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Positive, Negative and Neutral: Modeling Implicit Feedback in Session-based News Recommendation

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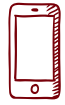
Background and intuition



Introduction of session-based news recommendation



Background



Sparse users



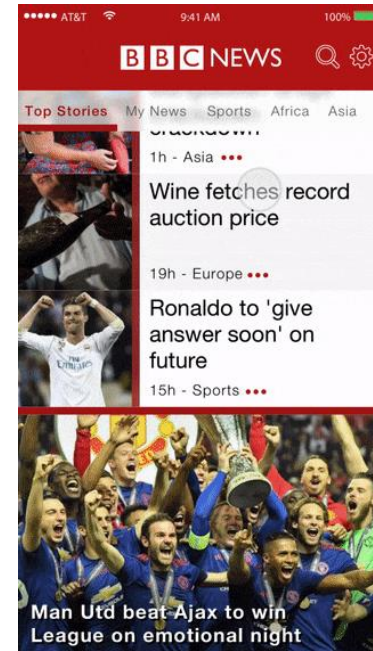
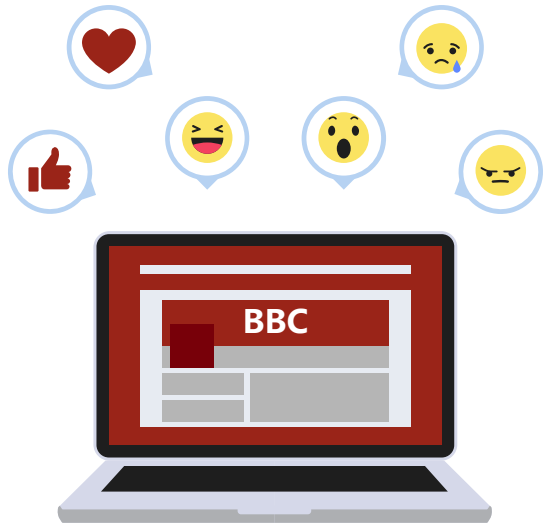
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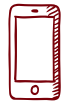


Unstable interests



Diversity requirement





Sparse users



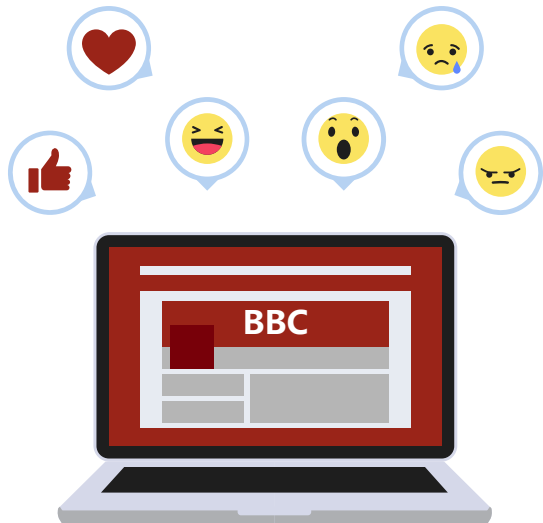
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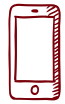
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Rely on pure text information



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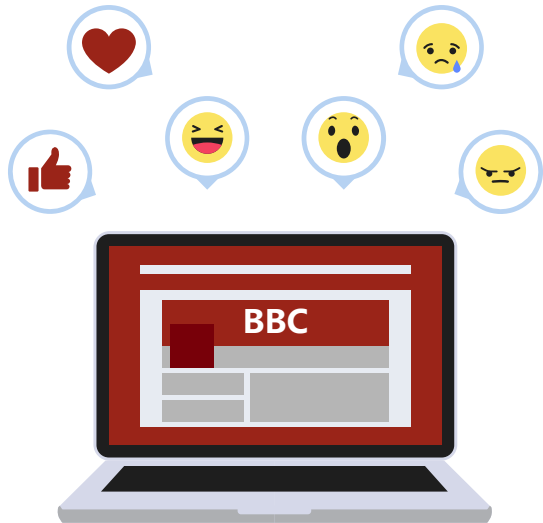
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Intuition



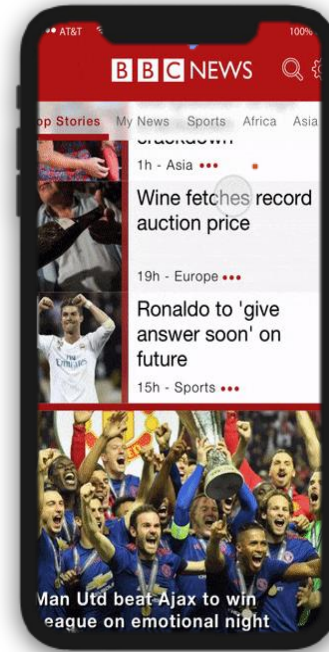
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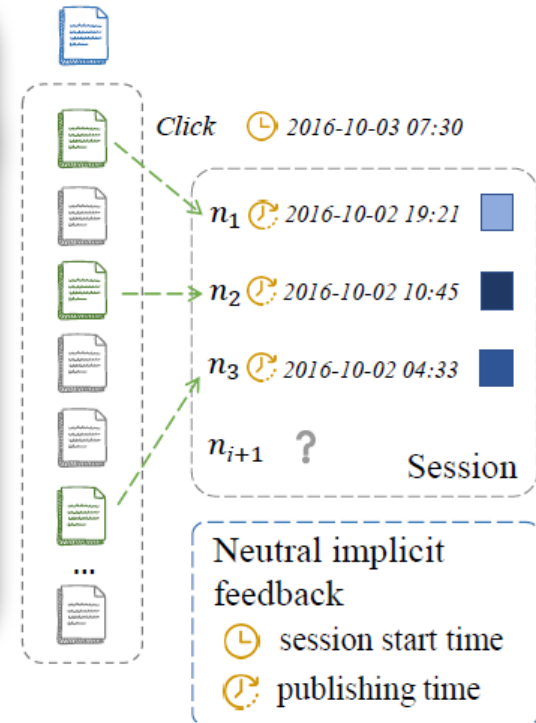
Rely on textual information



Implicit feedback



Impression list



Positive implicit feedback

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- ② 3 mins read
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User preference:
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Negative implicit feedback

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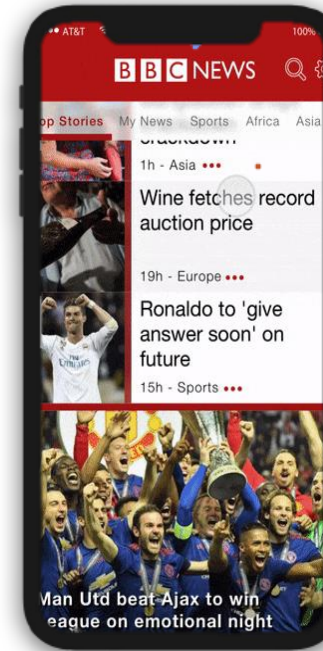


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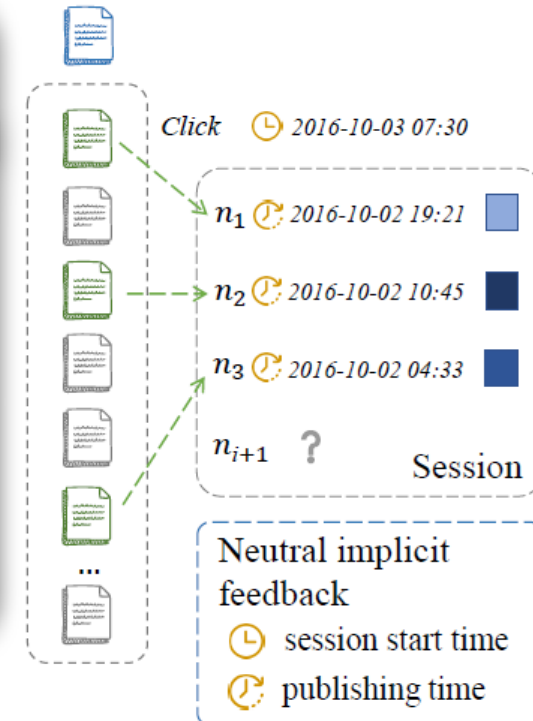


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Positive Implicit feedback (active time)



