# Forecasting Protests by Detecting Future Time Mentions in News and Social Media

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#### Problem Overview

- Detecting Future time mentions in relevant media to build a protest forecasting system
- Investigate the selective superiorities of different social media

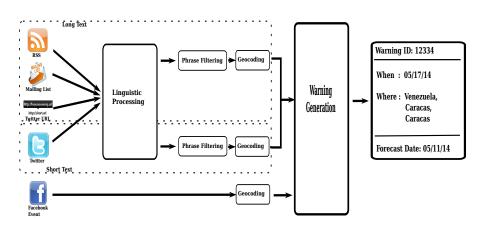
#### Motivation

- Around 75% of the protests are planned, organized, or announced in advance
- Identifying these planned protests is an easy way to forecast protests

# **Key Contributions**

- Real-Time Prospective Study most studies until now have been retrospective
- Semi-Automatic approach for learning keyphrase filters
- Handling mutliple sources
- Reasoning about locations
- Handling relative dates some recent work use only absolute dates

#### Overall Framework



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#### Data Sources

- Long Text
  - RSS Feeds
    - News
    - Blogs
  - Twitter-URL
- Short Text
  - Twitter
- Facebook-Event

# Long Text - RSS Feeds

- A total of 9498 different RSS feeds are ingest 6236 news sources and 3262 blogs
- Duration: November 2012 to present
- List of news sources to ingest were obtained from Wikipedia, www.onlinenewspapers.com, LANIC, etc
- List of blogs were obtained from blog search engines like www.technorati.com
- Google/Talkwalker Alerts Alerts for phrases in our keyphrase dictionary

### Long Text - Example



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#### Short Text - Twitter

- Datasift Firehose
- Duration: November 2012 to present
- URL's mentioned in a tweet are fetched and used as a separate source (alongwith RSS feeds).

#### Facebook

- Facebook Graph API - Query for Facebook Events that contain a particular keyword
- Facebook Query Language (FQL)

   Obtain extra information of an Event-Id obtained by searching through Graph



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# Preliminaries-Probabilistic Soft Logic

- Framework for collective probabilistic reasoning
- User defined predicates and rules
- MPE Inference

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# Natural Language Enrichment

- Tokenization
- Lemmatization
- Noun Phrase Extraction
- Named Entity Extraction and Classification



#### TIMEN Enrichment

- Extraction of Absolute
   Dates from text
- Identification of Relative dates like 'yesterday, next wednesday' etc



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# Geocoding - RSS Feeds

#### Oue la calle no calle

A pesar de que el Gobierno insiste en promulgar la paz la concentración de ayer terminó con gases lacrimógenos. La GN volvió a salirse con las suyas y haciendo usos de las ballenas reprimieron otra manifestación pacífica, sin embargo, los estudiantes no se dan por vencidos y anunciaron une marcharán el domingo

La concentración convocada por el movimiento estudiantil en "aracas" o culminó pacificamente. Aunque desde las 11 de la mañana hasta las 2 de la tarde todo transcurrió con normalidad, a eso de las 2-30 pm, cuando la mayoría de los que se encontraban en la avenida "Genezuel" el Rossi se distonigan a irse, otros decidieron trasladarse hasta fia autoptata" rancisco Pajardopara transcurado.

Fue en ese momento cuando efectivos de la quardia Nacional accionaron sus bombas lacrimógenas contra los manifestantes para impedir que realizaran la toma.

Después la arremeitida, a través de su cuenta twitter Juan Requesens, presidente de la forderación de Centros la Estudiantes de la attribución de Central de Venzuga de CUUCO) criticó que se hable de pay y luego se tultucen acciones voluentas por parte de las fuerzas de seguridad: "Hablan de paz y después que los estudiantes nos concentramos perificamente gritando Ni un muerto más, nos lanzan concentramos participantes de la concentra de

El alcalde de Banuta Gerardo Blydo consider (o que fue "excesiva" la represión de I. GN) acia los manifestantes en en Mercedes. Pasadas las 4 de la tarde la arremetida contra los jóvenes continuó, esta vez desde la Cinza Altamira no Escado.

