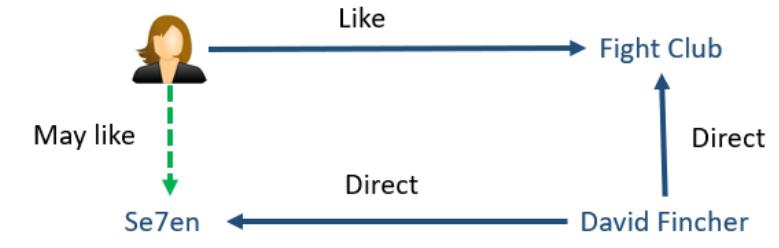
# Knowledge Graph

- A kind of semantic network, where node indicates entity or concept, edge indicates the semantic relation between entity/concept



# Knowledge Enhanced Recommendation

- Precision
  - More semantic content about items
  - Deep user interest
- Diversity
  - Different types of relations in knowledge graph
  - Extend user's interest in different paths
- Explainability
  - Connect user interest and recommendation results
  - Improve user satisfaction, boost user trust



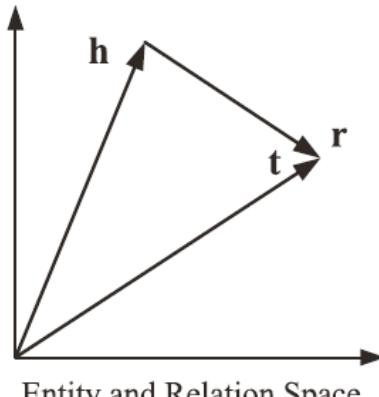
Primal Fear, because they share the same actor  
Trainspotting, because they share the same genre  
Se7en, because they share the same director

# Knowledge Graph Embedding

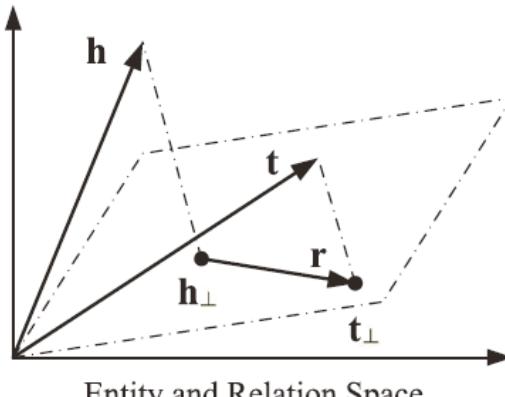
- Learns a low-dimensional vector for each entity and relation in KG, which can keep the structural and semantic knowledge

## Distance-based Models

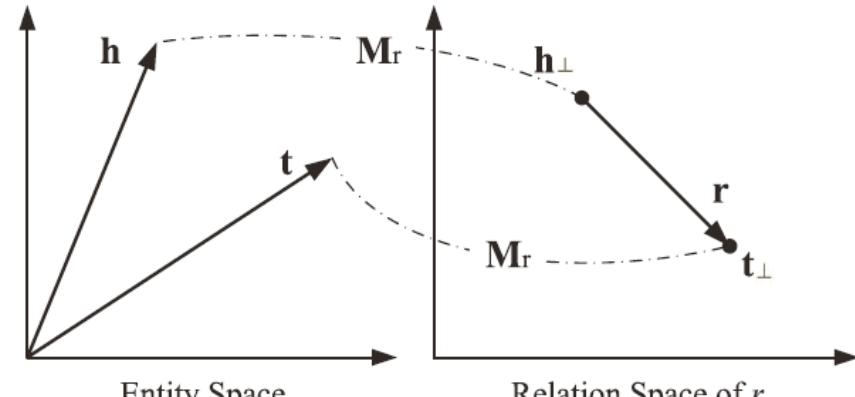
- ❑ Apply distance-based score function to estimate the triple probability
- ❑ TransE, TransH, TransR, etc.



(a) TransE.



(b) TransH.

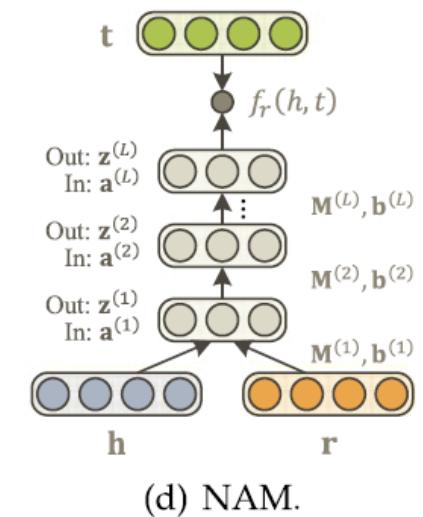
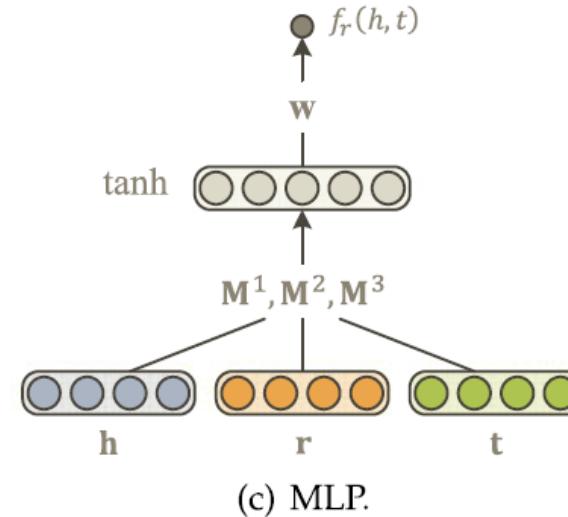
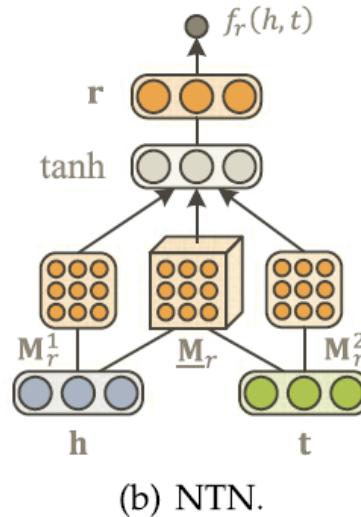
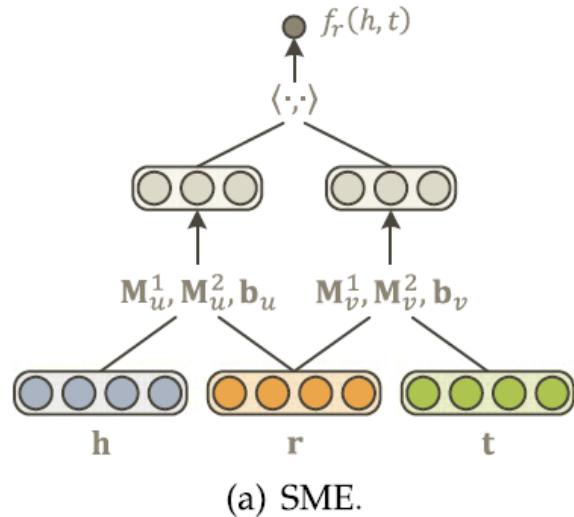


(c) TransR.