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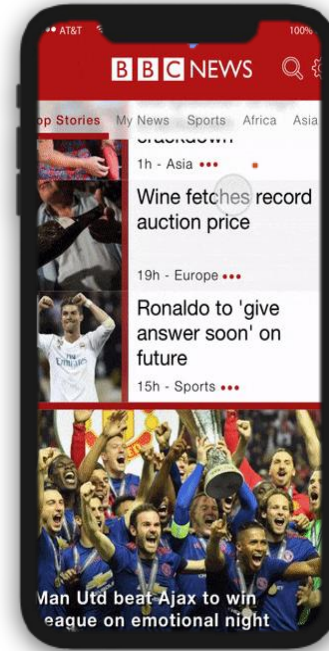
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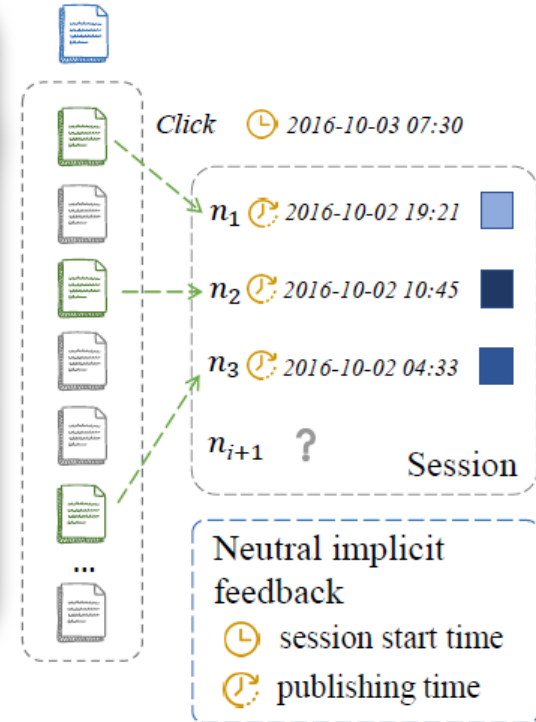
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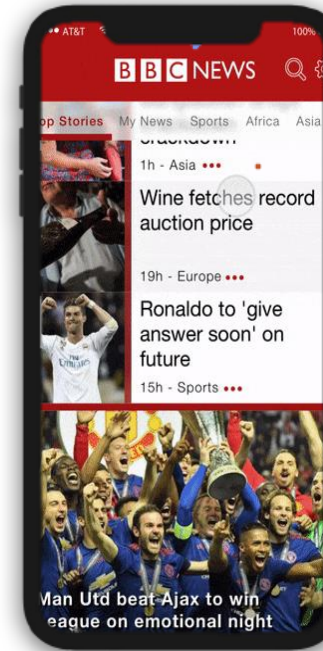


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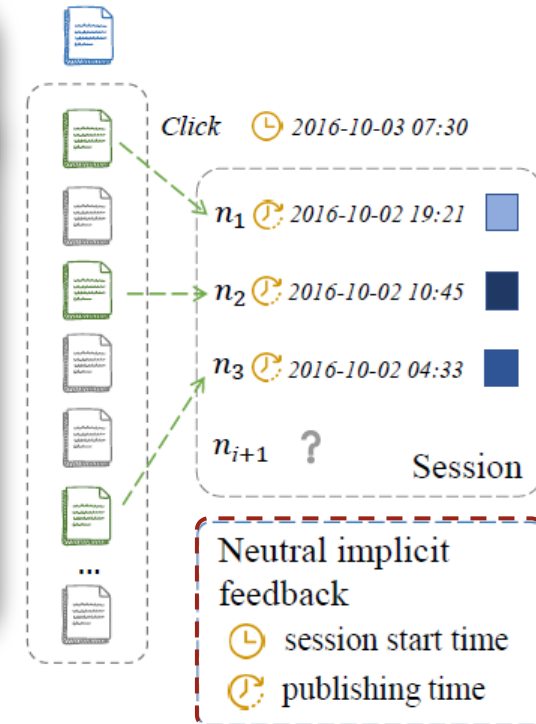
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Neutral Implicit feedback (start time & publishing time)



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Session-based Recommendation



Rely on textual information ↘

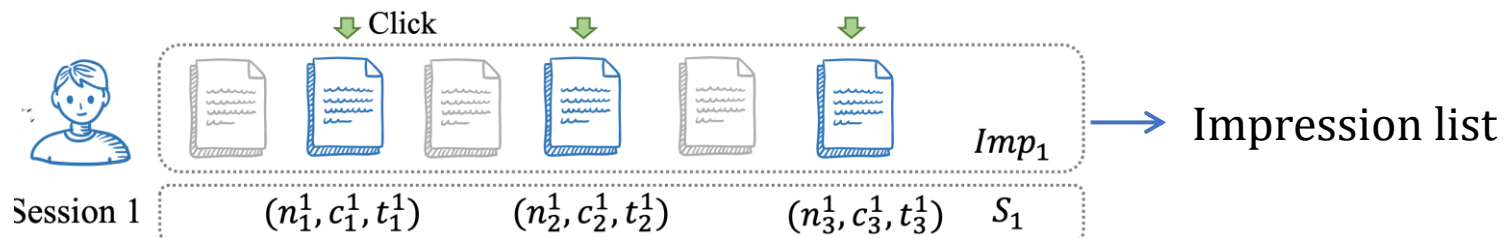
Rely on user id → Session-based recommender

Session-based Recommendation




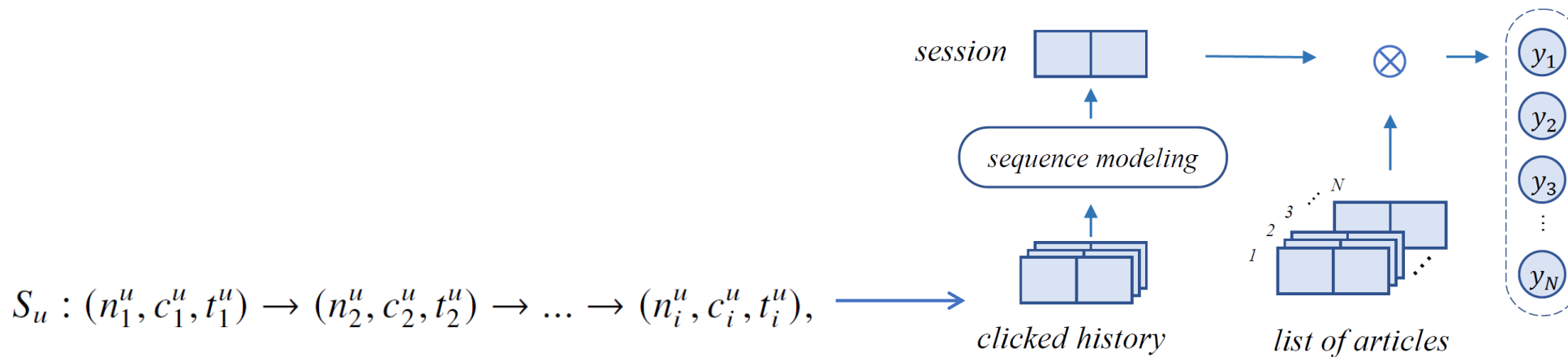
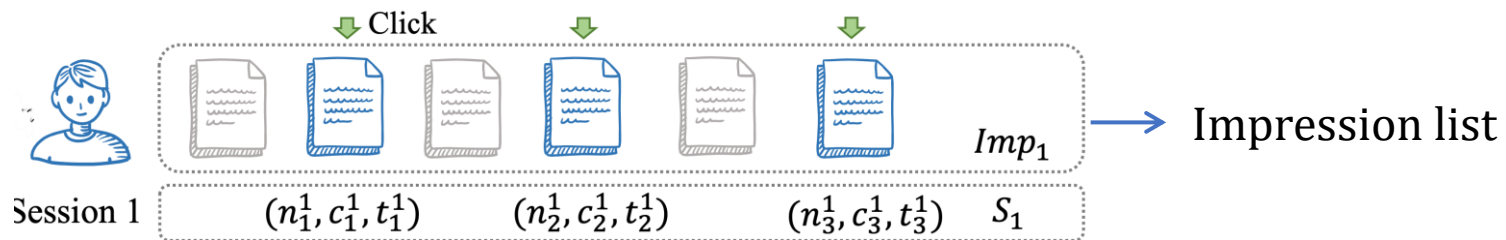
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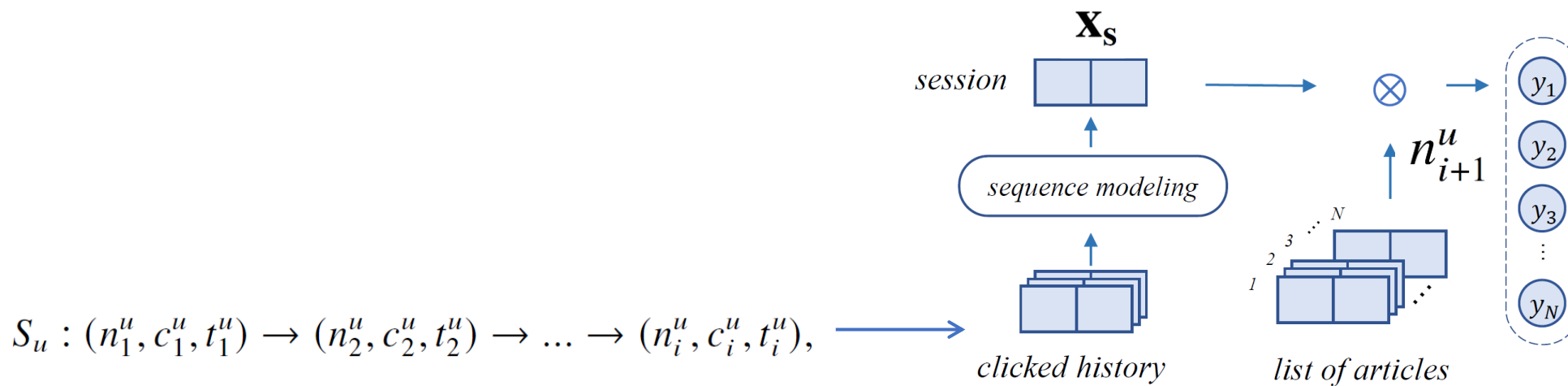
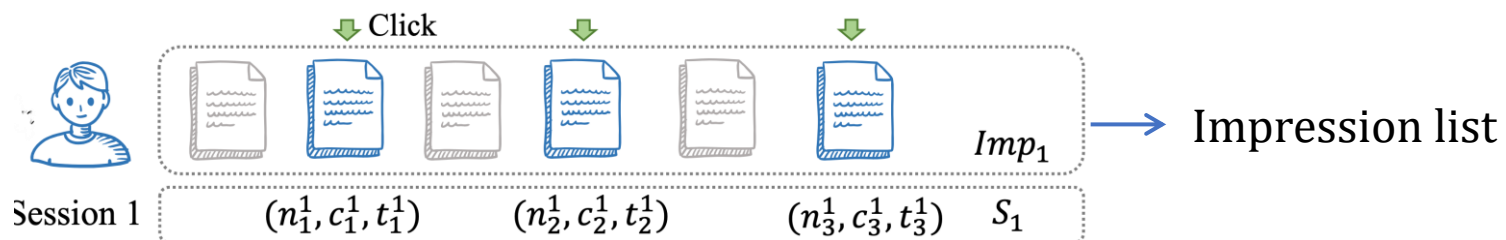
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02

