

# Dependent Normalized Random Measures

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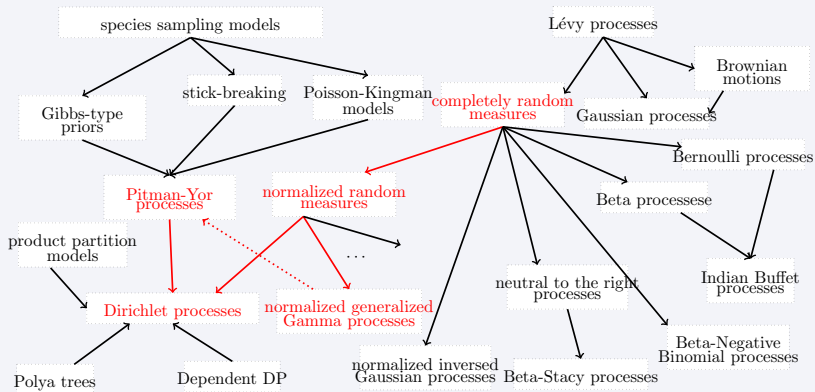
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# Nonparametric Bayesian family



# Dynamic topic models

- Dynamic topic models try to model topic evolution over time.
- There are several related dynamic topic models, e.g., Blei&Lafferty's DTM [BL06], Ahmed&Xing's iDTM [AX10].

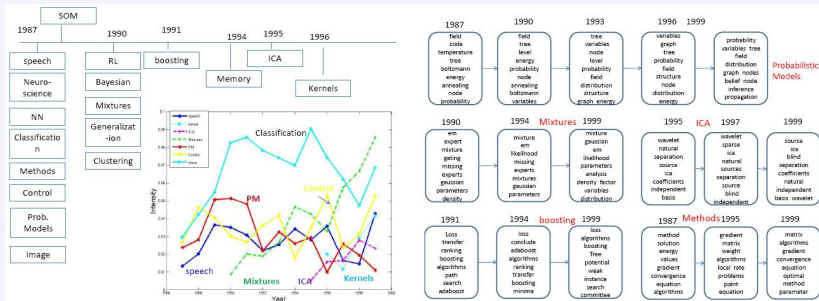


Figure: Topic evolution in NIPS, taken from [AX10].

# Main contributions

- Posterior analysis for normalized random measures.
- Develop dependent normalized random measures.
- Apply dependent normalized random measures to dynamic topic modeling to model *birth-death processes*, *dependency* and *power-law* phenomena in topic distributions over time.

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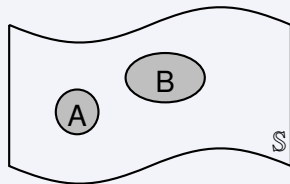
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# Completely random measures

- Basic idea:

- measurable space:  $\mathcal{S}$ .
- disjoint subsets:  $A, B \in \mathcal{S}$ .
- random function:  $\Phi: \mathcal{S} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^+$ .



$$\Phi(A) \perp\!\!\!\perp \Phi(B)$$

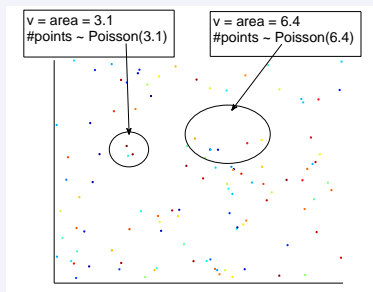
- It is shown that completely random measures can be constructed from Poisson processes.



# Completely random measures

## Definition (Poisson Processes: )

A *Poisson process* on  $\mathbb{S}$  is a random subset  $\Pi \in \mathbb{S}$  such that if  $N(A)$  is the number of points of  $\Pi$  in  $A \subseteq \mathbb{S}$ , then  $N(A)$  is a Poisson random variable with mean  $\nu(A)$ , and  $N(A_1), \dots, N(A_n)$  are independent if  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  are disjoint.