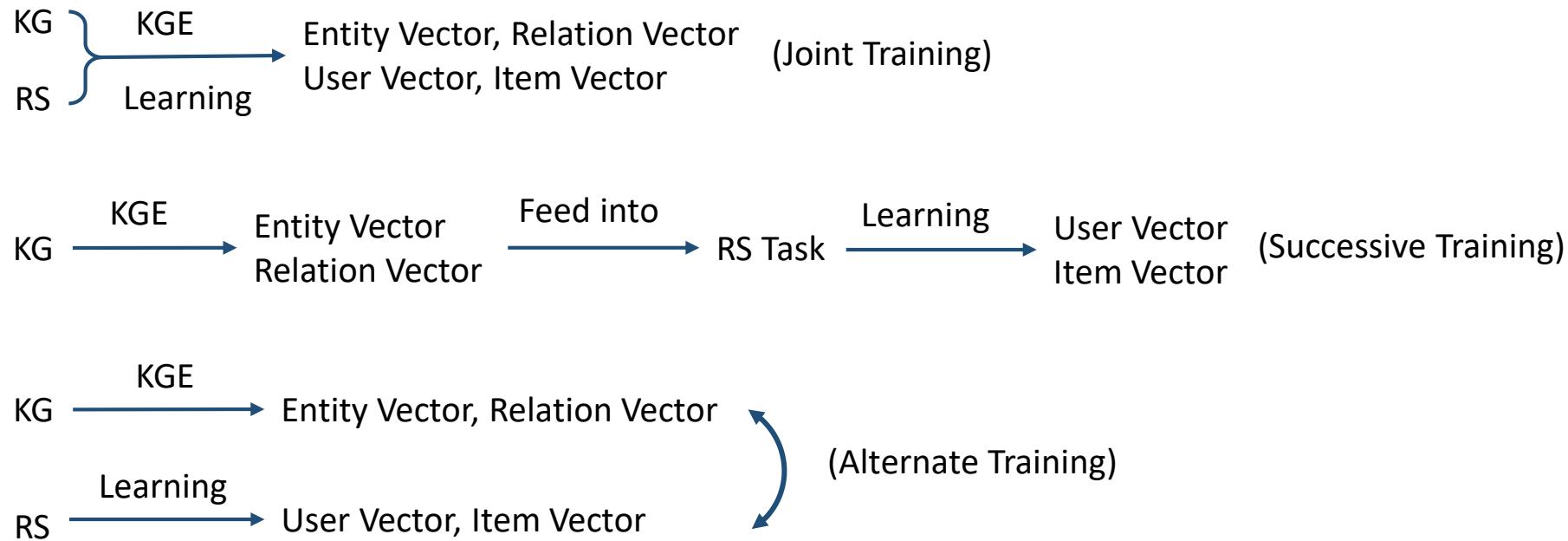
# Knowledge Graph Embedding

## Matching-based Models

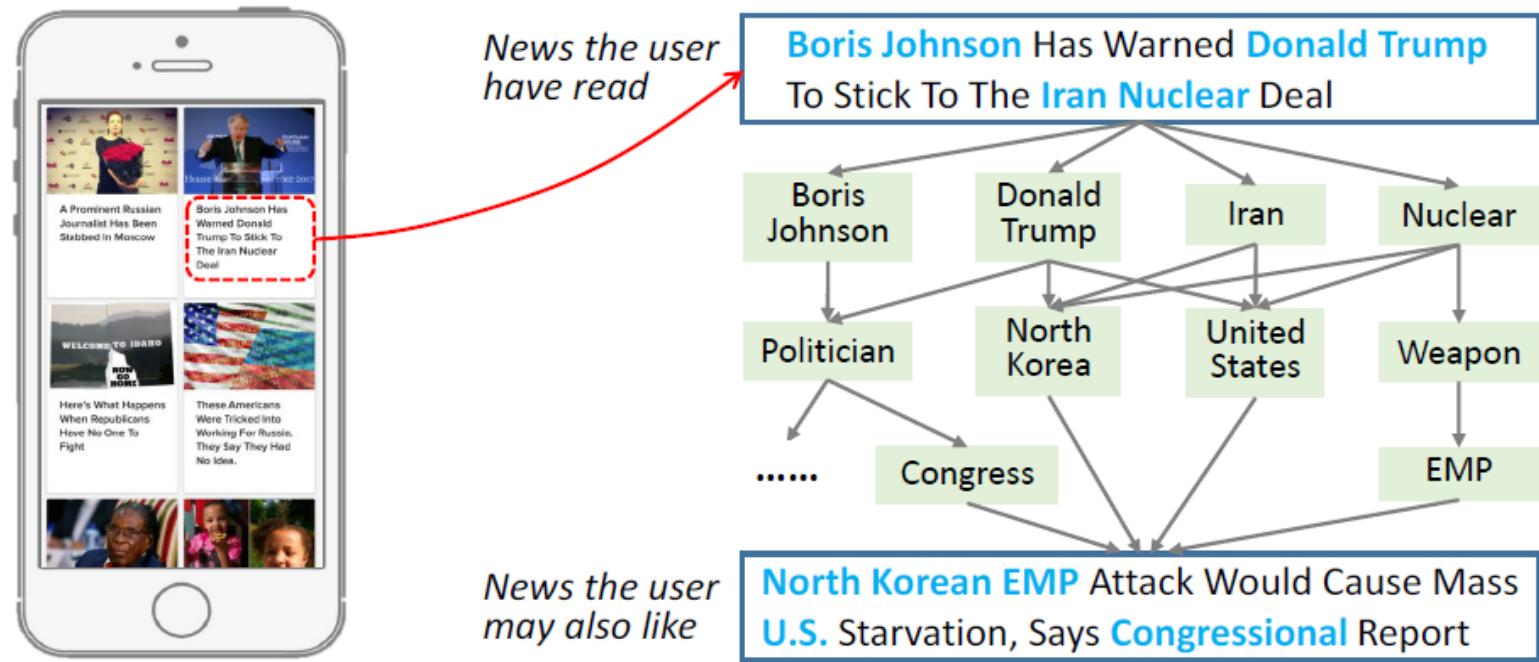
- ❑ Apply similarity-based score function to estimate the triple probability
- ❑ SME, NTN, MLP, NAM, etc.