Modeling and methods



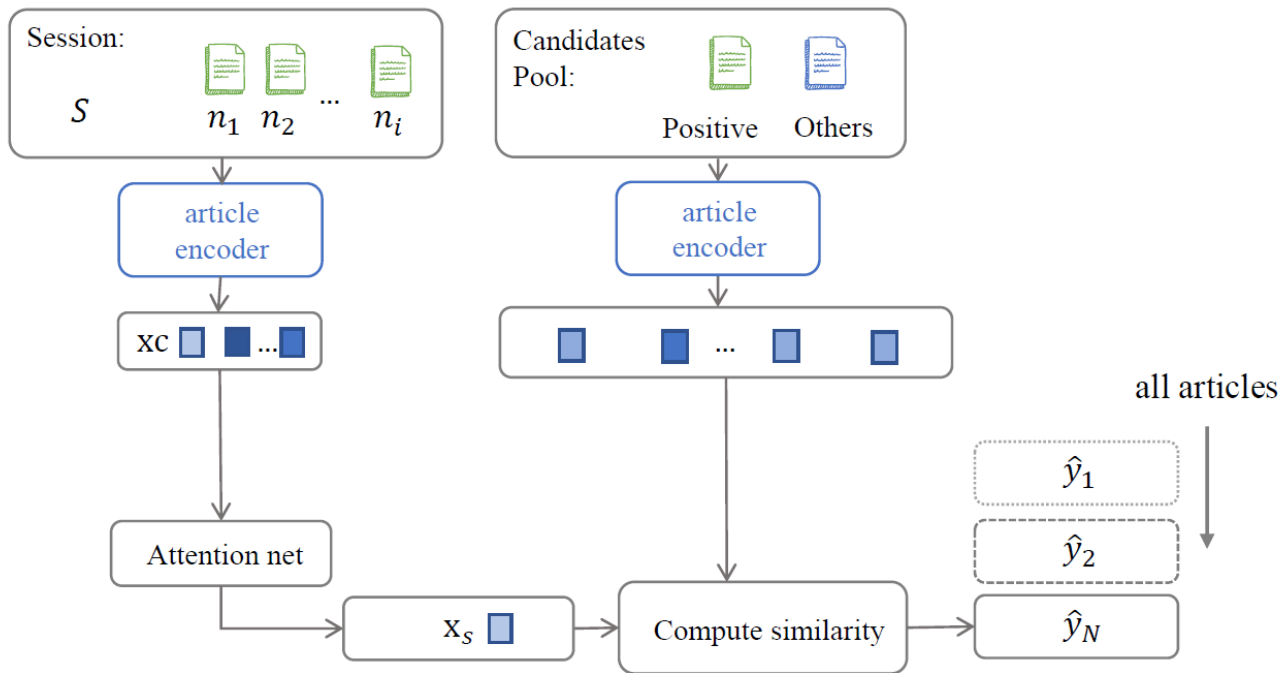
Our architecture and representation



Base model

article encoder

Content representative vector \oplus co-occurrence representative vector



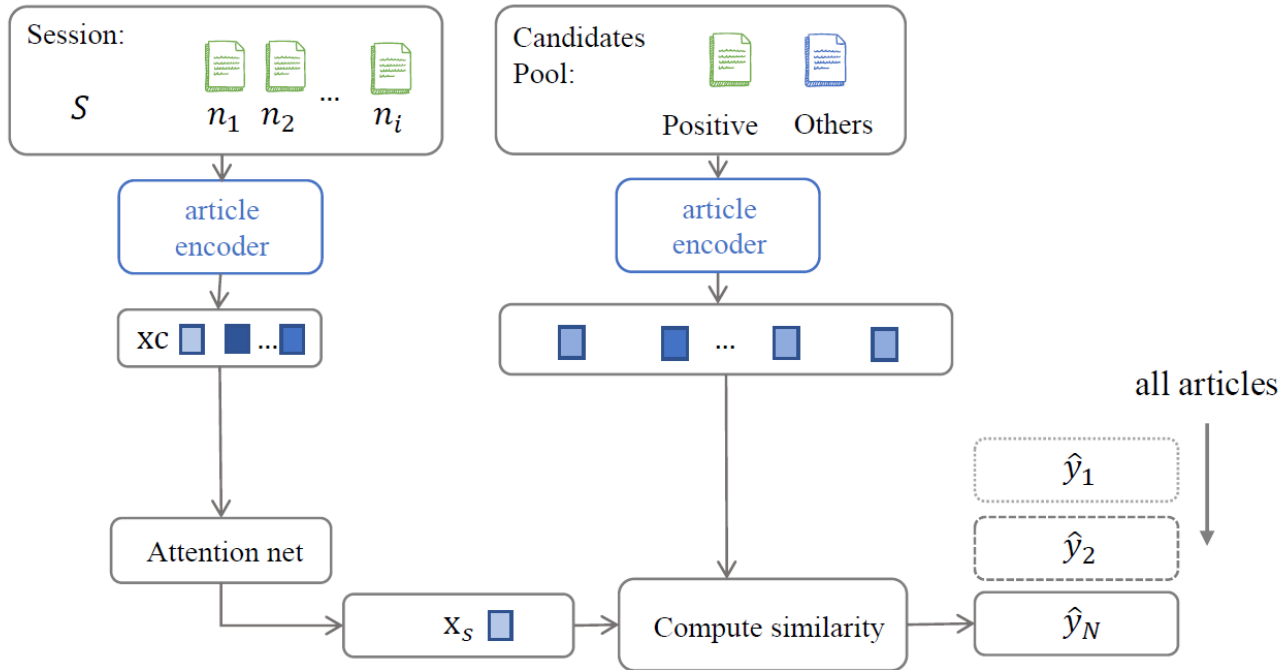
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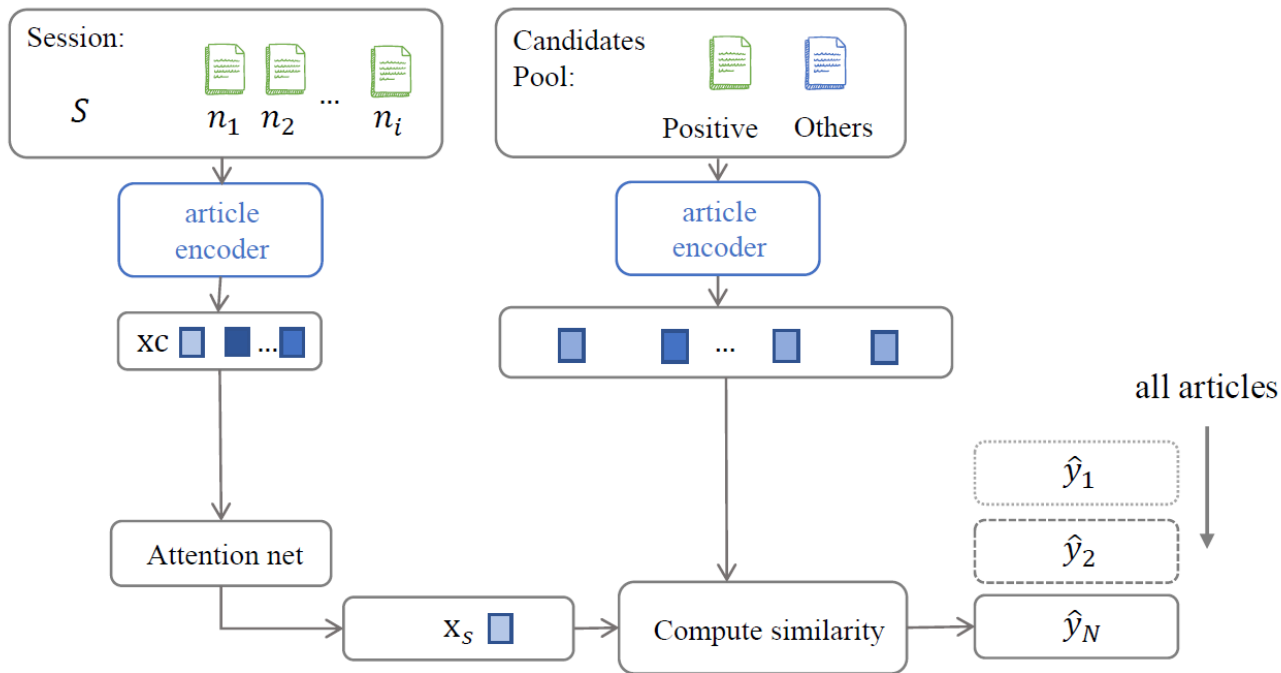
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co-occurrence representative vector