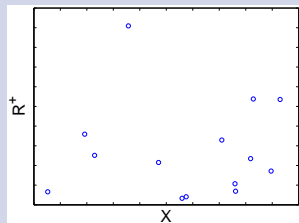
- Space:  $\mathbb{S}$
- Positive measure:  
 $\nu : \mathbb{S} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^+$
- Poisson random measure:  
 $N : \mathbb{S} \mapsto \text{integers}$
- $N(A) \sim \text{Poisson}(\nu(A))$

# Completely random measures

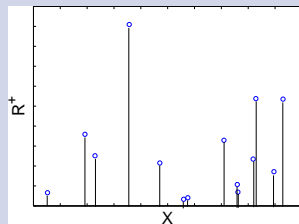
## Definition (Construction from Poisson processes)

Let  $N(dt, dx)$  being a Poisson random measure on a product space  $\mathbb{S} = \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{X}$  with mean measure  $\nu(dt, dx)$ . Construct a random measure  $\tilde{\mu}$  to be a linear functional of  $N(dt, dx)$  as

$$\tilde{\mu}(B) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+ \times B} t N(dt, dx), \forall B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{X}).$$



$$N(B) = \sum_{(J_k, x) \in \Pi \cap (\mathbb{R}^+ \times B)} \delta_{(J_k, x)}$$



$$\tilde{\mu}(B) = \sum_{(J_k, x) \in \Pi \cap (\mathbb{R}^+ \times B)} J_k \delta_x$$

# Completely random measures

$$\tilde{\mu}(B) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+ \times B} tN(dt, dx) = \sum_{(J_k, x) \in \Pi \cap (\mathbb{R}^+ \times B)} J_k \delta_x$$

## Proposition

$\tilde{\mu}$  is a completely random measure on  $\mathbb{X}$ .

- Call  $\nu(dt, dx) = \rho(dt|x)H(dx)$  the *Lévy measure* of  $\tilde{\mu}$ .
- Taking different Lévy measures  $\nu(dt, dx)$  we get different CRMs.

## Example (Gamma CRM (Gamma processes))

A Gamma process on  $\mathbb{X}$  is obtained by setting

$$\nu(dt, dx) = \frac{e^{-t}}{t} dt H(dx).$$

# Sampling a CRM

$$\tilde{\mu}(B) = \sum_{(J_k, x) \in \Pi \cap (\mathbb{R}^+ \times B)} J_k \delta_x$$

- Cannot directly sample from the Lévy measure  $\nu(dx, dt) = \rho(dt|x)H(x)$  because it is improper.

Size biased sampling starting from the largest jump, then the second largest largest jump  $\dots$ , given by Ferguson and Klass [FK72].

- Draw *i.i.d.* samples  $x_i$  from the base measure  $H(dx)$ .
- The  $k$ -th largest jump has cumulative distribution function:

$$P(J_k \leq j_k | J_{k-1} = j_{k-1}) = \exp \left\{ - \int_{\mathbb{X}} \int_{j_k}^{j_{k-1}} \nu(dt, dx) \right\} .$$

# Normalized random measures

## Definition (Normalized Random Measures (NRM))

An NRM is obtained by normalizing the CRM  $\tilde{\mu}$  as:

$$\mu = \frac{\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\mu}(\mathbb{X})} = \sum_k \frac{J_k}{\sum_{k'} J_{k'}} \delta_{X_k^*}.$$

## Definition (Normalized generalized Gamma processes (NGG))

A normalized generalized Gamma process is an NRM with *Lévy measure* being  $\nu(dt, dx) = M \frac{e^{-t}}{t^{1+a}} H(dx)$ , ( $0 < a < 1$ )<sup>a</sup>.

<sup>a</sup>The general form is  $\nu(dt, dx) = M \frac{e^{-bt}}{t^{1+a}} H(dx)$  ( $0 < a < 1, b > 0$ ), but  $b$  can be absorbed into  $M$ , thus we use  $b = 1$ .