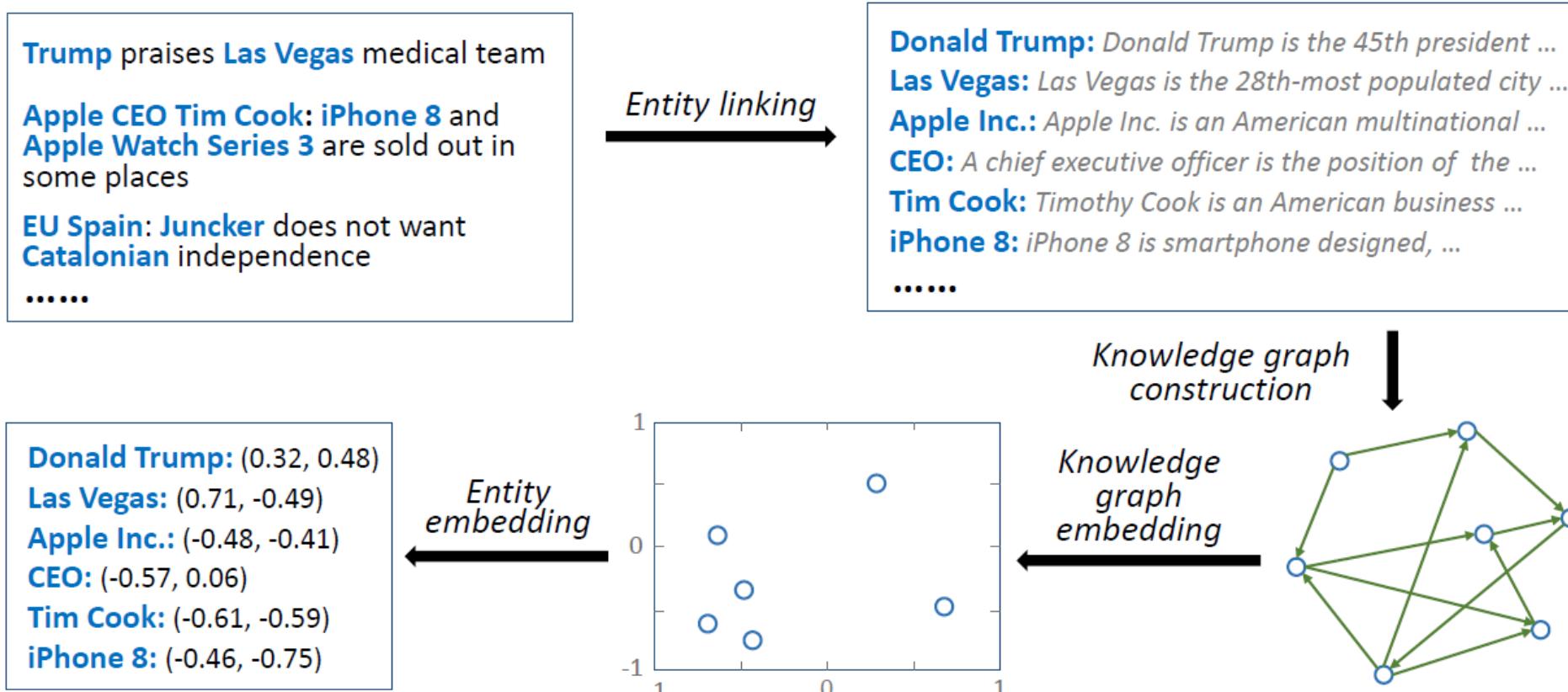
# Knowledge Graph Embedding



# Deep Knowledge-aware Network

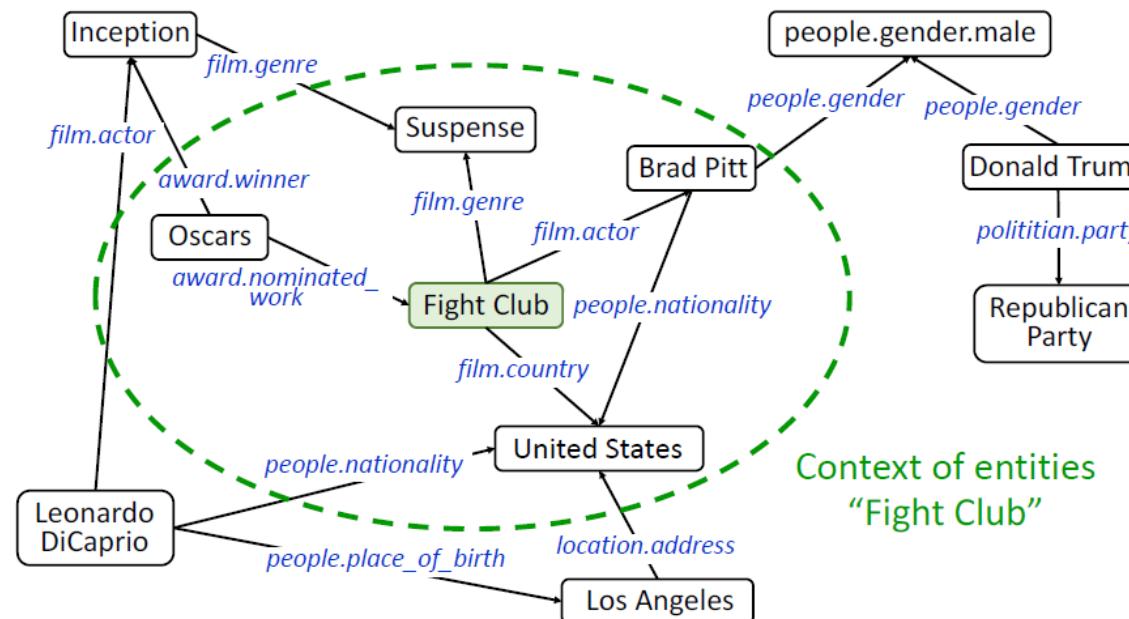


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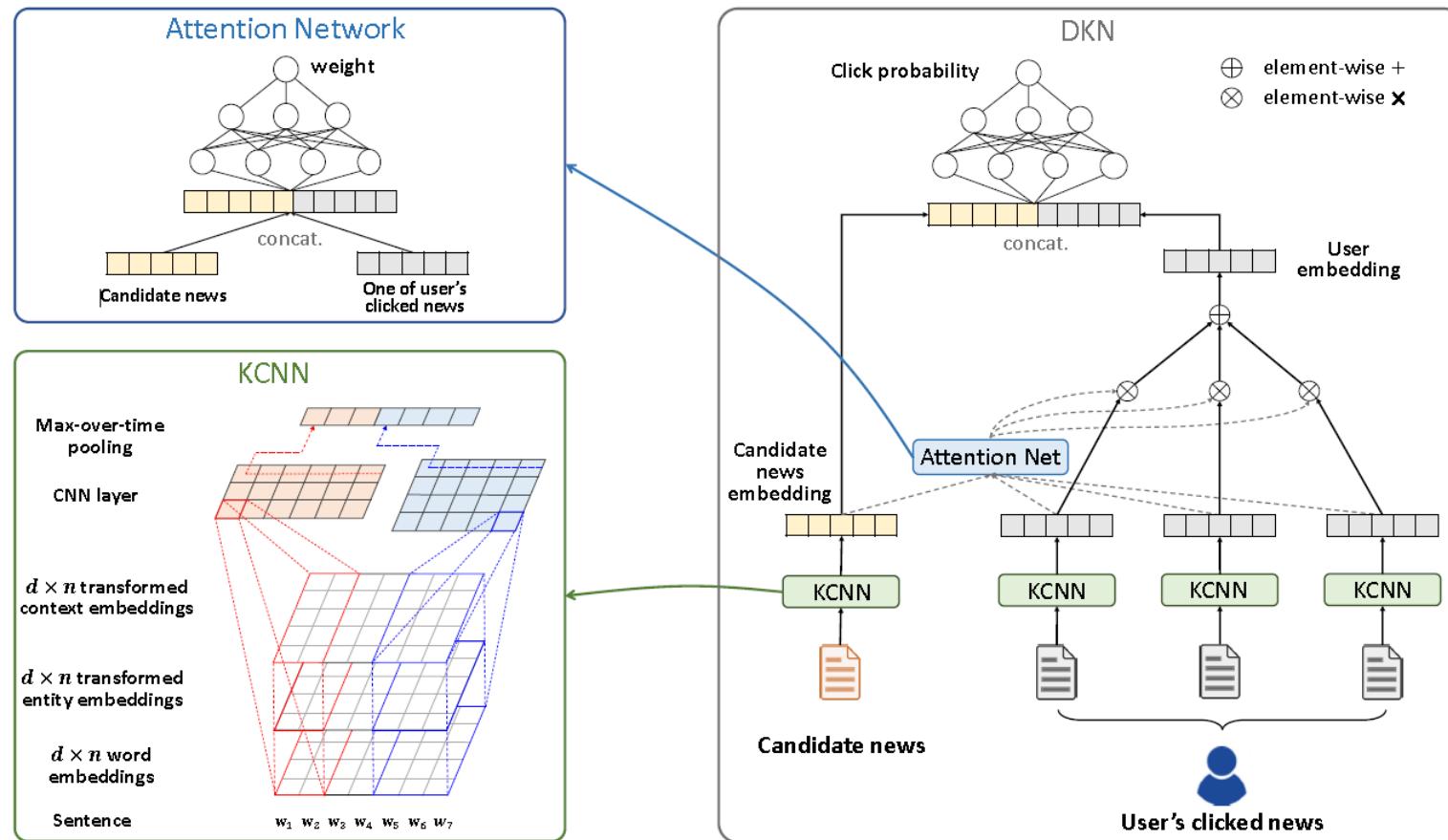


# Extract Knowledge Representations

- Additionally use contextual entity embeddings to include structural information
- Context implies one-step neighbor



# Deep Knowledge-aware Network

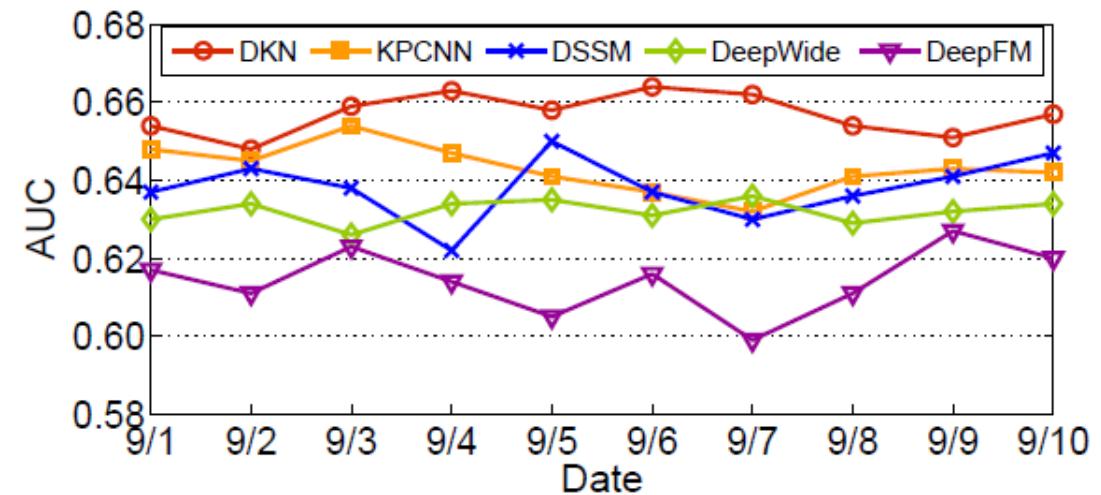


# Experiments

Models*	F1	AUC	<i>p</i> -value**
DKN	<b>68.9 ± 1.5</b>	<b>65.9 ± 1.2</b>	—
LibFM	61.8 ± 2.1 (-10.3%)	59.7 ± 1.8 (-9.4%)	< 10 <sup>-3</sup>
LibFM(-)	61.1 ± 1.9 (-11.3%)	58.9 ± 1.7 (-10.6%)	< 10 <sup>-3</sup>
KPCNN	67.0 ± 1.6 (-2.8%)	64.2 ± 1.4 (-2.6%)	0.098
KPCNN(-)	65.8 ± 1.4 (-4.5%)	63.1 ± 1.5 (-4.2%)	0.036
DSSM	66.7 ± 1.8 (-3.2%)	63.6 ± 2.0 (-3.5%)	0.063
DSSM(-)	66.1 ± 1.6 (-4.1%)	63.2 ± 1.8 (-4.1%)	0.045
DeepWide	66.0 ± 1.2 (-4.2%)	63.3 ± 1.5 (-3.9%)	0.039
DeepWide(-)	63.7 ± 0.9 (-7.5%)	61.5 ± 1.1 (-6.7%)	0.004
DeepFM	63.8 ± 1.5 (-7.4%)	61.2 ± 2.3 (-7.1%)	0.014
DeepFM(-)	64.0 ± 1.9 (-7.1%)	61.1 ± 1.8 (-7.3%)	0.007
YouTubeNet	65.5 ± 1.2 (-4.9%)	63.0 ± 1.4 (-4.4%)	0.025
YouTubeNet(-)	65.1 ± 0.7 (-5.5%)	62.1 ± 1.3 (-5.8%)	0.011
DMF	57.2 ± 1.2 (-17.0%)	55.3 ± 1.0 (-16.1%)	< 10 <sup>-3</sup>

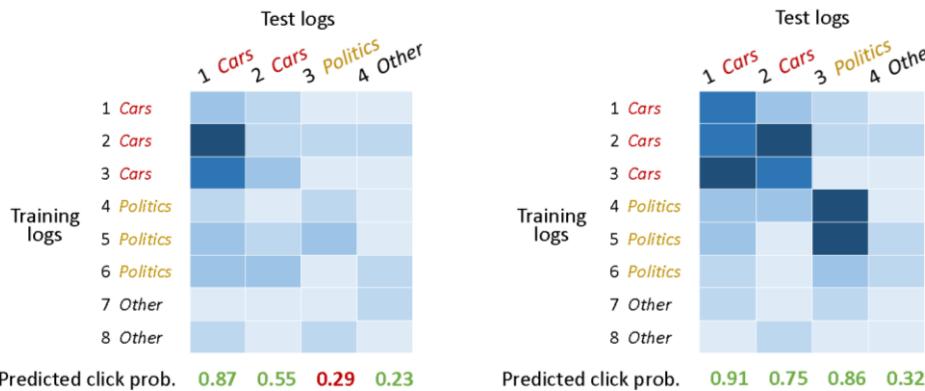
\* “(-)” denotes “without input of entity embeddings”.

\*\* *p*-value is the probability of no significant difference with DKN on AUC by *t*-test.



# Examples

	No.	Date	News title	Entities	Label	Category
training	1	12/25/2016	Elon Musk teases huge upgrades for Tesla's supercharger network	Elon Musk; Tesla Inc.	1	Cars
	2	03/25/2017	Elon Musk offers Tesla Model 3 sneak peek	Elon Musk; Tesla Model 3	1	Cars
	3	12/14/2016	Google fumbles while Tesla sprints toward a driverless future	Google Inc.; Tesla Inc.	1	Cars
	4	12/15/2016	Trump pledges aid to Silicon Valley during tech meeting	Donald Trump; Silicon Valley	1	Politics
	5	03/26/2017	Donald Trump is a big reason why the GOP kept the Montana House seat	Donald Trump; GOP; Montana	1	Politics
	6	05/03/2017	North Korea threat: Kim could use nuclear weapons as "blackmail"	North Korea; Kim Jong-un	1	Politics
	7	12/22/2016	Microsoft sells out of unlocked Lumia 950 and Lumia 950 XL in the US	Microsoft; Lumia; United States	1	Other
	8	12/08/2017	6.5 magnitude earthquake recorded off the coast of California .....	earthquake; California	1	Other
test	1	07/08/2017	Tesla makes its first Model 3	Tesla Inc; Tesla Model 3	1	Cars
	2	08/13/2017	General Motors is ramping up its self-driving car: Ford should be nervous	General Motors; Ford Inc.	1	Cars
	3	06/21/2017	Jeh Johnson testifies on Russian interference in 2016 election	Jeh Johnson; Russian	1	Politics
	4	07/16/2017	"Game of Thrones" season 7 premiere: how you can watch	Game of Thrones	0	Other