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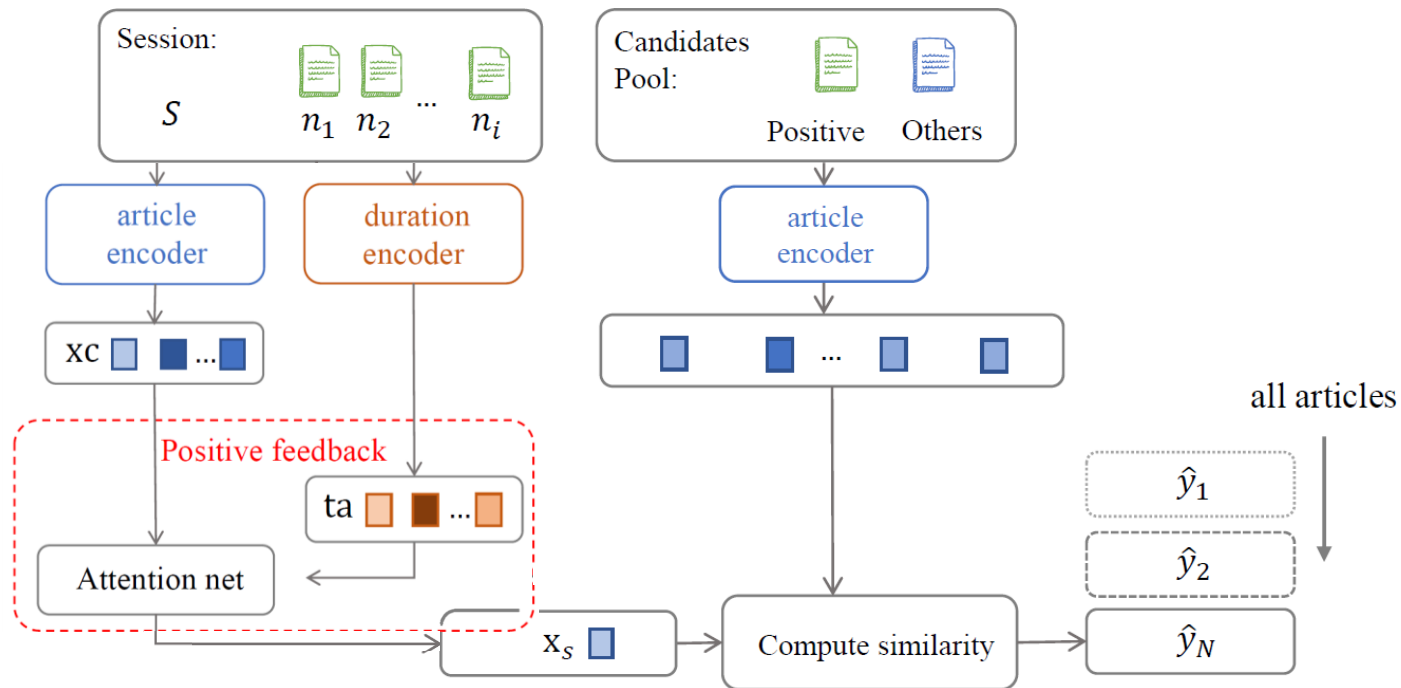


Positive implicit feedback

duration
encoder

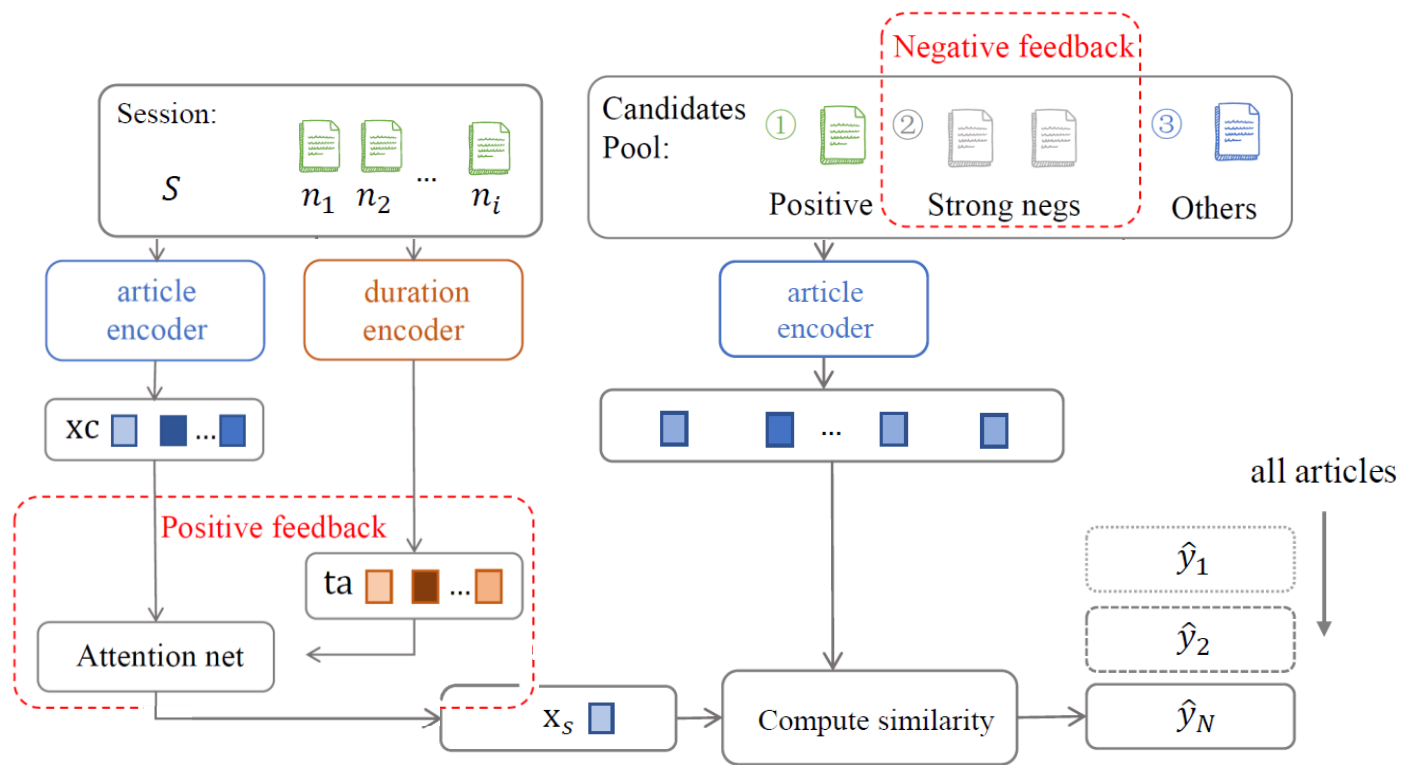
Bucketize continuous active time $ta'_i = \lfloor \log_2 ta_i \rfloor$

Add to attention network: $\alpha_i = W_0 \times \sigma(W_1 \times \mathbf{x}c_i + W_2 \times \mathbf{t}a_i + b_0)$



Negative implicit feedback

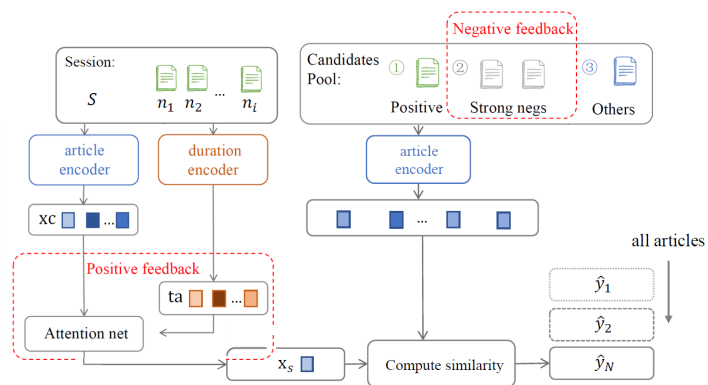
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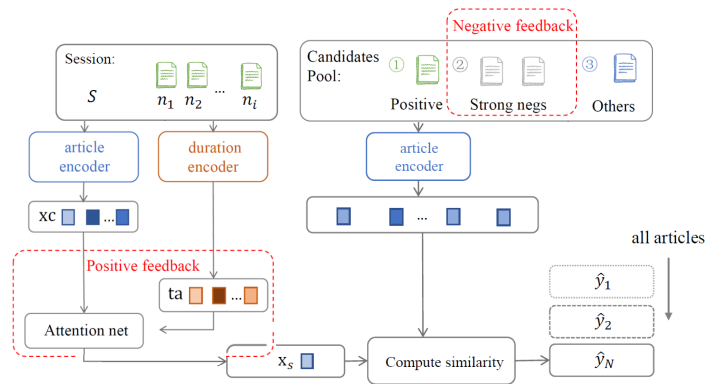
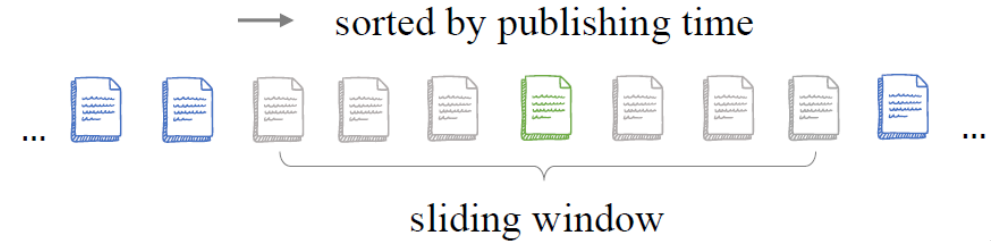