- We denote a NRM with parameters  $a, M$  and base measure  $H(\cdot)$  as  $\text{NRM}(a, M, H(\cdot))$ .

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# Posterior analysis for the NGG

- General form for the posteriors of the NRM is developed in [JLP09], here we focus on NGG<sup>1</sup>.

## Theorem (Posterior of the NGG)

Consider the  $NGG(a, M, H(\cdot))$ . For a data vector  $\vec{X}$  of length  $N$  there are  $K$  distinct values  $X_1^*, \dots, X_K^*$  with counts  $n_1, \dots, n_K$  respectively. The posterior marginal is given by

$$p(\vec{X} | NGG(a, M, H(\cdot))) = \frac{e^M a^{K-1} T_{a,M}^{N,K}}{\Gamma(N)} \prod_{k=1}^K (1-a)_{n_k-1} h(X_k^*) . \quad (1)$$

where

$$T_{a,M}^{N,K} = a \frac{M^K}{e^M} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} \frac{u^{N-1}}{(1+u)^{N-Ka}} e^{M-M(1+u)^a} du . \quad (2)$$

<sup>1</sup>[FT12] also derives some similar results.

# Posterior analysis for the NGG

- Compare NGG with PYP (Pitman-Yor process)

$$p(\vec{X}|\text{NGG}, \dots) = \frac{e^M a^{K-1} T_{a,M}^{N,K}}{\Gamma(N)} \prod_{k=1}^K (1-a)_{n_k-1} h(X_k^*) .$$

$$p(\vec{X}|\text{PYP}, \dots) = \frac{(b|a)_K}{(b)_N} \prod_{k=1}^K (1-a)_{n_k-1} h(X_k^*) .$$

## Corollary (NGG $\longleftrightarrow$ PYP)

*Let  $\vec{\mu} \sim \text{NGG}(a, M, H(\cdot))$  and suppose  $M \sim \Gamma(b/a, 1)$  then it follows that  $\vec{\mu} \sim \text{PYP}(a, b, H(\cdot))$*

- If we also sample  $M$  using the prior  $\Gamma(b/a, 1)$  for NGG, then we are sampling from a PYP.



# Posterior analysis for the NGG

- This relationship is different from the Poisson-Kingman construction of the PYP, where it is constructed by exponentially tilting an  $\sigma$ -stable process, but we believe they are closely related.
- One problem of the above posterior sampling is the evaluation of  $T_{a,M}^{N,K}$ , which is computationally expensive and cannot easily be tabulated.

# Conditional posterior for the NGG

- Likelihood of NGG:  $\frac{\prod_{k=1}^K J_k^{n_k}}{(\sum_{k'=1}^{\infty} J_{k'})^{\sum_{k=1}^K n_k}}$ .
- A well studied auxiliary variable is introduced to eliminate this power term in the denominator. We call it *latent relative mass*.

## Definition (Latent relative mass)

The latent relative mass is an auxiliary variable  $U_N$  defined as

$$U_N = \Gamma_N / \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} J_k \right), \text{ where } \Gamma_N \sim \gamma(1, N)$$

- After a change of variable, we then have:

$$\frac{1}{(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} J_k)^N} p(\Gamma_N) d\Gamma_N = \exp \left\{ -U_N \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} J_k \right\} dU_N.$$

# Conditional posterior for the NGG

## Theorem (Conditional posterior)

Given  $NGG(a, M, H(\cdot))$  and  $N$  observed data  $\vec{X}$ , assume there are  $K$  jumps such that  $n_k > 0$ , then (marginalize out jumps)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & p\left(\vec{X}, U_N = u, K \mid N, NGG(a, M, H(\cdot))\right) \\
 &= \frac{u^{N-1}}{(1+u)^{N-Ka}} (Ma)^K e^{M-M(1+u)^a} \prod_{k=1}^K (1-a)_{n_k-1} h(X_k^*). \quad (3)
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover (retain jumps),