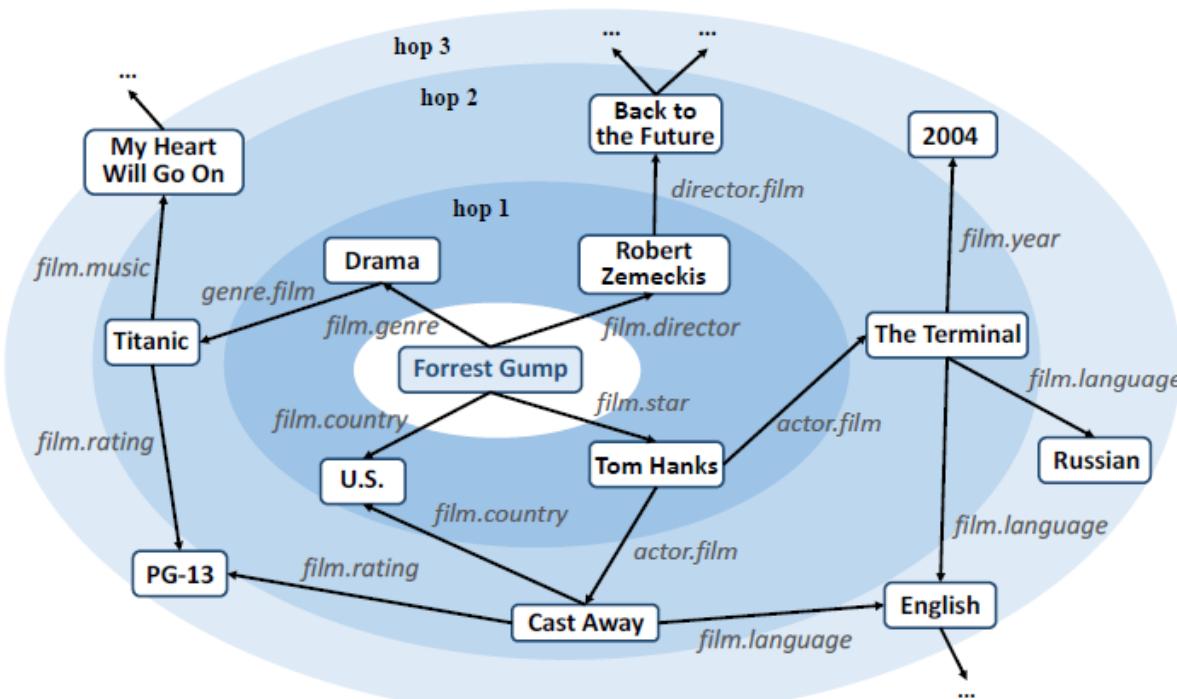


(a) without knowledge graph

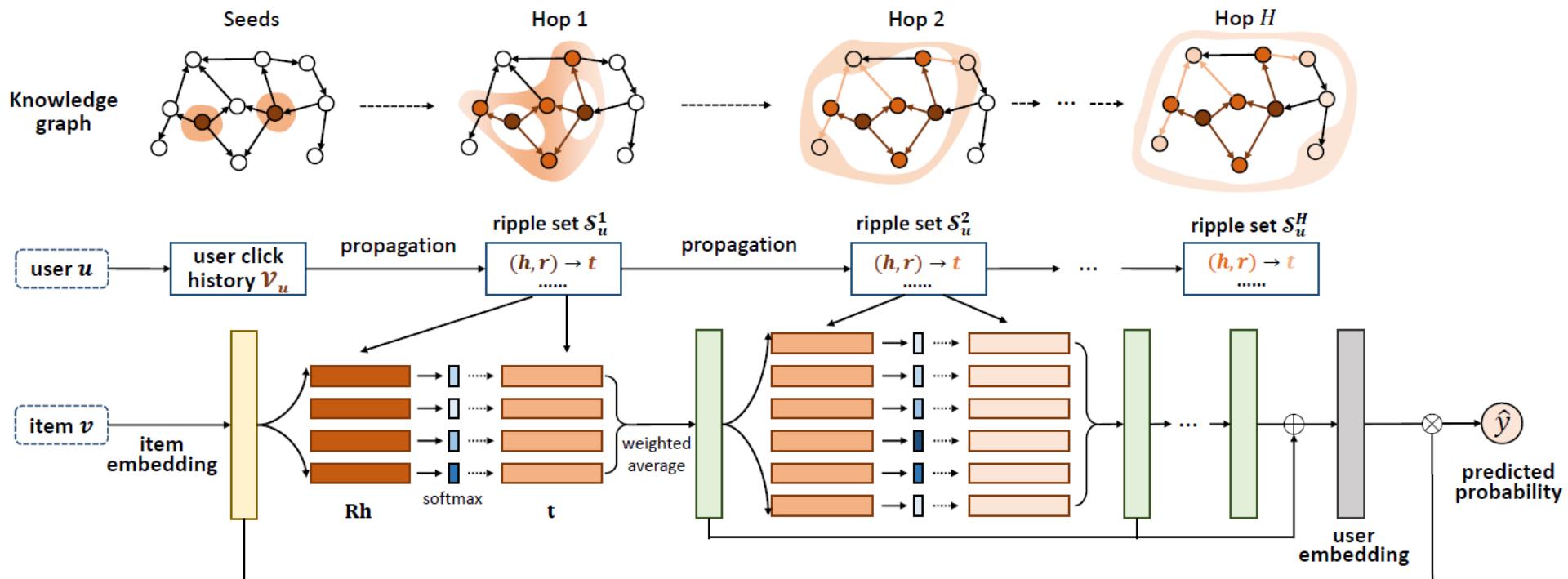
(b) with knowledge graph

# Ripple Network

- Users interests as seed entity, propagates in the graph step by step
  - Decay in the propagating process



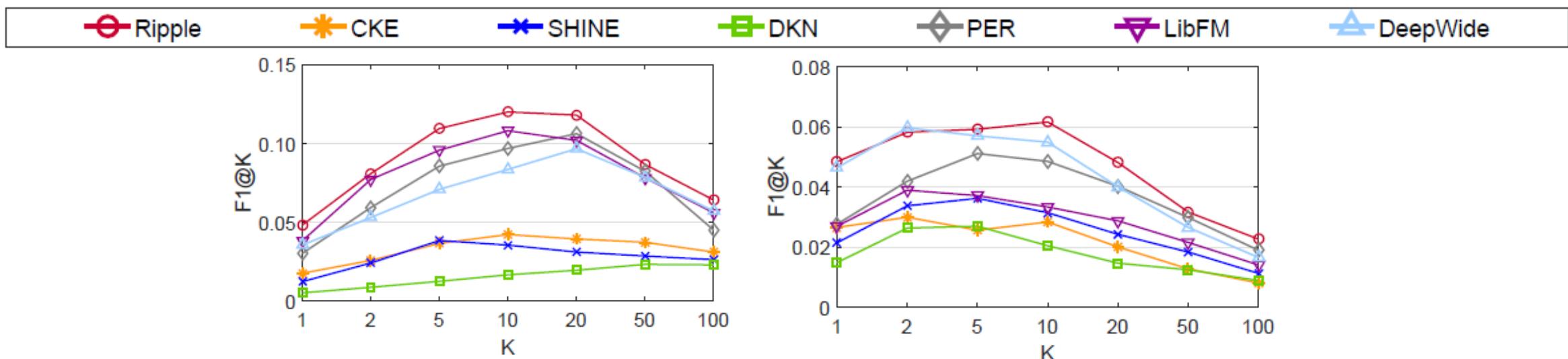
# Ripple Network



# Experiments

Model	MovieLens-1M		Book-Crossing		Bing-News	
	AUC	ACC	AUC	ACC	AUC	ACC
Ripple*	<b>0.913</b>	<b>0.835</b>	<b>0.840</b>	<b>0.775</b>	<b>0.778</b>	<b>0.732</b>
CKE	0.796	0.739	0.634	0.606	0.660	0.617
SHINE	0.778	0.732	0.668	0.636	0.614	0.587
DKN	0.655	0.589	0.621	0.598	0.761	0.704
PER	0.901	0.826	0.814	0.735	-	-
LibFM	0.892	0.812	0.763	0.705	<b>0.744</b>	0.688
DeepWide	0.903	0.822	0.806	0.731	0.754	0.695

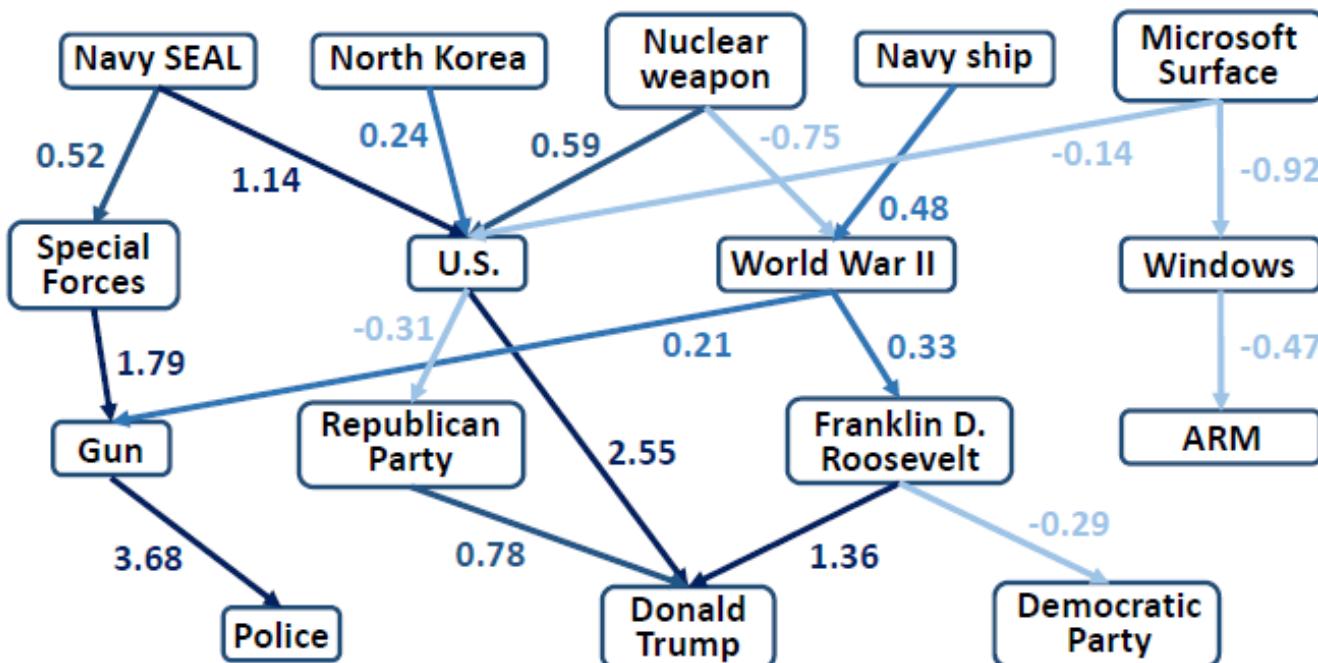
\* Statistically significant improvements by  $t$ -test.