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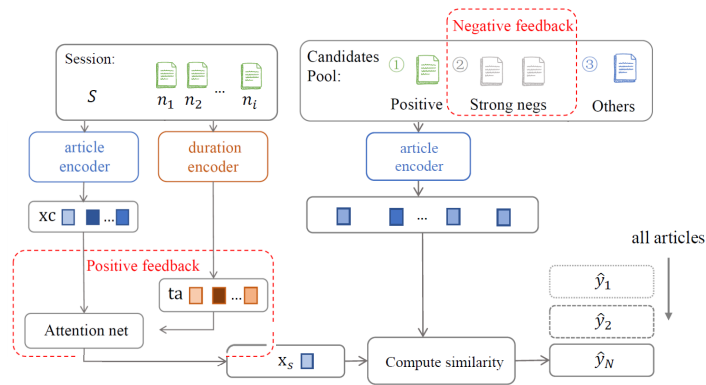
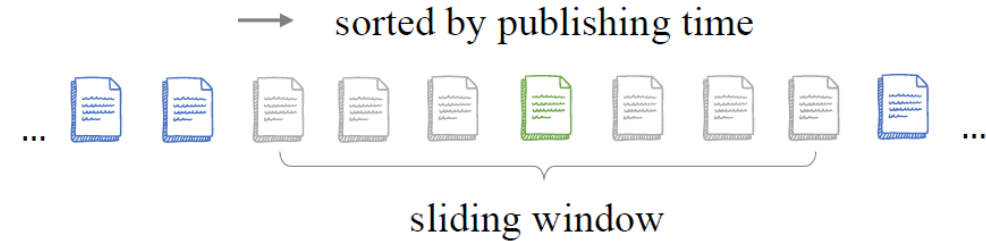


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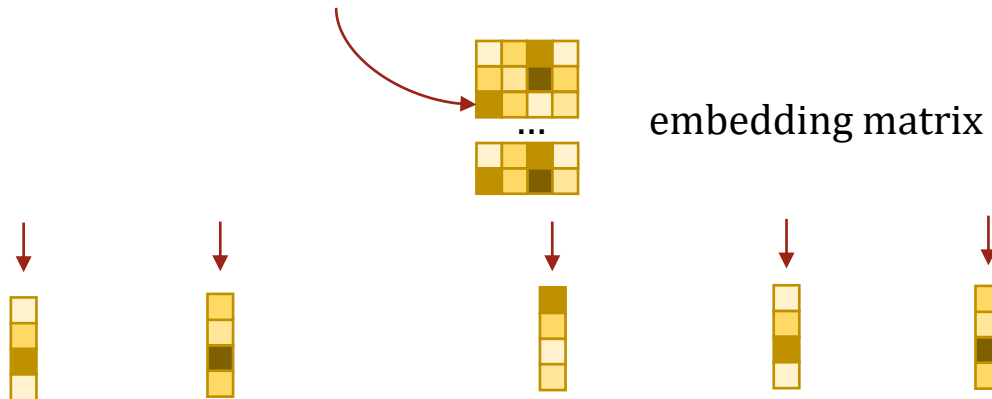
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Neutral feedback

temporal
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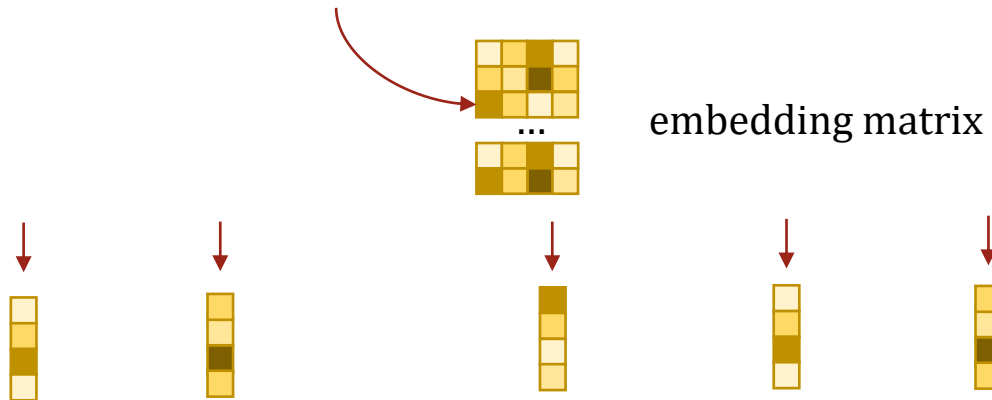
Month, day of a week, week of a month, hours, minute