$$\begin{aligned}
 & p\left(\vec{X}, U_N = u, K, J_1, \dots, J_K \mid N, NGG(a, M, H(\cdot))\right) \\
 &= u^{N-1} \left(\frac{Ma}{\Gamma(1-a)}\right)^K e^{M-M(1+u)^a} \prod_{k=1}^K J_k^{n_k-a-1} e^{-(1+u)J_k} h(X_k^*) \quad (4)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Posterior sampling for the NGG

$$Q = \sum_k J_k \delta_{X_k^*}$$

- Conditional posterior sampling for the NGG:
  - Sample the auxiliary variable:

$$p(U_N | \cdot) \propto \frac{U_N^{N-1}}{(1+U_N)^{N-Ka}} e^{-M(1+U_N)^a}.$$

- For the jumps  $J_k$  with data attached:

$$J_k \sim \text{Gamma}(U_N + 1, n_k - \frac{1}{2}).$$

- The rest of jumps form another NGG with an updated Lévy measure

$$e^{-U_N t} \mathbf{v}(dt, dx),$$

which is essentially  $\sum_{k:n_k=0} J_k \delta_{X_k^*}$

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# Dependent NRMs

- There are several ways to construct dependent nonparametric Bayesian models.
- We use the standard dependency operations on Poisson processes to construct dependent NRMs, *e.g.*, *superposition*, *subsampling* and *point transition*.
- This has been used in dependent Dirichlet processes by Lin, Grimson and Fisher [LGF10].

# Dependency operations

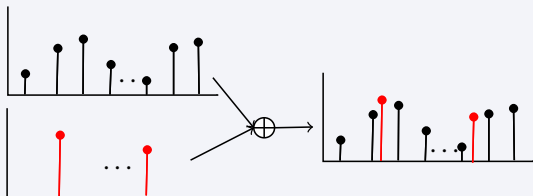
## Definition (Superposition of NRMs)

Given  $n$  independent NRMs  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n$  on  $\mathbb{X}$ , the superposition ( $\oplus$ ) is:

$$\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \mu_n := c_1 \mu_1 + c_2 \mu_2 + \dots + c_n \mu_n .$$

where the weights<sup>a</sup>  $c_m = \frac{\tilde{\mu}_m(\mathbb{X})}{\sum_j \tilde{\mu}_j(\mathbb{X})}$  and  $\tilde{\mu}_m$  is the unnormalized random measures corresponding to  $\mu_m$ .

<sup>a</sup>This is different from Lin *et al.*'s [LGF10]

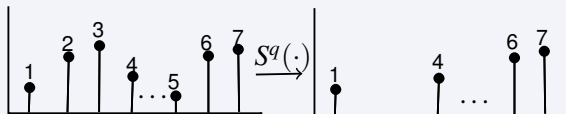


# Dependency operations

## Definition (Subsampling of NRMs)

Given a NRM  $\mu = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} r_k \delta_{\theta_k}$  on  $\mathbb{X}$ , and a measurable function  $q: \mathbb{X} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ . If we independently draw  $z(\theta) \in \{0, 1\}$  for each  $\theta \in \mathbb{X}$  with  $p(z(\theta) = 1) = q(\theta)$ , the subsampling of  $\mu$ , is defined as

$$S^q(\mu) := \sum_{k: z(\theta_k)=1} \frac{r_k}{\sum_j z(\theta_j) r_j} \delta_{\theta_k}, \quad (5)$$



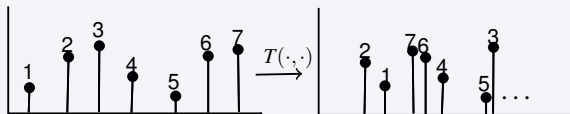


# Dependency operations

## Definition (Point transition of NRMs)

Given a NRM  $\mu = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} r_k \delta_{\theta_k}$  on  $\mathbb{X}$ , the point transition of  $\mu$ , is to draw atoms  $\theta'_k$  from a transformed base measure to yield a new NRM as

$$T(\mu) := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} r_k \delta_{\theta'_k} .$$