# Example

Click history:

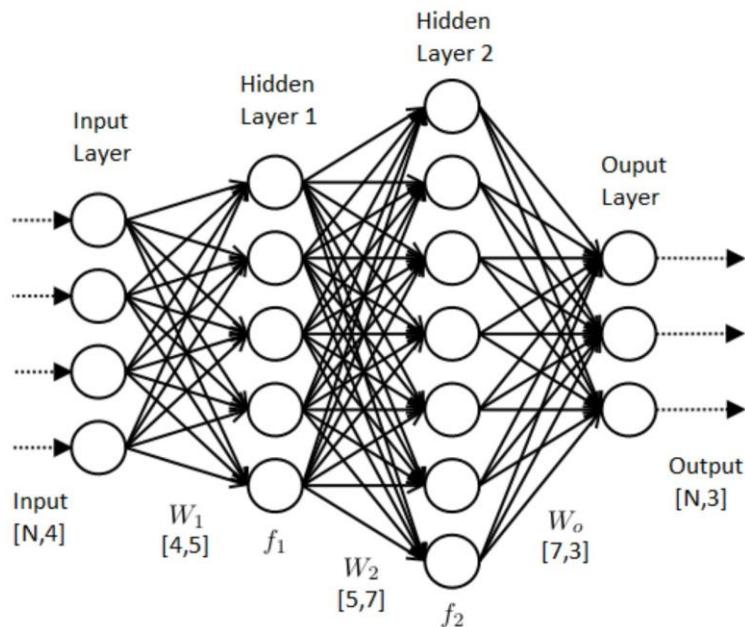
1. Family of **Navy SEAL** Trainee Who Died During Pool Exercise Plans to Take Legal Action
2. **North Korea** Vows to Strengthen **Nuclear Weapons**
3. **North Korea** Threatens 'Toughest Counteraction' After **U.S.** Moves **Navy Ships**
4. Consumer Reports Pulls Recommendation for **Microsoft Surface** Laptops



Candidate news: **Trump** Announces Gunman Dead, Credits 'Heroic Actions' of **Police**

# Explainable Recommendation Systems

Model Explainability { Transparency  
Trust



Effectiveness  
Persuasiveness  
Readability } Presentation  
Quality



# Explainable Recommendation Systems



## Fog Harbor Fish House

4703 reviews

Their **tan tan noodles** are made of magic. The chili oil is really appetizing.

However, **prices** are on the high side.

## 1-800-FLOWERS.COM – Elegant Flowers for Lovers

Ad · [1800Flowers.com](#) · 40,100+ followers on Twitter

Ratings: Product Selection 4.5/5 - Price 4/5 - Customer Service 4/5

1800flowers.com has been visited by 10K+ users in the past month

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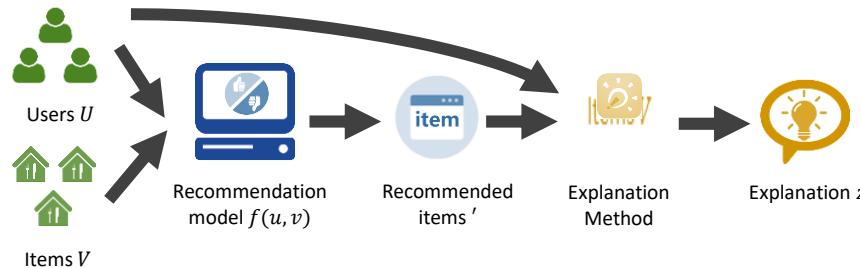
Effectiveness  
Persuasiveness  
Readability

Presentation Quality

# Problem Definition

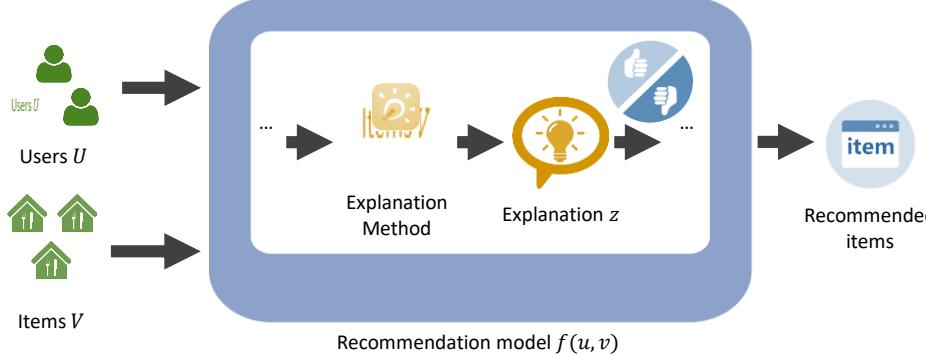
- Input
  - User set  $U$ ,  $u \in U$  is a user -----  $u$ : user ID and user attributes
  - Item set  $V$ ,  $v \in V$  is an item -----  $v = (i, l_1, l_2, \dots, l_m)$   
 $i$ : item ID     $l_j$ : interpretable component
  - A recommendation model to be explained  $f(u, v)$
- Output
  - $z$  is generated based on the selected components
  - Explanation  $z = expgen(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_m)$ 
    - $z_j = 1$    The  $j$ th interpretable component is selected
    - $z_j = 0$    The  $j$ th interpretable component is not selected

# Outline



Can we enhance persuasiveness (**presentation quality**) in a data-driven way?

*Feedback Aware Generative Model, Shipped to **Bing Ads**, revenue increased by 0.5%*



Can we build an explainable deep model (enhance **model explainability**)?

*Explainable Recommendation Through Attentive Multi-View Learning, AAAI 2019*

Can we design a pipeline which better balances **presentation quality** and **model explainability**?

*A Reinforcement Learning Framework for Explainable Recommendation, ICDM 2018*

# Explainable Recommendation for Ads

## Search Ads

[1-800-FLOWERS.COM® - Elegant Flowers for Any Occasion.](#)

Ad · [1800Flowers.com](#) · 40,100+ followers on Twitter

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Elegant Flowers for Any Occasion. 100% Smile Guarantee!

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"Quick and fast - good choice of flowers!" - from consumer review

### Anniversary Flowers.

Perfect Anniversary Flowers & Gifts  
Special Moments with Your Loved One

### Best Selling Flowers.

Our Most Popular Flower Bouquets  
Great Gifts for any Event!

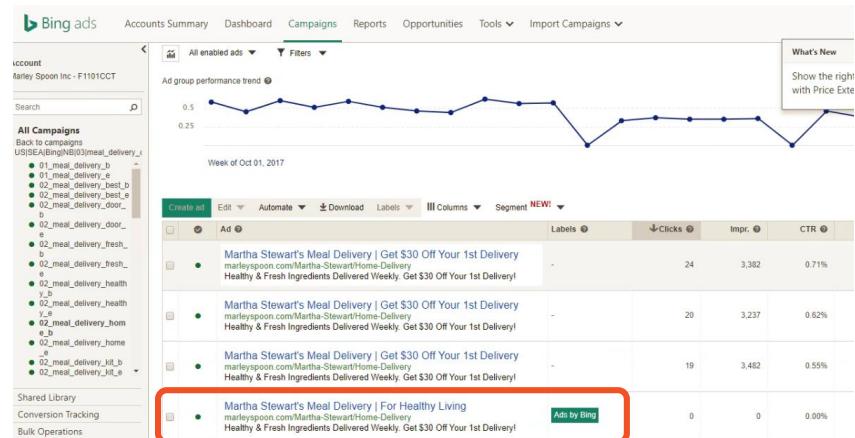
### Gift Baskets.

Bountiful Baskets of Gourmet Snack  
Perfect Gift for Sharing Smiles!

### Sympathy.

Send a Personalized  
Message of Condolences.

## Advertiser Platform

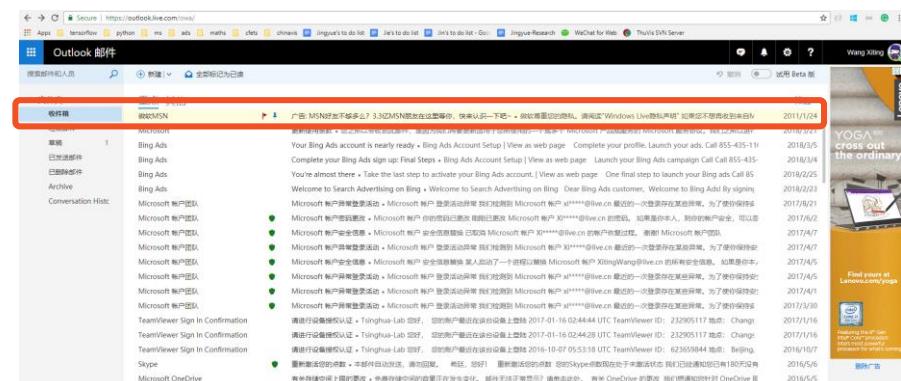


## Native Ads / MSN



24 of the Coolest Set Photos  
in Movie History

## Native Ads / Outlook.com



# Feedback Aware Generative Model

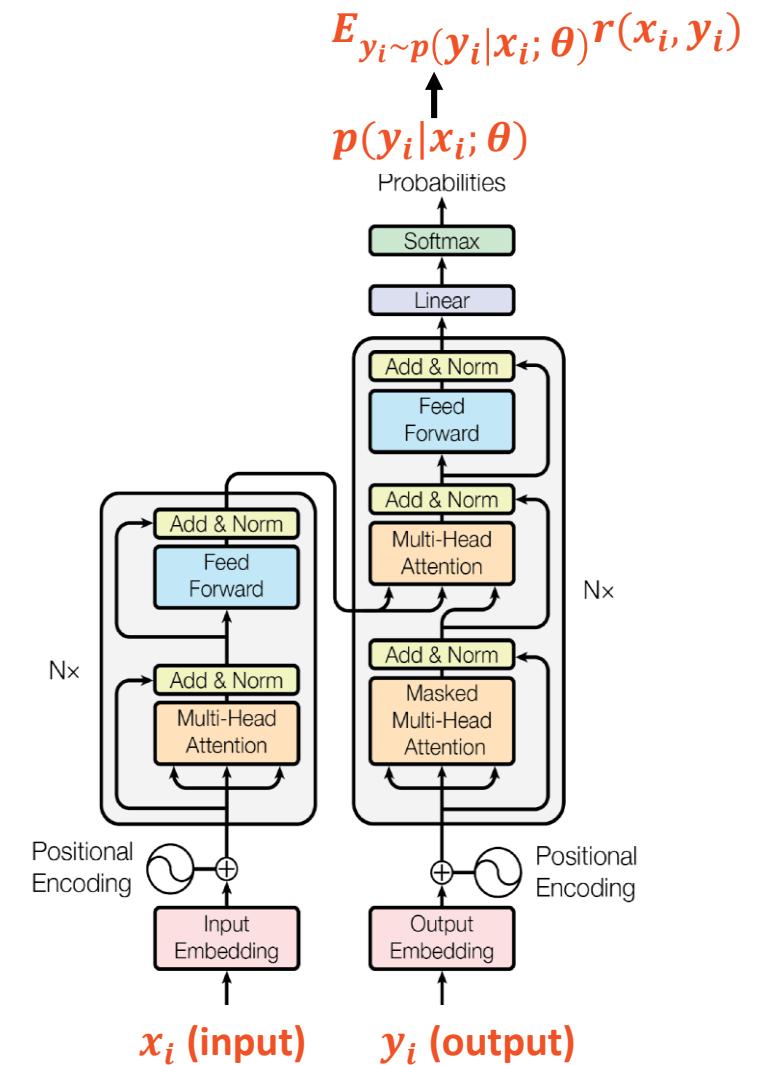
- Traditional Seq2Seq model

$$\underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \prod_i p(y_i|x_i; \theta)$$