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embedding matrix

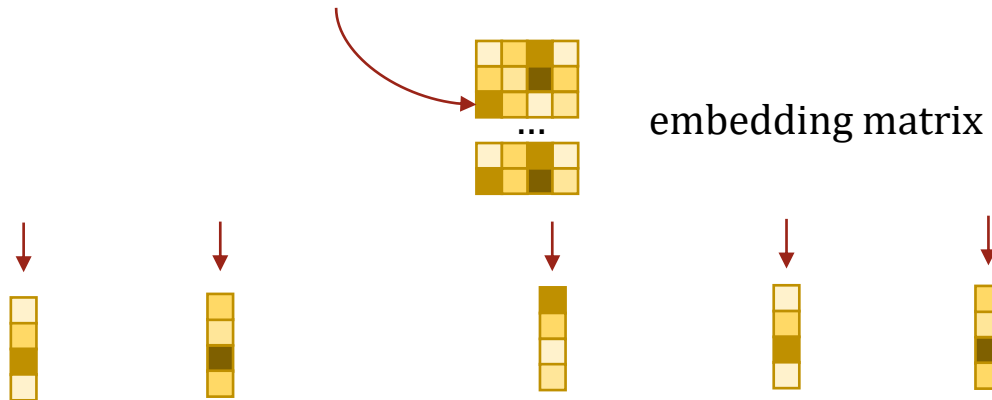
Session start time

→ query to attention

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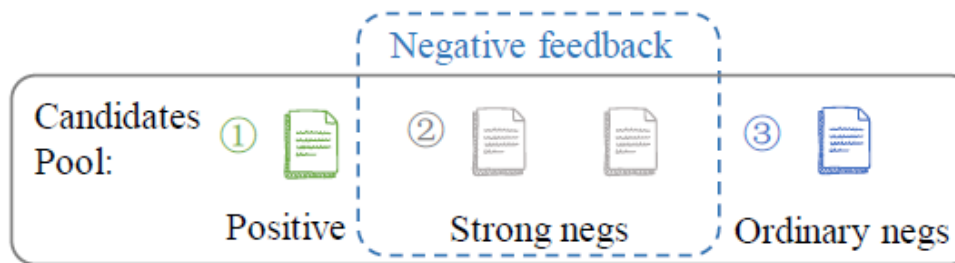
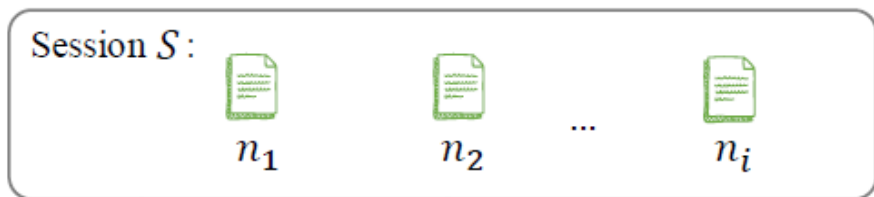
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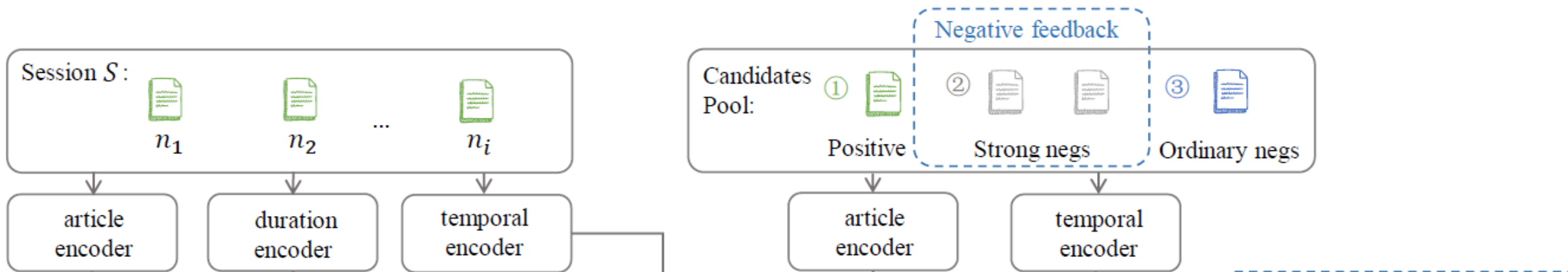
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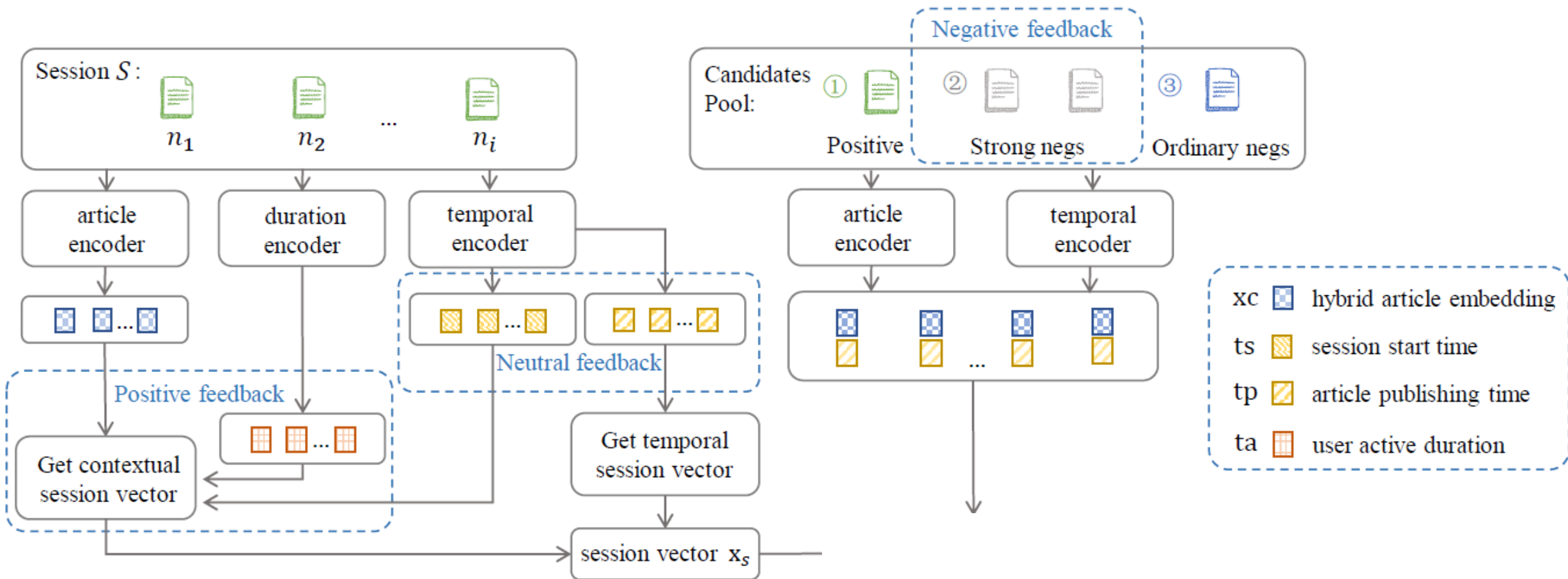
Architecture



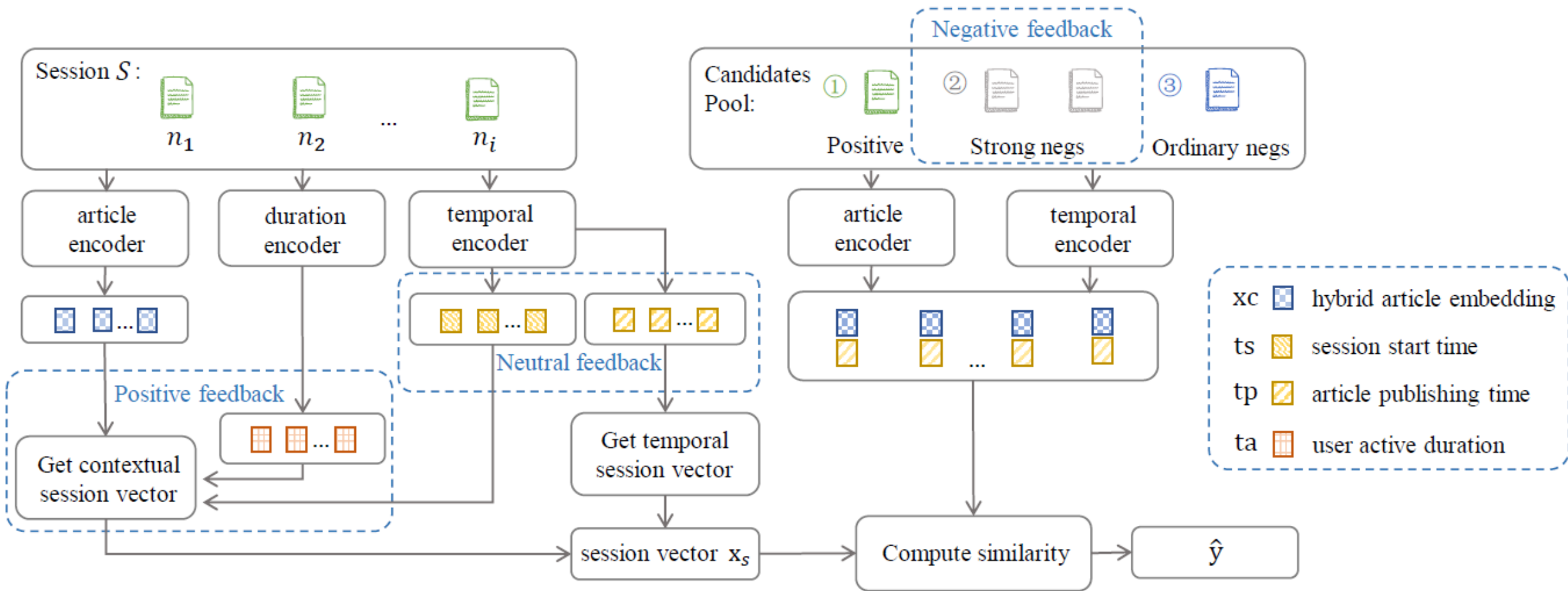
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03