# Properties of operations

## Theorem (Posterior under superposition)

Let  $\tilde{\mu}_1, \tilde{\mu}_2, \dots, \tilde{\mu}_n$  be  $n$  independent CRMs on  $\mathbb{X}$  with Lévy measures  $\nu_i(dt, dx)$ ,  $\tilde{\mu} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \tilde{\mu}_i$ . The posterior of  $\tilde{\mu}$  given observed data  $\{(X_k^*, n_k)\}$  is given by

$$\tilde{\mu}_n + \sum_{k=1}^K J_k \delta_{X_k^*},$$

- 1  $\tilde{\mu}_n$  : a CRM with  $\nu(dt, dx) = e^{-ut} (\sum_{i=1}^n \nu_i(dt, dx))$ ;
- 2  $X_k^*$  : fixed points;
- 3  $J_k$  : jumps with densities proportional to  $t^{n_k} e^{-ut} (\sum_{i=1}^n \nu_i(dt, dx))$ .

# Properties of operations

## Theorem (Lévy measure under subsampling)

Let  $\tilde{\mu} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} J_k \delta_{X_k^*}$  be a CRM on  $\mathbb{X}$  with Lévy measure  $\nu(dt, dx)$ ,  $S^q(\tilde{\mu})$  be its subsampling version with acceptance rate  $q(\cdot)$ , then  $S^q(\tilde{\mu})$  has the Lévy measure of

$$q(dx) \nu(dt, dx) .$$

# Properties of operations

## Lemma (Applied on graphs)

- *Subsampling is commutative:*

$$S^{q'}(S^q(\tilde{\mu})) = S^q(S^{q'}(\tilde{\mu})) = S^{q'q}(\tilde{\mu})$$

- *Transitions commute under constant subsampling rates:*

$$S^q(T(\tilde{\mu})) = T(S^q(\tilde{\mu}))$$

- *Subsampling and transition distribute over superposition:*

$$S^q(\tilde{\mu} \oplus \tilde{\mu}') = S^q(\tilde{\mu}) \oplus S^q(\tilde{\mu}'), \quad T(\tilde{\mu} \oplus \tilde{\mu}') = T(\tilde{\mu}) \oplus T(\tilde{\mu}').$$

- *Superposition is commutative and associative:*

$$\tilde{\mu} \oplus \tilde{\mu}' = \tilde{\mu}' \oplus \tilde{\mu}, \quad (\tilde{\mu} \oplus \tilde{\mu}') \oplus \tilde{\mu}'' = \tilde{\mu} \oplus (\tilde{\mu}' \oplus \tilde{\mu}'')$$

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# Applications: Dynamic topic models

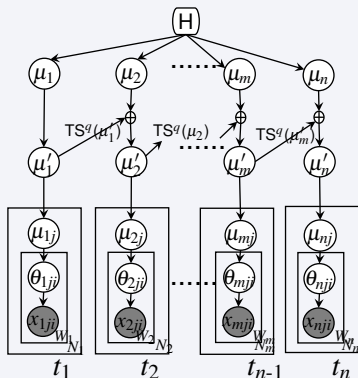
We want to model the following phenomenas in dynamic topic models:

- Birth-death processes.
- Dependency of topics between time frames (partially exchangeable).
- Power-law phenomena.

These objectives are well tackled by the dependent NRMs framework.

# Model construction

$$\mu'_m = T(S^q(\mu'_{m-1})) \oplus \mu_m$$



- 1  $t_i$ : epochs.
- 2  $\mu_i$ : new topics at epoch  $i$ .
- 3  $\mu'_i$ : topic distribution for epoch  $i$ .
- 4 Each epoch has a hierarchical NRM structure.