- Feedback aware model

$$\underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_i E_{y_i \sim p(y_i|x_i; \theta)} r(x_i, y_i)$$

Input $x_i$	Output $y_i$	Reward $r(\cdot)$
Ad title, category, keyword, sitelink title	Ad title, Ad description, sitelink description	CTR
Ad title: <i>Flowers delivered today</i> Category: <i>Occasions &amp; Gifts</i>	Elegant flowers for any occasion. 100% smile guarantee!	



# Example Results

Input AdTitle	Output AdDescriptions
job applications online	<p>New: job application online. Apply today &amp; find your perfect job!</p> <p>Now hiring - submit an application. Browse full &amp; part time positions.</p> <p>3 open positions left -- apply now! Jobs in your area</p> <p>Open positions left -- apply now! Job application online.</p> <p>7 open positions left -- apply now! Jobs in your area</p> <p>Sales positions open. Hiring now - apply today!</p>
US passport application	<p>Find US passport application and related articles. Search now!</p> <p>Quick &amp; easy application. Apply for your passport online today!</p> <p>Quick &amp; easy application. Find government passport application and related articles.</p> <p>Government passport application. Quick and easy to search results!</p> <p>Start your passport online today. Apply now &amp; find the best results!</p> <p>Open your passport online today. 100% free tool!</p>

The model can differentiate similar inputs

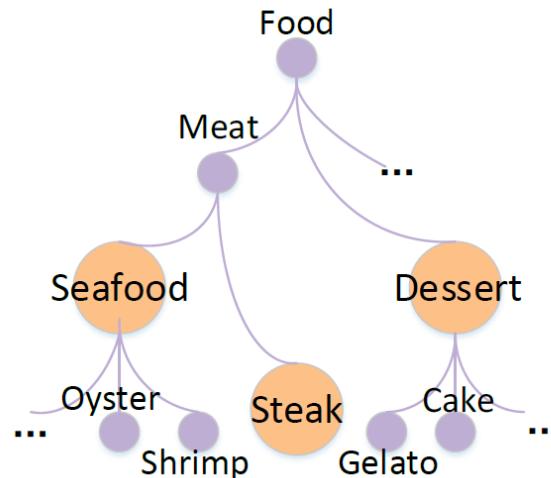
The model has the ability to generate persuasive phrases

Diversified results

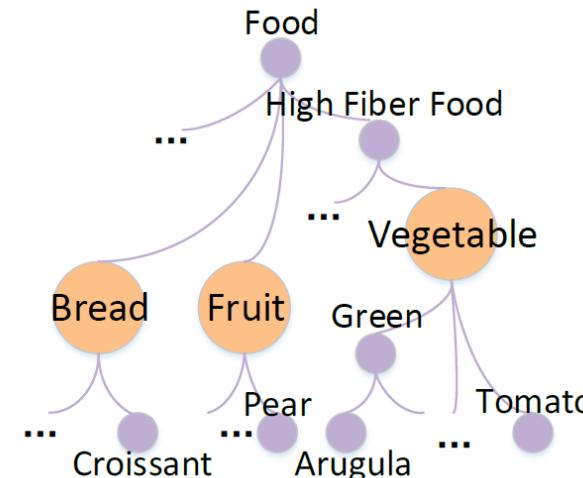
# Explainable Recommendation Through Attentive Multi-View Learning

- Existing methods are either “deep but unexplainable” or “explainable but shallow”
- We want to develop an explainable deep model which
  - Achieves the state-of-art accuracy and is also explainable
  - Models multi-level user interest in an unsupervised manner

26-year-old female user

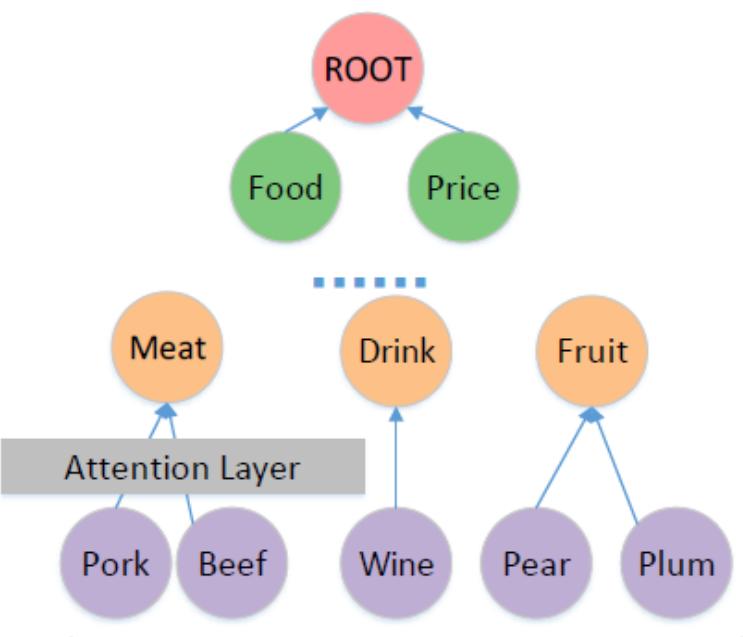


30-year-old male user

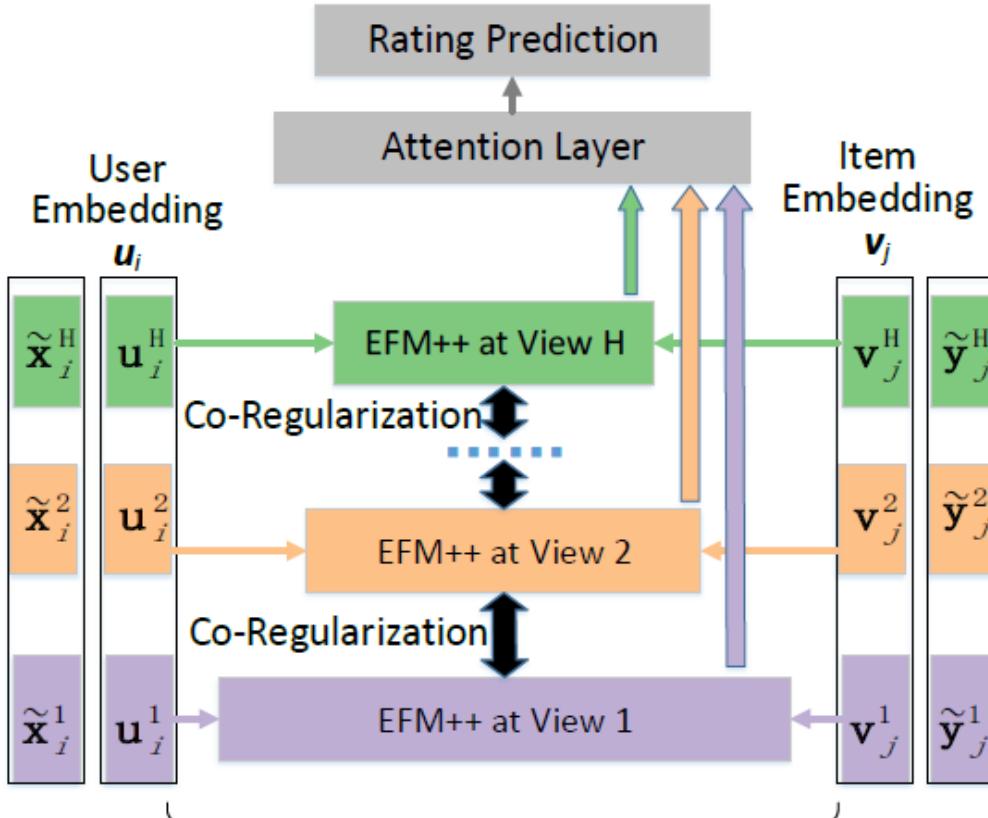


# Model

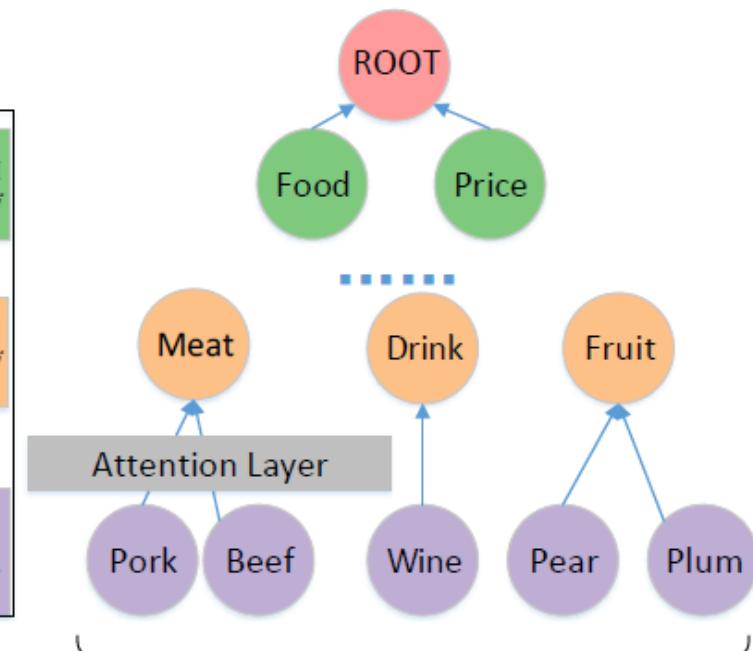
You might be interested in [features in  $E$ ], on which this item performs well



Hierarchical Propagation  
(User-Feature Interest)



Attentive Multi-View Learning



Hierarchical Propagation  
(Item-Feature Quality)

# Data

Dataset	#Users	#Items	#Reviews
Amazon	Toys and Games	19,412	11,924
	Digital Music	5,541	3,568
	Yelp	8,744	14,082

Review: user, item, rating, review text, timestamp

## Amazon

S. R. Bullock

★★★★★ A Wonderful Device

December 26, 2017

Color: Heather Gray Fabric | Configuration: Echo | Verified Purchase

I was a bit cautious about buying this- but it went on sale and I figured, even if I hate it I can return it... Well, I LOVE IT! I am not a super-tech-savvy guy, but I had it set up and playing music within 20 minutes of it being delivered to my home. I used my iPad to "install" it (after getting the free Alexa app), and that was it. No problems. Sound is fantastic, and even though I bought it mainly for the music, I can see me using it to ask about the weather, how far it is to the nearest Domino's pizza, and how late does my local grocery stay open. If you like to listen to music and ask general questions, this is fantastic. If you are really interested, you can do all kinds of other stuff with it. I think I will keep it simple. Highly recommended!