Experiments and Analysis



Discussion about the results



Dataset



Globo.com



Adressa



MIND

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Metrics & Setup



HR



NDCG



ILD



unEXP

Intra-list diversity

Unexpectedness

Baseline

CBCF

GRU4Rec

STAMP

STAN

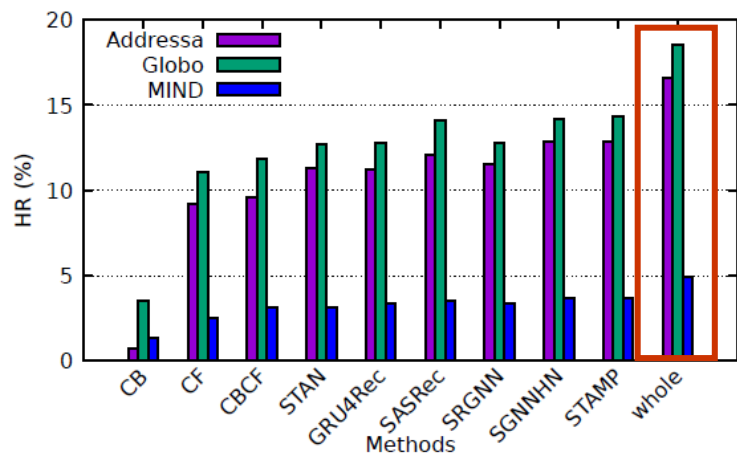
SASRec

SR-GNN

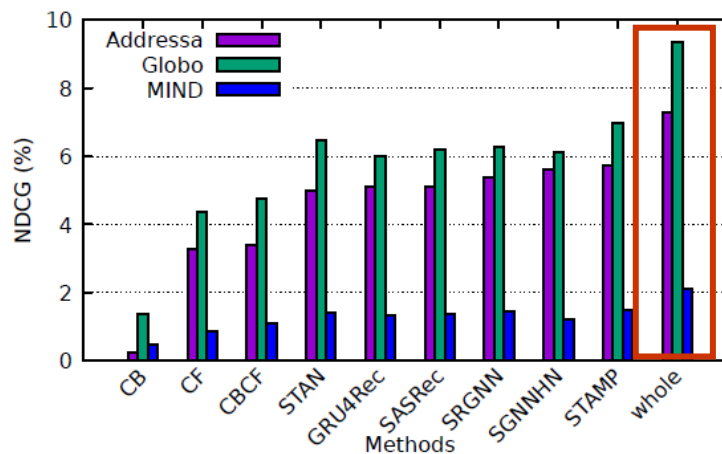
CPRS

SGNN-HN

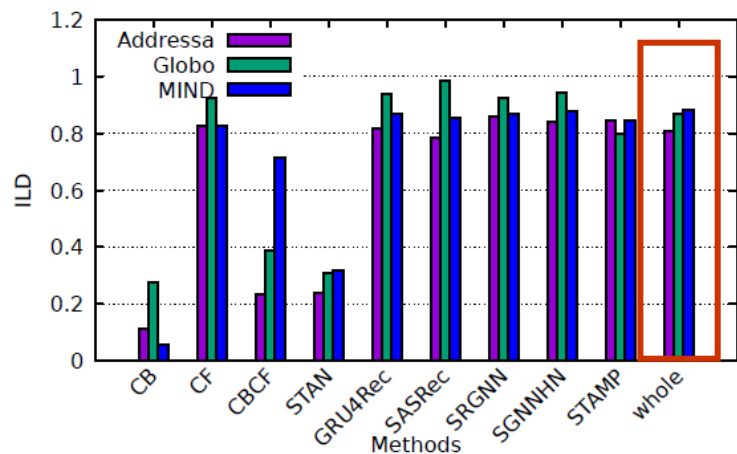
Main result



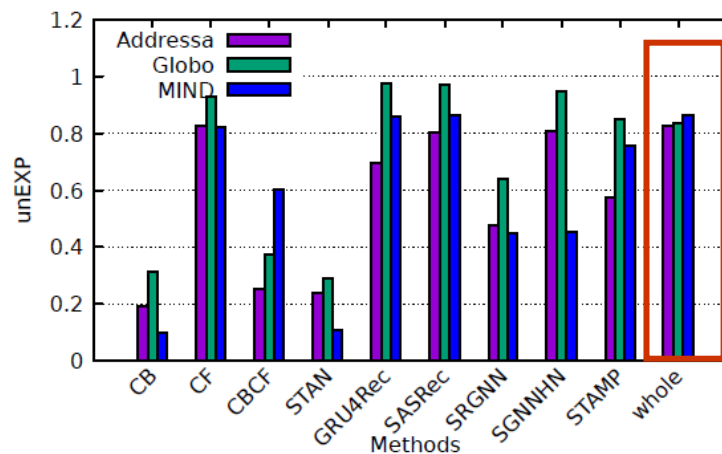
a) HR@20



b) NDCG@20

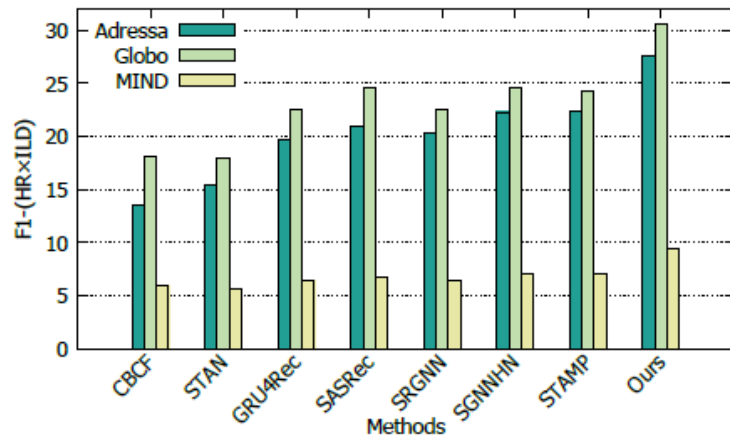


c) ILD@20

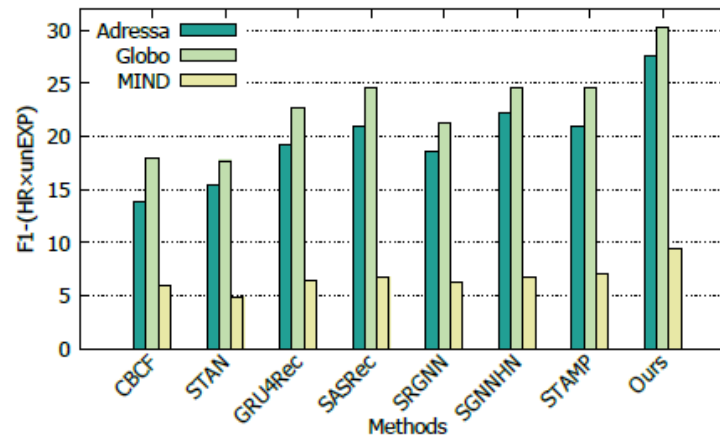


d) unEXP@20

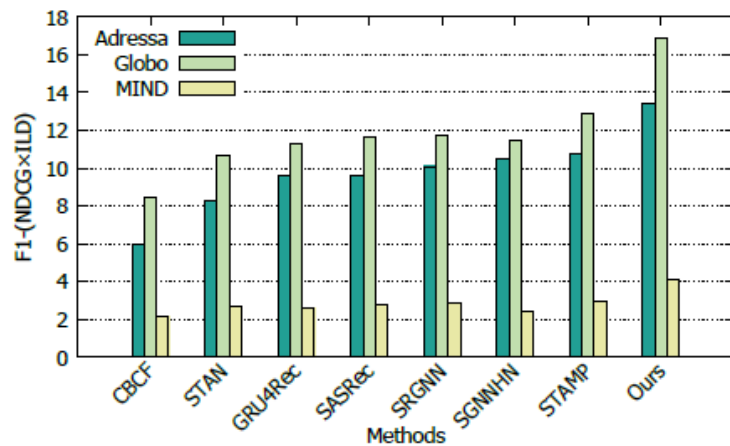
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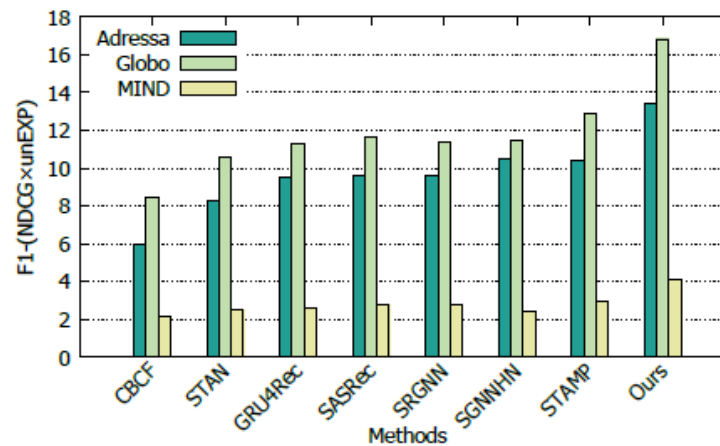
(a) F1-(HRxILD)



(b) F1-(HRxunEXP)



(c) F1-(NDCGxILD)



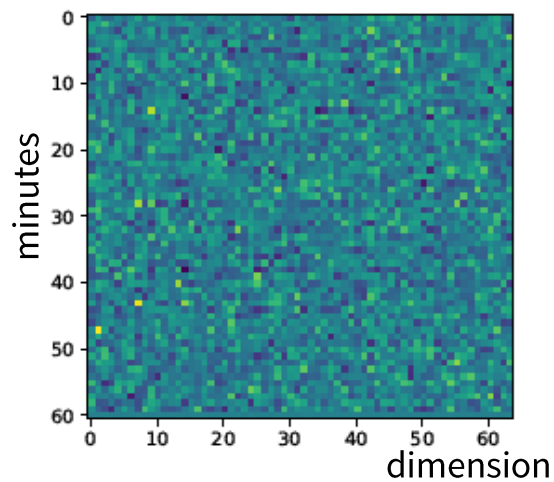
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Embedding sharing

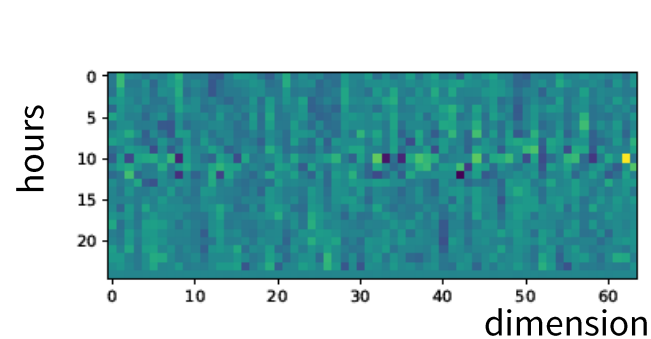
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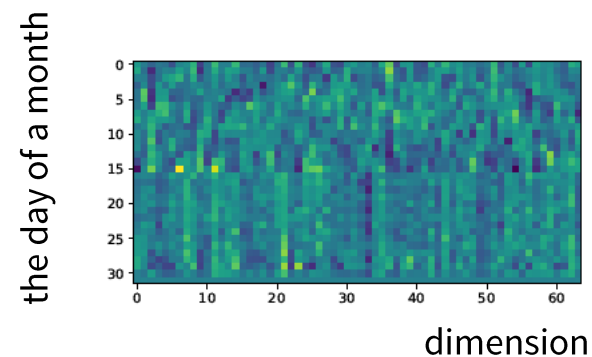
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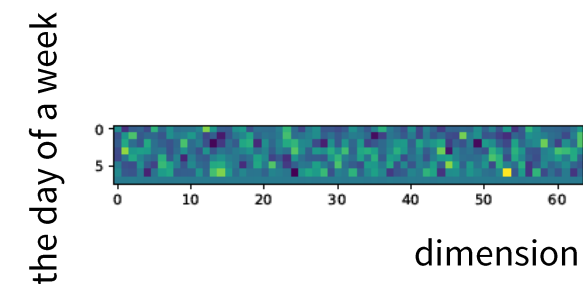
(a) Embedding of minutes