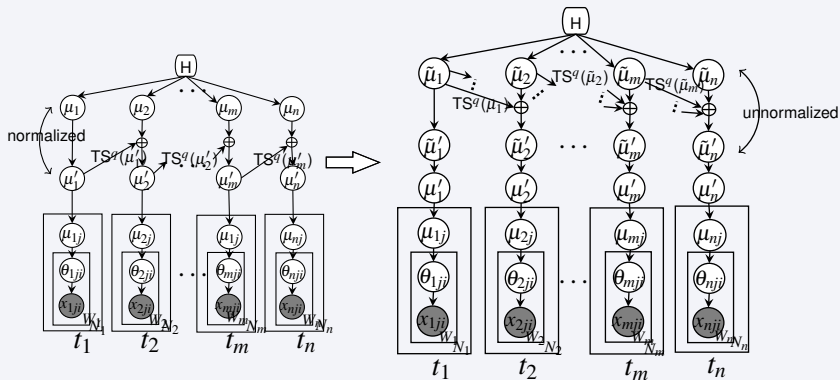


# Model construction

$$\mu'_m = T(S^q(\mu'_{m-1})) \oplus \mu_m$$

$$\tilde{\mu}'_m \sim \tilde{T}(\tilde{S}^q(\tilde{\mu}'_{m-1})) \oplus \tilde{\mu}_m,$$

$$\mu'_m = \frac{\tilde{\mu}'_m}{\tilde{\mu}'_m(\mathbb{X})}$$



# Relation between NRMs and CRMs

## Theorem

The following two generative processes are equivalent:

- Manipulate the normalized random measures:

$$\mu'_m \sim T(S^q(\mu'_{m-1})) \oplus \mu_m, \quad \text{for } m > 1.$$

- Manipulate the completely random measures:

$$\tilde{\mu}'_m \sim \tilde{T}(\tilde{S}^q(\tilde{\mu}'_{m-1})) \oplus \tilde{\mu}_m, \quad \mu'_m = \frac{\tilde{\mu}'_m}{\tilde{\mu}'_m(\mathbb{X})} \quad \text{for } m > 1.$$

The resultant NRMs  $\mu'_m$ 's correspond to:

$$\mu'_m = \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{(q^{m-j} \tilde{\mu}_j)(\mathbb{X})}{\sum_{j'=1}^m (q^{m-j'} \tilde{\mu}_{j'}) (\mathbb{X})} T^{m-j}(\mu_j), \quad \text{for } m > 1$$

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# Sampling

At each time frame  $m$ , we do:

- **Top level:** slice sample  $J_{mk}$  (ends up finite jumps).
- **Second Level:** subsample  $J'_{mk}$  by inheriting from  $J_{m'k}$  (top level),  $m' \leq m$  with Bernoulli trials.
- **Third level:** construct  $\mu'_m$  by normalizing  $J'_{mk}$ .
- **Hierarchical NRMs:**
  - sample topic assignments  $s_{mji}$  using a generalized Blackwell-MacQueen sampling scheme for the hierarchical NRM.
  - Sample #customers for the parent restaurant  $n'_{mk}$  by simulating a generalized Chinese restaurant process for the NRM.

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# Datasets

- Academic, news, Twitter, blog datasets.

dataset	vocab	docs	words	epochs
ICML	2k	765	44k	2007–2011
JMLR	2.4k	818	60k	12 vols
TPAMI	3k	1108	91k	2006–2011
NIPS	14k	2483	3.28M	1987-2003
Person	60k	8616	1.55M	08/96–08/97
Twitter <sub>1</sub>	6k	3200	16k	14 months
Twitter <sub>2</sub>	6k	3200	31k	16 months
Twitter <sub>3</sub>	6k	3200	25k	29 months
BDT	8k	2649	234k	11/07–04/08