## Yelp

 Adrian R.  
Manhattan, NY

2 friends | 5 reviews | 1 photo

Share review

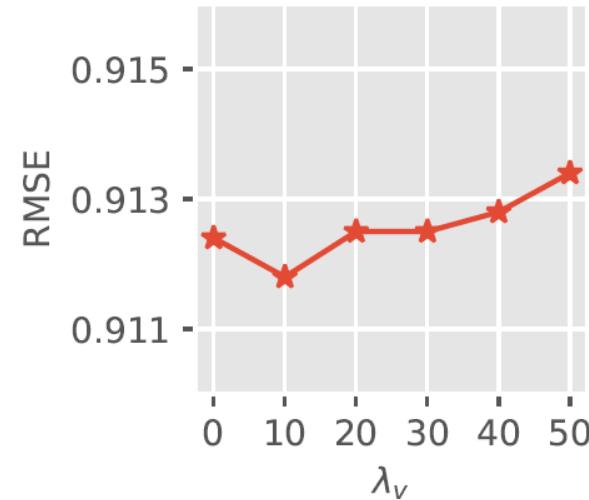
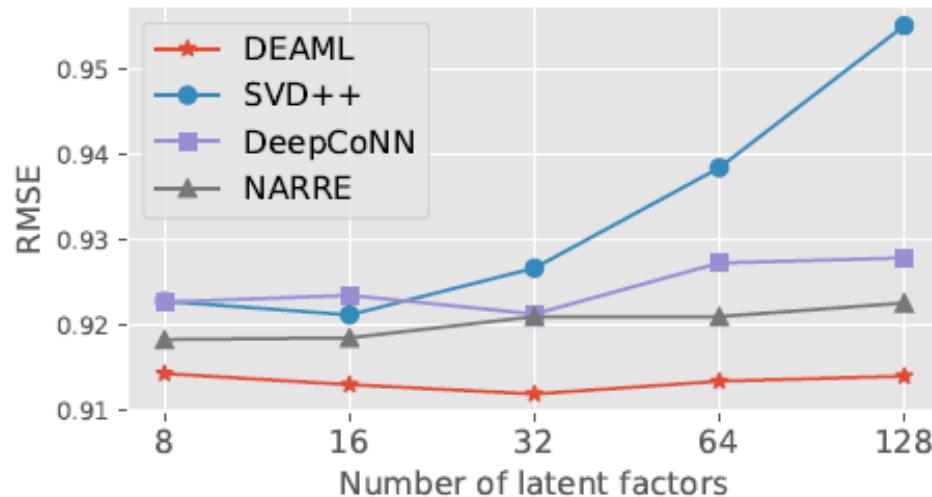
★★★★★ 10/19/2018

I freaking love Square Pie Guys. The pizza is so good that you'll spend your days yearning for another slice. Very few places can live up to Square Pie Guys and their quality ingredients, inventive toppings, and consistent execution. FEED ME!!!!

# Accuracy

RMSE comparison with baselines on three datasets. Best results are highlighted in bold.

	G1			G2		G3			Ours	
	NMF	PMF	SVD++	CKE	HFT	EFM	DeepCoNN	NARRE	DEAML-V	DEAML
Toys and Games	1.1489	1.1832	0.9071	0.9923	0.9958	0.9534	0.9199	0.9084	0.9062	<b>0.9040</b>
Digital Music	1.1520	1.2619	0.9211	0.9849	1.0910	0.9696	0.9212	0.9209	0.9190	<b>0.9118</b>
Yelp	1.2678	1.2413	1.1561	1.2279	1.2738	1.2019	1.1503	1.1348	1.1343	<b>1.1333</b>



$\lambda_v$ : weight for the co-regularization term

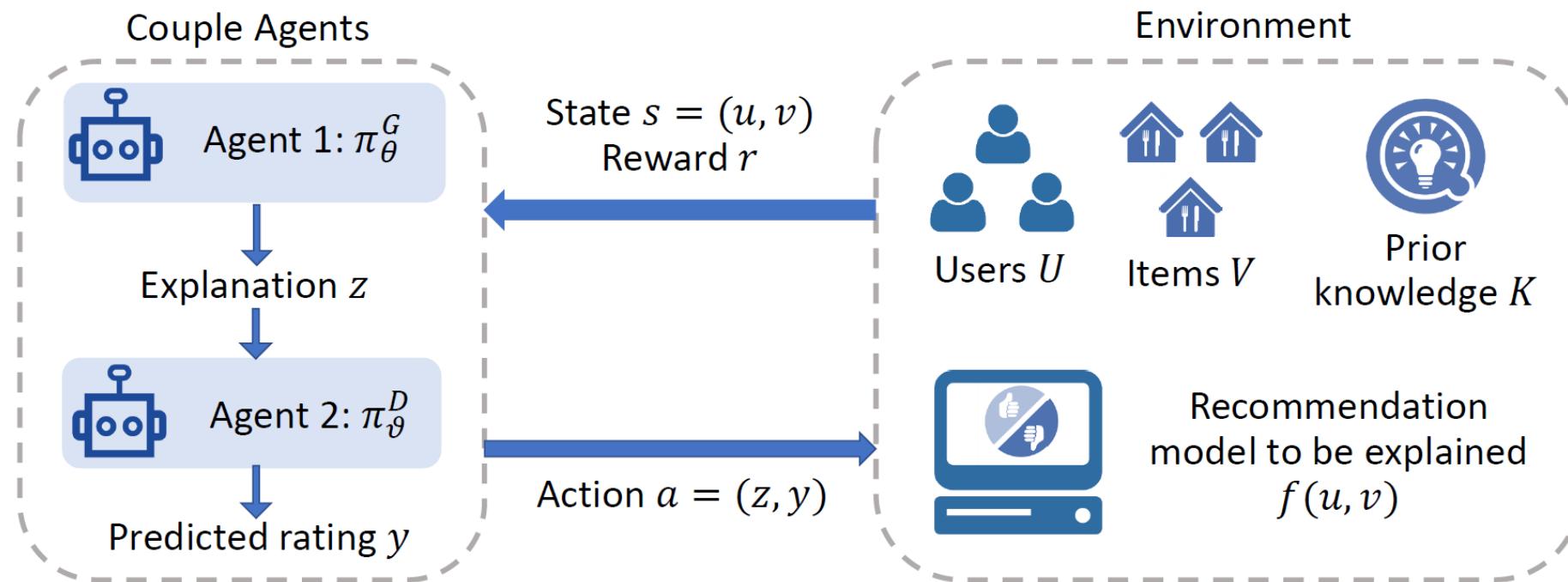
# Explainability

- 20 participants, all Yelp users
- Collect their Yelp reviews and generate personalized explanations
- Ask them to rate the usefulness of each explanation

Average score on explanation usefulness.  $<30$  and  $\geq 30$  refer to two age groups.

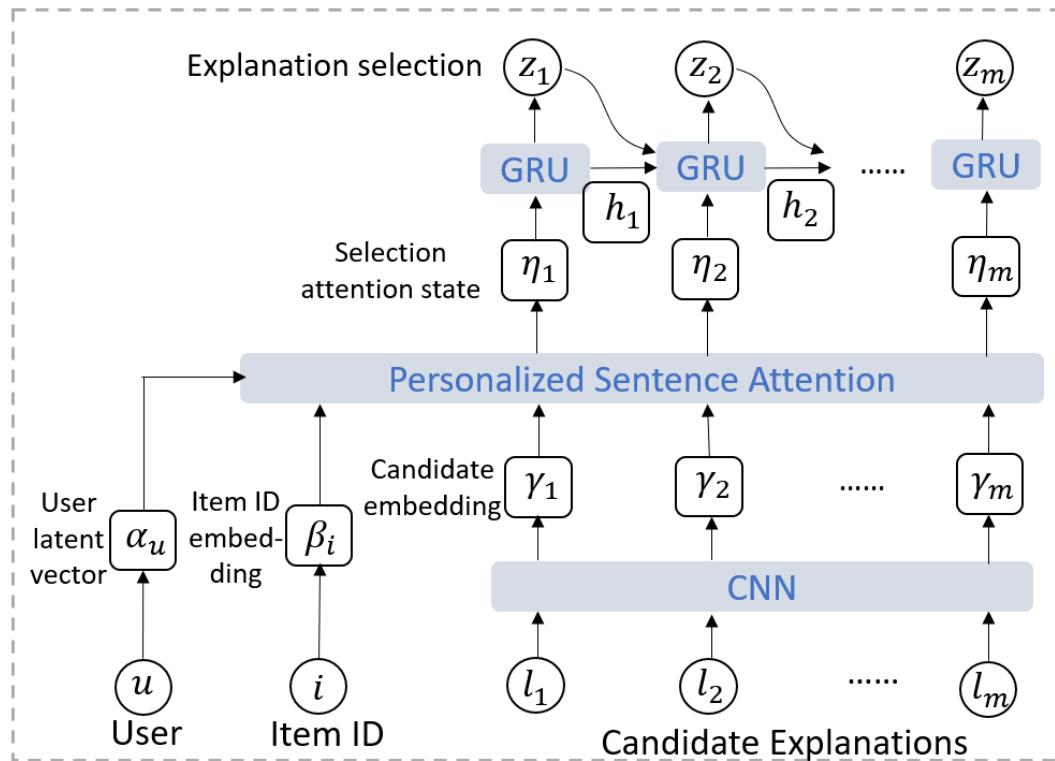
	Male	Female	$<30$	$\geq 30$	Overall
<b>PAV</b>	1.35	1.51	1.65	1.11	1.41
<b>EFM</b>	3.18	3.13	3.03	3.32	3.16
<b>DEAML</b>	<b>3.69</b>	<b>3.52</b>	<b>3.58</b>	<b>3.68</b>	<b>3.63</b>