El próximo domingo los universitarios esperan mantener la actividad de calle. Es por ello que convocaron a una marcha en la capital, donde esperan congregar a ciudadanos de todos los sectores que saldrán desde distintos puntos a la Plaza Brión, en Chacatto

En las próximas horas deben confirmar ruta. "No nos arrodillamos seguiremos exigiendo justicia, igualdad y paz. Luchamos con el pueblo por sus derechos rescribió Requesens."

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Country : Venezuela

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# Geocoding - RSS Feeds (contd...)

Primary rules

$$ENTITY(L, location) \tilde{\land} REFERSTO(L, locID)$$
  
 $\rightarrow PSLLOCATION(Article, locID)$ 

$$ENTITY(C, location) \tilde{\land} IsCountry(C)$$
  
 $\rightarrow ArticleCountry(Article, C)$ 

$$ENTITY(S, location) \tilde{\land} IsState(S)$$
  
 $\rightarrow ArticleCountry(Article, S)$ 

# Geocoding - RSS Feeds (contd...)

Secondary rules

$$ENTITY(O, organization) \tilde{\land} REFERSTO(O, locID)$$
  
 $\rightarrow PSLLOCATION(Article, locID)$ 

$$ENTITY(O, organization) \tilde{\land} IsCountry(O)$$
  
 $\rightarrow ArticleCountry(Article, O)$ 

$$ENTITY(O, organization) \tilde{\land} IsState(O)$$
  
 $\rightarrow ArticleCountry(Article, O)$ 

# Geocoding - Twitter

- Geotag of the tweet
- Twitter "places" metadata
- Other text fields (user profile, tweet text)

# Geocoding - Facebook

- Facebook Locations similar to twitter places
- Facebook Event Venue tag
- Nearest geocoded point search using KD-Tree algorithm

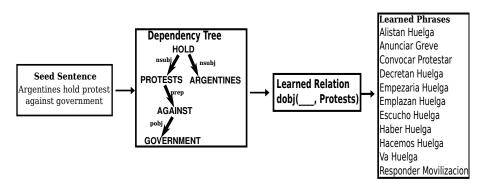
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# Phrase List Development

- Semi-Automatic
- Different Lists are built for different Sources
- Seed phrases are identified from analysis of known planned events from print media.

# Dependency Parsing



# Phrase List for Long Text

ANUNCIAR GREVE COMECAR GREVE OUVIR GREVE TEM GREVE GREVE IR PASSAR PREPARAÇÃO DE GREVE ANUNCIAR MOBILIZAÇÃO ANUNCIAR MOBILIZAÇÃO PRÓXIMO MOBILIZAÇÃO FAZER MOBILIZAÇÃO MANHÃ DE MOBILIZAÇÃO RADICALIZAR PROTESTAR IR PARA ESSE MOBILIZAÇÃO FAZER MOBILIZAÇÃO VOSOTROS MANIFESTANTE SE REUNIRAM CAMINHAR POR O RUA ACOMPANHAR O PROTESTO

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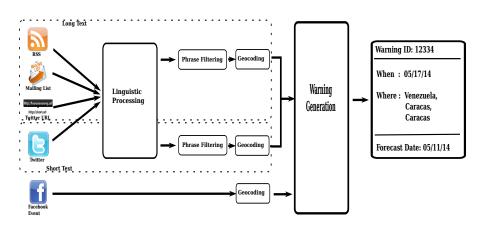
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PROXIMO MOVLIZACION
MOVILIZACION MANANA
MOVILIZACION SABER
VAN A HUELGA
CONVOCAR PROTESTA
CONVOCAR HUELGA

#### Phrase List for Short text

MARCHAR ANNOUNCE MOBILIZATION GO PROTEST JOIN MOVEMENT MOVILIZACIÓN PROTESTA UNETE PROTESTA MARCHARAN VENIR PROTESTA RESPONDER MOVILIZACION **PROTESTAR** MOVILIZACION MANANA VAMOS PROTESTAR MOVILIZACION SABER PROTESTANDO CITO ANUNCIAR PARO MARCHAN CITO CONFIRMAN PARO PROTESTAR VER INFILTREN PARO INVITANDO MOVIJZACION **HUELGA** PARTICIPAR MOVILIZACION HABER HUELGA PROXIMO MOVIJZACION HACEMOS HUELGA REALIZAR MOVILIZACION VA HUELGA RESPONDER MOVILIZACION