Table: Data statistics

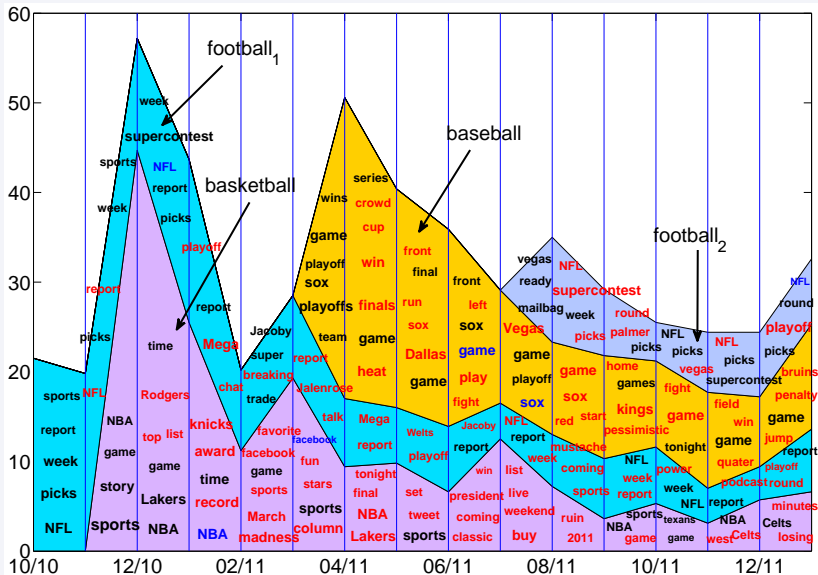
# Experiments: Quantitative evaluation

- *DHNGG*: dependent hierarchical normalized generalized Gamma processes
- *DHDP*: dependent hierarchical Dirichlet processes
- *HDP*: hierarchical Dirichlet processes
- *DTM*: dynamic topic model<sup>2</sup>

Datasets	ICML	JMLR	TPAMI	NIPS	Person
<i>DHNGG</i>	<b>-5.3123e+04</b>	<b>-7.3318e+04</b>	<b>-1.1841e+05</b>	<b>-4.1866e+06</b>	<b>-2.4718e+06</b>
<i>DHDP</i>	-5.3366e+04	-7.3661e+04	-1.2006e+05	-4.4055e+06	-2.4763e+06
<i>HDP</i>	-5.4793e+04	-7.7442e+04	-1.2363e+05	-4.4122e+06	-2.6125e+06
<i>DTM</i>	-6.2982e+04	-8.7226e+04	-1.4021e+05	-5.1590e+06	-2.9023e+06
Datasets	Twitter <sub>1</sub>	Twitter <sub>2</sub>	Twitter <sub>3</sub>	BDT	
<i>DHNGG</i>	<b>-1.0391e+05</b>	<b>-2.1777e+05</b>	<b>-1.5694e+05</b>	<b>-3.3909e+05</b>	
<i>DHDP</i>	-1.0711e+05	-2.2090e+05	-1.5847e+05	-3.4048e+05	
<i>HDP</i>	-1.0752e+05	-2.1903e+05	-1.6016e+05	-3.4833e+05	
<i>DTM</i>	-1.2130e+05	-2.6264e+05	-1.9929e+05	-3.9316e+05	

<sup>2</sup>Did not compare with Ahmed& Xing's iDTM [AX10], but ours is expected to be better since iDTM is comparable to HDP.

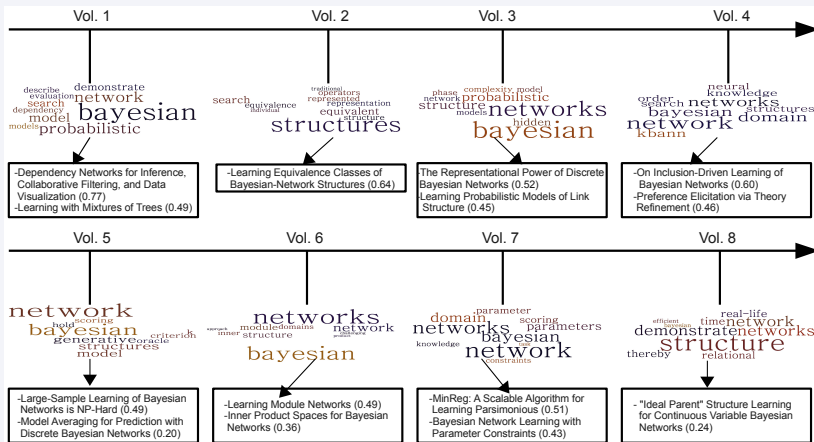
# Experiments: Topic evolutions on Twitter