# Reinforcement Learning Framework for Explainable Recommendation

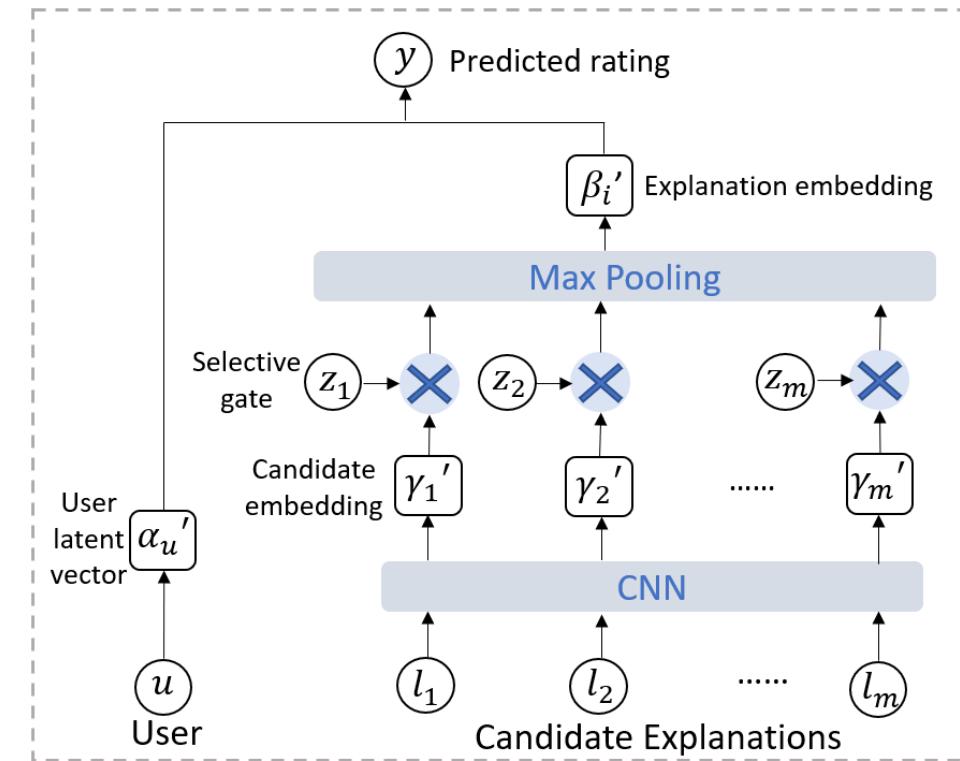


# Couple Agents

**Agent 1:**  $\pi_{\theta}^G(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \theta)$



**Agent 2:**  $y = \pi_{\vartheta}^D(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{z})$



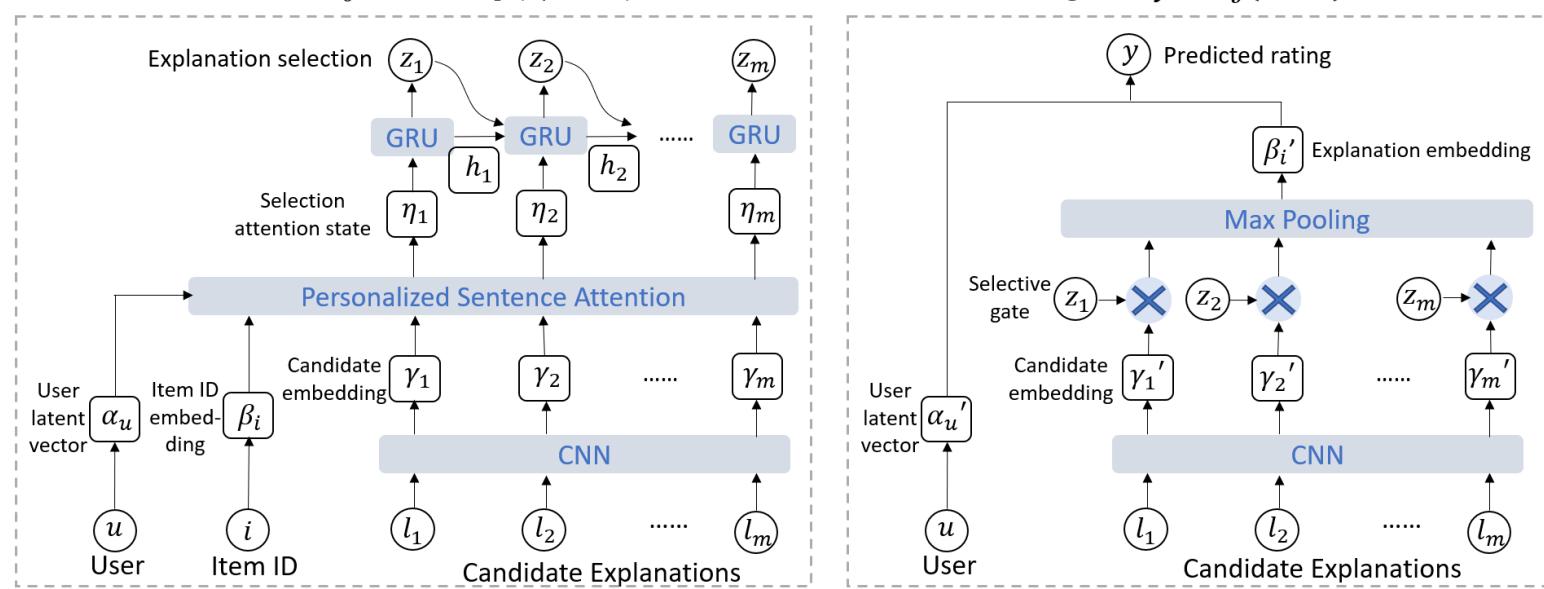
# Optimization Goal

$$\arg \max_{\theta, \vartheta} \sum_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}} E_{\mathbf{z} \sim p(\cdot | \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \theta)} [\mathcal{L}(f(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}), \pi_{\vartheta}^D(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{z})) + \Omega(\mathbf{z})].$$

Reward  $r$

Model explainability

Presentation quality



# Evaluation

	<b>Amazon_Toys_and_Games</b>	<b>Yelp_2018_LasVegas</b>
#users	19,412	23,196
#items	11,924	13,433
#reviews and ratings	167,597	568,454

Explaining different recommendation models trained on the **Amazon\_Toys\_and\_Games** dataset. Here NMF, PMF, SVD++, and CDL are recommendation models to be explained.  $M_c$ : presentation quality  $M_e$ : explainability

	$M_c$					$M_e$				
	NMF	PMF	SVD++	CDL	GT	NMF	PMF	SVD++	CDL	GT
Random	0.006	0.007	0.035	0.010	0.030	-1.329	-1.046	-0.150	-1.080	-0.981
NARRE	0.012	0.022	0.038	0.043	0.048	-1.271	-1.032	-0.142	-0.967	-0.927
Ours	<b>0.025</b>	<b>0.028</b>	<b>0.048</b>	<b>0.079</b>	<b>0.155</b>	<b>-1.234</b>	<b>-0.956</b>	<b>-0.130</b>	<b>-0.956</b>	<b>-0.903</b>

Explaining different recommendation models trained on the **Yelp\_2018\_LasVegas** dataset. Here NMF, PMF, SVD++, CDL, and GT are recommendation models to be explained.

	$M_c$					$M_e$				
	NMF	PMF	SVD++	CDL	GT	NMF	PMF	SVD++	CDL	GT
Random	-0.030	-0.030	-0.031	0.012	0.007	-0.478	-0.287	-0.266	-0.517	-1.488
NARRE	-0.015	-0.000	0.018	0.031	0.038	-0.448	-0.266	-0.239	-0.482	-1.424
Ours	<b>0.018</b>	<b>0.037</b>	<b>0.041</b>	<b>0.227</b>	<b>0.168</b>	<b>-0.421</b>	<b>-0.258</b>	<b>-0.232</b>	<b>-0.460</b>	<b>-1.380</b>

# Case Study

Frequent words in reviews:

User A **chicken, buffet, portions, sushi, beef**

User B **service, pizza, server, table, clean**

	NARRE	User A	User B
Item 1	By the way, try to park at the side of gold coast farthest from the rio if you want to have a shorter walk, which is healthier than it sounds due to less secondhand smoke exposure.	The <b>chicken</b> 's feet was tasty, so were the <b>har gow</b> .	In the past we had <b>trouble communicating with the staff</b> because they usually speak in their own language , this last time though it seems they have hired more <b>English speaking staff</b> and it was <b>considerably easier to order</b> .
Item 2	If you need a <b>fajita</b> , your search should end here.	They came with red & green <b>peppers</b> and <b>onions</b> . First, I thought the <b>salsa</b> was delicious, and i appreciated it was actually spicy versus the mild you typically receive.	Overall, the <b>service</b> throughout our meal was swift & friendly.
Item 3	Unfortunately, after living in the city for a few years and trying a lot of wonderful <b>food</b> that this city has to offer, we returned for a visit and I was less than impressed.	It was the perfect <b>burger, cheesy</b> with just the right amount of dressing and <b>chips!</b>	At least <b>put the stuff in a fancy container?</b>

■ Words related to food

■ Words related to services

# Conclusions and Future Work

- Personalized recommendation systems will continue to develop in various directions, including effectiveness, diversity, computational efficiency, and explainability
- Develop an easy-to-use tool for implementing deep learning based user representation and recommendation models
- Collaborate with researchers in psychology, sociology and other disciplines

Thanks!