(b) Embedding of hours



(c) Embedding of days



(d) Embedding of weeks



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STAN	-	-	0.2652	1.63	0.0522	0.93
GRU4Rec	0.0151	0.03	0.2093	0.88	0.0533	0.50
SASRec	0.0080	0.01	0.2335	1.28	0.0525	0.73
SR-GNN	0.0100	0.01	0.2365	0.99	0.0546	0.57
STAMP	0.0172	0.01	0.2184	1.04	0.0568	0.59
SGNNHN	0.0089	0.01	0.2486	0.05	0.0561	0.04
Ours	0.0496	0.74	0.2527	1.87	0.0896	1.20
Only publishing time	0.0211	1.49	0.0803	1.55	0.0328	1.34
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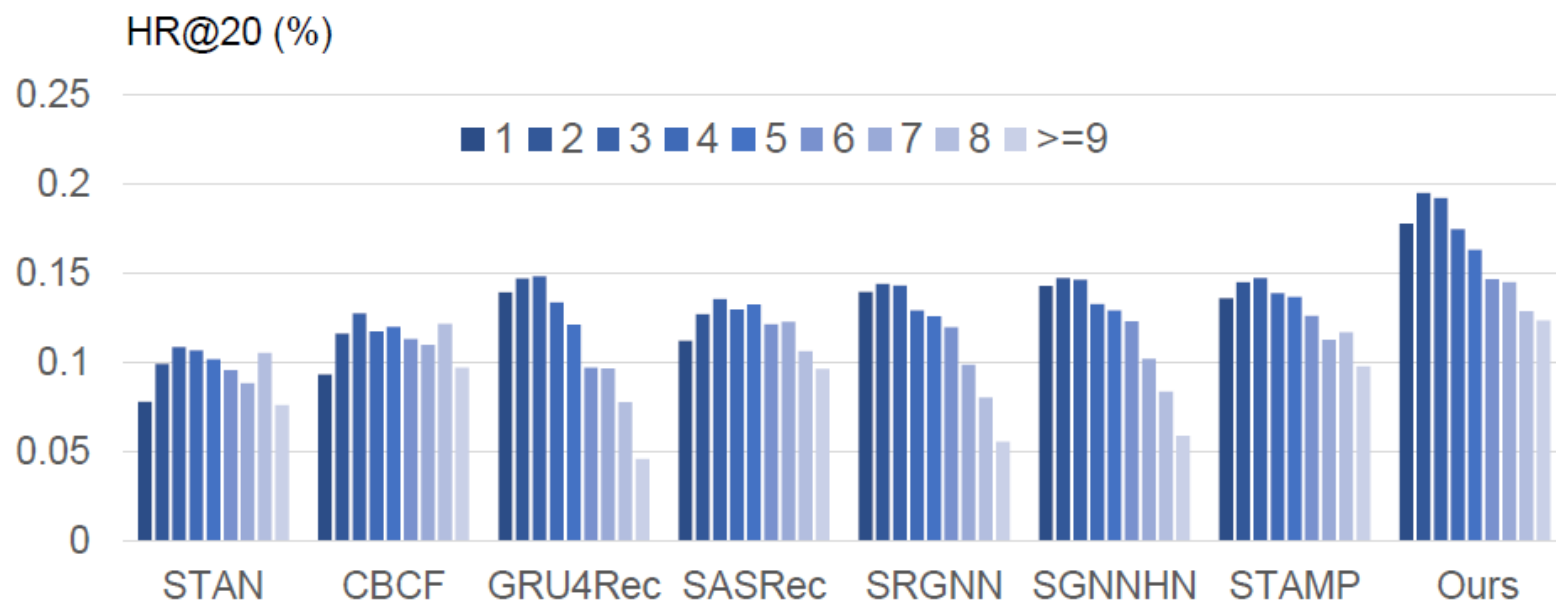
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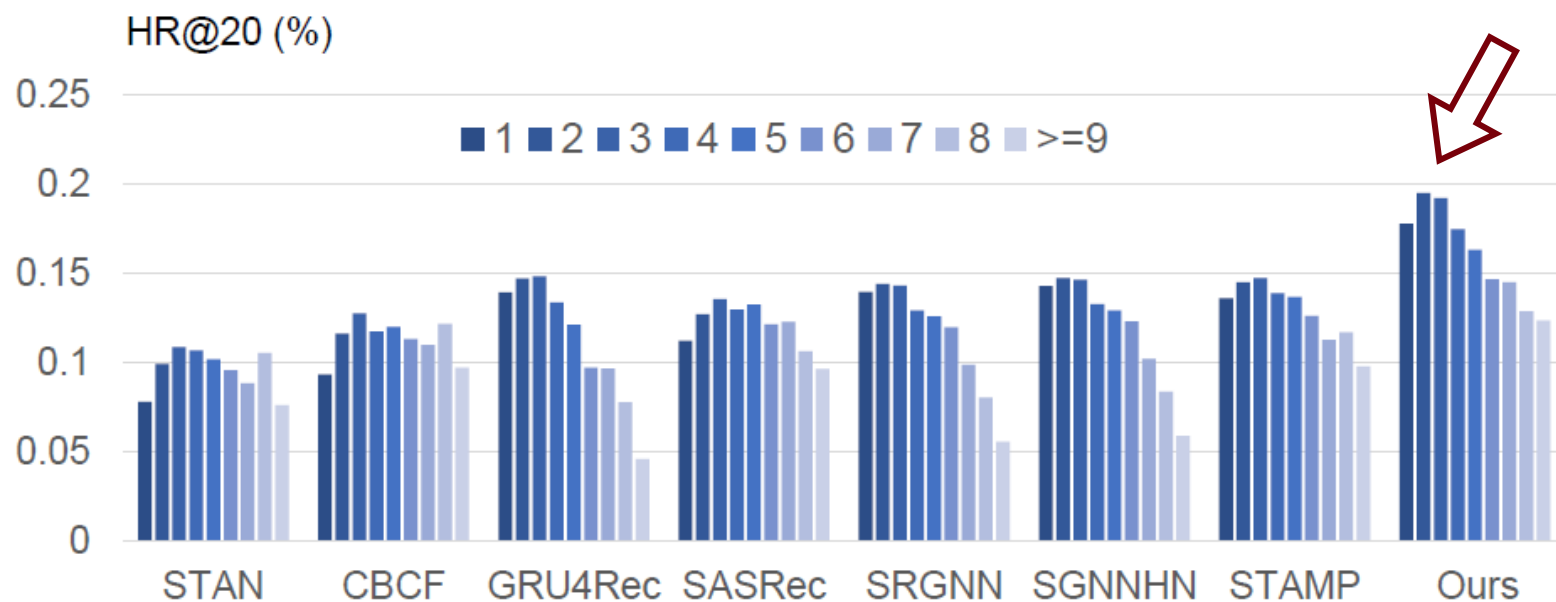
User cold-start

For different session lengths (taking Globo as an example)



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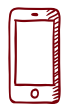
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Conclusion and future work





Summary



Sparse users



Dynamic news



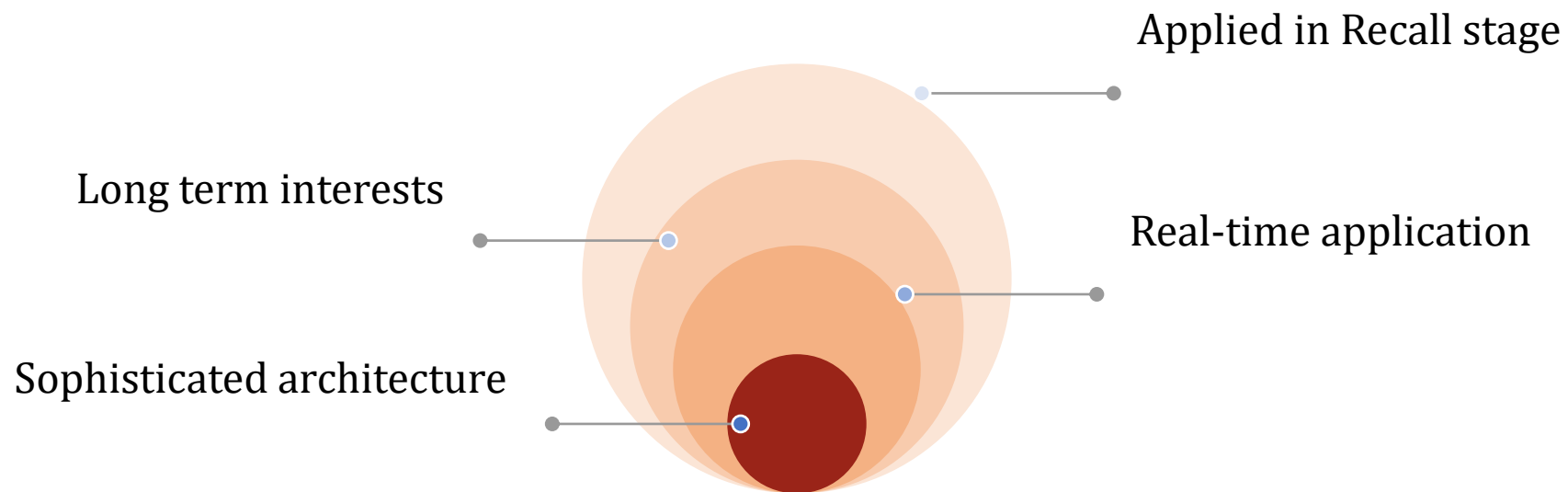
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