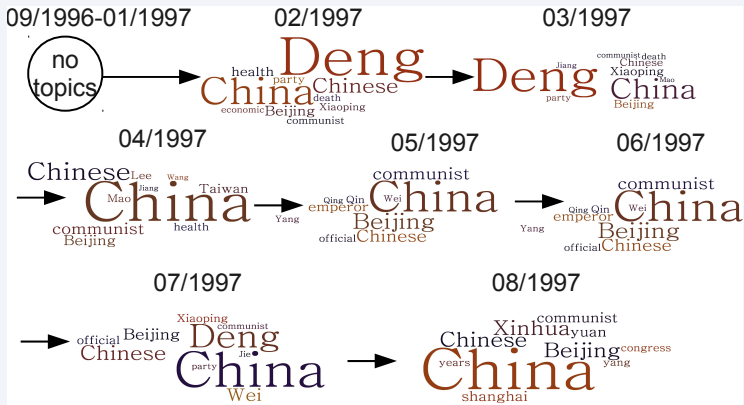
# Experiments: Topic evolutions on JMLR

- 12 vol. from JMLR.



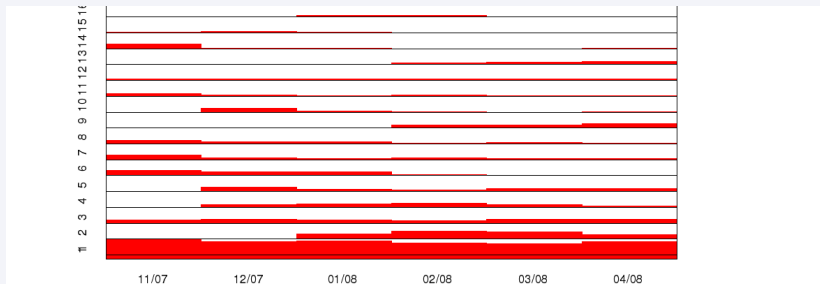
# Experiments: Topic evolutions on Reuters

- 1 year (1996) news from Reuters.



# Experiments: Topic evolutions on blogs

- 6 month blog data from Daily Kos blogs.



have increased)

12/07	01/08	02/08	03/08
29.7%) course d ll m made media point political re really hings time want year years	(31.2%) candidates d john ll m news re really thing things time want world year years	(26.2%) course d ll m political president re really story thing time want work year years	(25.4%) course d ll m made medi news political press re really things time want years
	(11.8%) campaign caucus clinton democratic edwards hampshire hillary obama primary results state update vote voters won	(17.4%) campaign clinton delegates democratic hillary obama primary state states super update vote voters win won	(16.2%) campaign clinton delegate delegates hillary obama shio polls race state states super texas vote voters
10.2%) candidate democratic democrats district election	(7.8%) blue candidate congress democratic district election	(6.5%) candidate democrat democratic democrats district election	(10.2%) bill blue candidate democratic district election

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# Conclusion

- Reviewed and developed theory of normalized random measures (NRM).
- Extended the Poisson based dependency operations to NRMs.
- Application on dynamic topic models.
- Developed a sampler for the proposed model.
- Future work include:
  - Develop more efficient sampler for NGG, specifically, for the dependent NGG.
  - Explore other ways of constructing dependent NRMs, *e.g.*, Lijoi, Nipoti and Prüster's dependent NRMs [LNP12], which is related but somehow different to ours.

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# Thanks for your attention!!!