# System Framework Once again

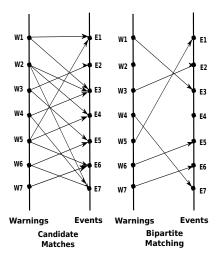


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# **Evaluation Methodology**

Bipartite Matching



# Evaluation Methodology (contd ...)

Date Score

$$LS = 1 - \frac{min(\mathrm{distance\ offset}, 300)}{300}$$

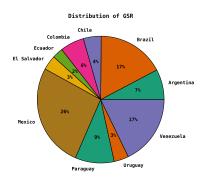
Location Score

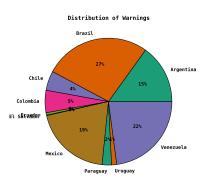
$$\mathsf{DS} = 1 - \frac{\mathsf{min}(\mathrm{date\ offset}, \mathsf{INTERVAL})}{\mathsf{INTERVAL}}$$

Total Quality Score

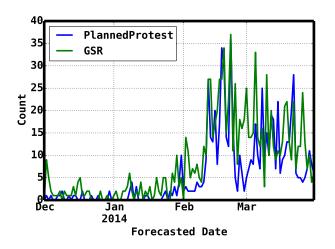
$$\mathsf{QS} = (\mathsf{DS} + \mathsf{QS}) * 2$$

# Warnings vs GSR

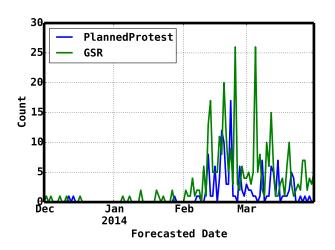




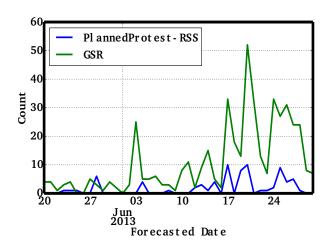
# Venezuelan Spring



#### Venezuelan Violent Protests



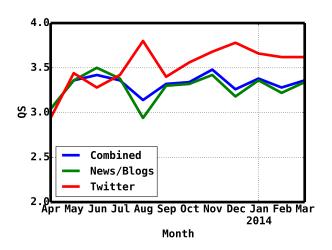
# Brazilian Spring



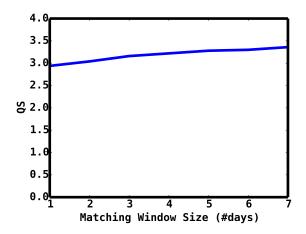
# Individual Source Level Perfomance

	News/Blogs				Twitter				Facebook				Combined			
	QS	Pr.	Rec.	LT	QS	Pr.	Rec.	LT	QS	Pr.	Rec.	LT	QS	Pr.	Rec.	LT
AR	3.14	0.32	0.69	3.94	3.52	0.78	0.14	3.14	3.70	0.50	0.04	3.00	3.02	0.36	0.80	4.50
BR	3.14	0.48	0.54	5.85	-	-	-	-	3.62	0.76	0.18	2.46	3.28	0.49	0.65	5.15
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VE	3.80	1.00	0.36	3.27	3.68	0.97	0.33	2.39	-	-	-	-	3.64	0.99	0.69	2.88
ALL	3.34	0.69	0.35	4.57	3.62	0.97	0.15	2.82	3.66	0.74	0.03	2.44	3.36	0.73	0.51	4.08

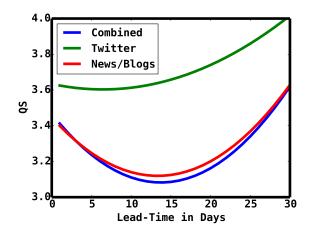
# Performance over time



# Quality Score vs Matching window size



# Lead-Time vs Quality



# Quality Score Distribution

